

Council

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT

Date: Tuesday, 18 December 2018

Time: 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor D Buckle in the Chair

Councillors D White (Vice-Chair), J Chilvers, K Arthur, J Cattnach, I Chilvers, M Crane, J Deans, S Duckett, K Ellis, M Hobson, D Hutchinson, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, B Marshall, M McCartney, C Metcalfe, R Musgrave, W Nichols, R Packham, C Pearson, D Peart, I Reynolds, B Sage, J Shaw-Wright, R Sweeting, J Thurlow and P Welch

Officers Present: Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Julie Slatter (Director of Corporate Services & Commissioning), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

Press: 1

Public: 6

38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Casling and Mackman.

39 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

40 MINUTES

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of meeting held on 18 September 2018.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 September 2018 for signing by the Chairman.

41 COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman informed Council that he had attended the Insider Property Industry Awards where the Council had won the local authority of the year and he had also attended the Yorkshire Choice Awards where a number of businesses from Selby had picked up awards.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had attended his Chairman's Charity Concert where he had raised over £5,000.

42 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive informed Council that she had signed the local digital declaration which enabled authorities to bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for funding for digital initiatives.

The Chairman presented the Solicitor to the Council with a bouquet of flowers due it being her last day at the Council. The Chairman and other Members thanked the Solicitor for all her work for the authority.

The Chairman informed Council of the Gala Concert which would be taking place on Saturday 16 March to celebrate the 950th anniversary of Selby Abbey.

Lastly the Chairman stated that he had been working with the Mayor of Harrogate and had been invited to Catterick Garrison to visit soldiers being treated including those from Selby.

43 PETITIONS

There were no petitions received.

44 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions received.

45 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by Councillors.

46 REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Councillor M Crane, Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council presented his update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

Concern was raised that the free parking offered to shoppers for Christmas had been filled by those working nearby and not shoppers.

A query was raised regarding whether the changes to green waste recycling credits would lead to a charge being introduced for green waste. The Leader of the Council explained that the money would be used to pay North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) for the loss of recycling credits and that there was no plan to introduce a charge for green waste which made the Council the only authority in North Yorkshire not to have such a charge.

Councillor J Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Lead Member for Place Shaping

The Leader of the Council on behalf of Councillor Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping, provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

A query was raised around the figures for planning appeals outlined in the update as it mentioned six appeals however noted the results for seven. It was agreed the exact figure would be clarified.

In response to a query concerning whether the Council had held discussions regarding upgrading junction 34 on the M62, the Leader of the Council informed Council that discussions had been held with NYCC about junction 34 and other discussions had been held with East Riding Council about placing a new junction on the M62 which would serve the Selby area and had the potential to create extra jobs.

With regard to the planning enforcement management plan, it was a requested that a member briefing be held on this. The Leader of the Council agreed to organise a member briefing in the New Year and explained that the number of planning enforcement cases had reduced and that the Council was challenging people who had demonstrated for planning law.

A query was raised around the number of parking spots allocated for the property development in Ousegate. The Leader of the Council explained that no parking spots had been allocated for these properties and this had been stated in the planning application that had been approved by the Planning Committee. It was agreed to pass on concerns to the planning officers about the lack of parking for this development.

Councillor C Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources

Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented his update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that since the update was written, the Council had received details of the Local Government Finance Settlement which had been positive for Selby with funding for the New Homes Bonus, approval for the Business Rates pilot scheme and the rural grant maintained at 2018/19 levels.

In response to a query concerning the use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies, the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that there was approximately £1m of CIL funding with 15% of this going to parishes and 5% being used for administration. The monies were split according to the CIL 123 list and with aspects of funding such as GP surgeries and dentists being considered.

In response to a query concerning the National Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme, the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources confirmed the Council's policy had not changed on this.

Councillor C Metcalfe, Executive Lead Member for Communities and Economic Development

Councillor Metcalfe, Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

A query was raised around the strategic employment sites and whether these were aligned with the work considered by the Better Together Joint Members Group and whether the Council was considering a long term policy on these sites. The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that a workshop had been held about identifying sites and issues. The Council was informed that growth had taken place across the district without the necessary infrastructure therefore discussions had been held about aligning these two factors.

