

# Selby District Council



## Minutes

### Executive

Venue:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
Date:	Thursday, 6 January 2022
Time:	4.00 pm
Present:	Councillors M Crane (Chair), R Musgrave (Vice-Chair), C Lunn, D Buckle and T Grogan
Also Present:	Councillors R Packham
Officers Present:	Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Suzan Harrington (Director Corporate Services and Commissioning), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Alison Hartley (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Martin Grainger (Head of Planning) (for minute items 147 and 148), Caroline Skelly (Planning Policy Manager) (for minute items 147 and 148), Hannah McCoubrey (Housing Strategy Officer) (for minute item 149), Sharon Cousins (Licensing Manager) (for minute items 151 and 152) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

NOTE: Only minute numbers 147 and 149 to 152 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

#### **144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **145 MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2021 and the minutes of the informal special Executive meeting held on 21 December 2021.

##### **RESOLVED:**

**To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2021 and the minutes of the informal special Executive meeting held on 21 December 2021.**

#### **146 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

In relation to agenda item four, Councillors Buckle and Grogan declared a personal interest as they were registered with a doctors surgery in Sherburn.

#### **147 CIL/S106 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT (E/21/34)**

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which asked the Executive to approve the draft Infrastructure Funding Statement to meet the requirements of The Community Infrastructure (Amendment) (England) (No.2) Regulations 2019.

A query was raised in respect of what would happen to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies if Local Government Organisation was implemented. The Planning Policy Manager explained that it was understood that monies would be ring-fenced so they would be spent in the Selby District, however this needed to be agreed.

##### **RESOLVED:**

**To approve the Draft Infrastructure Funding Statement as attached at appendix 1 for publication.**

##### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To meet the requirements of The Community Infrastructure (Amendment) (England) (No.2) Regulations 2019.*

#### **148 REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (E/21/35)**

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which asked the Executive to recommend the updated Local Development Scheme to Council for approval to enable the document to be brought into effect..

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that this was a statutory report and demonstrated effective progress against an ambitious agenda. The Executive was informed that the consultation on the Local Plan would be delayed until after the local elections in May 2022.

In response to a query concerning how the Local Plan process fitted alongside Local Government Reorganisation, it was explained that planning guidance was that authorities should continue with their Local Plan processes.

**RESOLVED:**

**To recommend the updated Local Development Scheme to Council for approval.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*It is important that there is clarity about what work is being undertaken to progress the Local Plan for Selby District and what documents will be produced. Local Plan documents have key implications for places across the district and for communities, businesses and organisations across and beyond the district. There is a legal requirement to produce a Local Development Scheme, which must be made publicly available and kept up-to-date. Following consideration by the Executive, the Local Development Scheme will be considered by Council so that the document can be brought into effect.*

**149 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2020-2025 (2021-22 REVIEW) (E/21/36)**

The Leader of the Council presented the report which asked the Executive to approve the 2021-22 review of the Business Plan 2020-2025 to allow the Council to continue to try and deliver an ambitious programme of improvement within the districts housing stock.

In response to a query concerning gas and electric safety checks being up to date, the Executive was informed that the checks were completed as part of a rolling scheme and that all checks were up to date.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the 2021/22 review of the HRA**

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**Business Plan 2020-2025 and reflect the revised cost and income profiles in the budget proposals for 22/23 - 24/25.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*Approving this review of the HRA Business Plan 2020-2025 allows the Council to continue to try and deliver an ambitious programme of improvement within our housing stock, as well as maintain our commitment to housing development and securing building safety; ensuring as much as possible that the needs of our residents are met now and in the future.*

**150 HOUSING RENTS 2022-23 (E/21/37)**

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which asked the Executive to approve the proposed rent increase for 2022-23, to allow rent levels to be set in advance of the coming financial year.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that previously, rents for council properties had been set by the Government which had required social landlords to reduce their rents by 1% each year. The Executive was informed that this had ended at the end of March 2020 and that since then, rent proposals had to be calculated in accordance with the Government's Policy Statement on Rents for Social Housing 2018.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources stated that the policy allowed rents to rise by no more than CPI + 1% and that the proposed rise for Selby was 4.1%.

In response to a query concerning the possibility of rents being frozen for tenants, the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that tenants would benefit from the proposed council tax freeze and that any income generated from the rent rise would be placed back into the Housing Revenue Account allowing the Council to maintain properties at a decent standard.

A query was raised regarding what percentage of council tenants were getting house benefit and other benefits which could assist them in paying their rents. It was agreed this information would be obtained and emailed to Members.

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the proposed 4.1% rent increase for 2022/23.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To allow rent levels to be set in advance of the coming financial year following the government's policy on rents for social housing from 1 April 2020 onwards.*

**151 SELBY TAXI LICENSING POLICY REFRESH 2022 (E/21/38)**

The Lead Executive Member for Health and Culture presented the report which asked the Executive to approve draft policy and a public consultation between 10 January and the 21 February 2022.

There were no comments on the report.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) **To approve the draft policy as outlined at Appendix C.**
- ii) **To approve a public consultation between 10<sup>th</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To ensure the Council has an updated Taxi Licensing Policy.*

**152 SELBY GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW (E/21/39)**

The Lead Executive Member for Health and Culture presented the report which asked the Executive to hold a public consultation on the draft policy to ensure compliance with the Gambling Act 2005, which asks that policies are reviewed every three years.

There were no comments on the report.

**RESOLVED:**

- To approve a public consultation on the draft Gambling Policy at Appendix 1.**

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

*To ensure compliance with the Gambling Act 2005 to review the policy every three years.*

The meeting closed at 4.31 pm.