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that at the last Business Forum, an issue had been raised about having a lorry park for Sherburn and information had been provided by the relevant Executive member of NYCC that a site had been identified however this was currently held in the green belt.

Councillor C Pearson, Executive Lead Member for Housing, Health and Culture

Councillor Pearson, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture, provide an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

In response to queries regarding empty properties, the Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture explained that the Council did not have to wait for a complaint for an empty property before they commenced any action and that there were currently 562 empty properties in the district.

In response to a query concerning who would be funding the removal of the speed humps on Gowthorpe for the Tour de Yorkshire, the Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture stated that these would be funded by the Tour de Yorkshire Group. A further query was raised regarding the

breakdown of costs for hosting the Tour de Yorkshire. It was agreed these would be provided to Members. Additionally, it was acknowledged that the Tour de Yorkshire fell on the same day as the local and parish election. The Chief Executive informed Council that work was being undertaken to ensure there was minimum disruption to the election.

In response to a query concerning the funding for the UCI Work Road Race Championships and Para Cycle event, the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place explained that the Council would be working with Parish Councils, local schools and businesses to ensure the maximum benefit from the event was achieved. In response to a further query concerning the costs for the work, it was explained that it had not been currently confirmed how resources would be spent however once this had been done, it would be passed to Members.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from the Executive.

47 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Councillor W Nichols, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor W Nichols, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in her report. There were no questions for Councillor Nichols.

Councillor J Deans, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee

Councillor Deans, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in his report. The Chair of the Policy Review Committee confirmed that at the last meeting when the planning enforcement plan had been discussed, the Committee had resolved that an all member briefing session on the plan should take place.

Councillor K Arthur, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Arthur, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in his report. The Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee informed Council that the date of the Committee meeting in April would move from the 24th to the 10th due to the election.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from Committees.

48 GAMBLING POLICY REFRESH

Councillor Pearson, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture presented the report which outlined the draft Gambling Policy as amended

following consultation.

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture explained that the Council had a responsibility to review the Gambling Policy every three years and for the proposed policy, there were small changes from the previous version.

It was noted that on page 73, under the list of consultees, Stan James had closed and the premises had been taken over by Paddy Power.

RESOLVED:

To approve the draft Gambling Policy as amended following the consultation and authorise officers to take necessary steps to bring it into force.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure the Council has an up to date policy.

49 REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER 2018 - STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS

Gillian Marshall, Monitoring Officer presented the annual report of the Monitoring Officer for 2018 which covered the operation of the current standards regime for Selby District Council and Parish Councils within Selby District.

The Monitoring Officer informed Council that the arrangements for the governance of the standards arrangements were working effectively and drew Members attention to the future arrangements section of the report which contained information about the government strengthening rules preventing people found guilty of serious or misbehaviour from serving on local councils.

Additionally, Council was informed that report by the consultation on the Standards of Public Life which was expected in December, had been delayed until January.

RESOLVED:

To note the content of the report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure that high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-optees are promoted and maintained.

50 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUMS ANNUAL REPORTS: 2017-18

Councillor Chris Metcalfe, Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development presented the annual report for 2017-18 for the Community Engagement Forums (CEFs).

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that 2017-18 had been a successful year for CEFs which had supported the communities in their areas. Council was informed that the CEF Chairs had worked to progress the CEFs and that a review of the CEFs had been undertaken as requested by the Peer Review. Additionally, it was explained that work had been undertaken with Stronger Communities at NYCC.

A query was raised regarding the membership of the Eastern CEF by members from the Selby East ward. It was agreed this would be picked up outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the reports.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure that the work of the CEFs is recognised and that they are working towards the delivery of their Community Development Plans.

51 MOTIONS

There were no motions submitted for discussion.

52 URGENT ACTION

The Chief Executive informed Council that the following urgent action had been taken by her since the last Council meeting under her delegated authority:

- On 15 October 2018, to extend Councillor Casling's period of office beyond the six month period of non-attendance provided for within section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 on medical grounds.

The meeting closed at 7.13 pm.