

Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Committee Room - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
Date:	Thursday, 11 July 2019
Time:	4.00 pm
Present:	Councillors M Crane (Chair), R Musgrave (Vice-Chair), C Lunn, C Pearson and D Buckle
Also Present:	Councillors R Packham
Officers Present:	Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Julie Slatter (Director of Corporate Services & Commissioning), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Keith Cadman (Head of Commissioning, Contracts and Procurement) (for minute item 15), Aimi Brookes (Contracts Team Leader) (for minute item 15), Andy Watmough (Head of Sports and Leisure Facilities, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles) (for minute item 15), Ben Walker (General Manager, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles) (for minute item 15), Jeff Gorse (Performance Management Officer, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles) (for minute item 15), Mike James (Communications and Marketing Manager), Martin Grainger (Head of Planning) (for minute item 17), Caroline Skelly (Planning Policy Manager) (for minute item 17) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)
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NOTE: Only minute numbers 15 and 16 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 25 July 2019. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Friday 26 July 2019.

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

13 MINUTES

The Executive considered the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019 for signature by the Chair.

14 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15 LEISURE CONTRACT ANNUAL REVIEW APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019

The Leader of the Council presented the report which outlined the ninth formal annual review of the Leisure Contract with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (IHL) and covered the period April 2018 to March 2019.

The Leader of the Council explained that IHL had completed positive work at leisure centres both in Tadcaster and Selby and at some of the parks in the district.

Representatives from IHL were present at the meeting and explained that there had been an increase in participation by residents with disabilities during the review period. Additionally, it was noted that there had been an increase in people learning to swim which was positive.

A query was raised whether the removal of ski slope and conversion to a dance studio in Summit had attracted more customers. The representatives from IHL stated that it was still early following the change however there had been an uplift in

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sales. It was noted that the road signs for Summit leading into the district still referred to a ski slope at the venue and that these needed to be changed. Additionally it was asked that the signs should state Selby Leisure Centre rather than just referring to the leisure centre.

In response to a query concerning the reduction in visitors to the leisure centre, the representatives from IHL explained that last year was the first year where there had not been an increase in visitors compared to the previous year and this could be down to a number of factors. The Executive was informed that there had been a positive direction of travel for customer visits for the final quarter of last year and for the first quarter in 2019/20.

RESOLVED:

To note the key findings of the report and in particular the performance of IHL to date

REASON FOR DECISION:

To recognise the work IHL has made in delivering the leisure services offer across the Selby District and in delivering key aspects of the corporate plan.

16 ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

The Leader of the Council presented the annual report which outlined the Council's progress against its Corporate Plan priorities as well as outlining important information about its finances and day to day performance.

The Executive was pleased with the easy to read format of the report and felt it outlined the positive work the Council had done.

RESOLVED:

To agree to the approach and design format for this year's annual report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Executive approves the publication of the annual report in order for it to be used as a document to explain how the Council has performed and used its money; this also enables the Council to use information within the report to support a range of other public and internal communications.

17 SELBY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the

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report which outlined proposals for commencing preparation of a new comprehensive Local Plan for the District.

The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the Council had adopted the Core Strategy in 2013 and there had been significant delivery of housing and employment land over the last five years. He stated that work had been on the Site Allocations Plan however officers now believed the best way to proceed would be to commence with a new local plan which would allow the Council to meet future challenges.

Concern was raised that the Council had commenced work on the current local plan in 2008 however it still had not been delivered and it was felt that the Council were on the verge of delivery the Site Allocations Document which would assist the Council with the housing land supply therefore this work should be continued. In relation to timescales, the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that given the process for producing a local plan, parts of the process such as the examination in public and any legal challenges were out of the Council's hands. He added that there was still a considerable amount of work to do to finish the current local plan. The Executive was informed that the Council had produced a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which placed an onus on the Council to review its local plan every five years which was also a factor in which lead to the recommendation.

The Head of Planning informed the Executive that in relation to the proposals, the Council would be using the information gathered to date and would therefore not be commencing from the beginning. It was noted that an indicative timetable leading to adoption of the plan was outlined in the report.

In response to a queries concerning finishing the current Site Allocations Plan, the Head of Planning explained that the document sat under the local plan and there could be a situation where conflicting documents were taken to the examination in public stage which would create a risk to the Council.

A comment was made that there had been a boost to the Council's housing figures as a result of the Council not having a five year housing land supply at one stage and therefore having to approve planning applications related to housing developments due to this issue.

Discussion took place on the suggested timescales outlined in the report and concern was raised that this was not achievable. The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that an indicative proposal had been outlined.

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In response to a query on the work needing to be done on producing the current Site Allocations Plan, the Head of Planning explained that the Council needed to produce a regulation 19 document which needed to be compliant with the Core Strategy. The Executive was informed that technical work also needed to be undertaken along with consultation and an examination in public.

Discussion took place on the resource implications as outlined in the report and the Head of Planning stated that more resources may be required further into the local plan process.

The Leader of the Labour group stated that it was important to give thought to the concerns raised by residents regarding housing developments and infrastructure and raised concern at the prospect of having to approve housing developments on an ad hoc basis if the Council did not have a five year housing land supply. The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping reiterated that officers had been asked to draw up contingency arrangements regarding the five year housing land supply during the local plan process.

In response to a query, the Head of Planning confirmed that the three main sites in Selby and Tadcaster outlined in section 4.1 of the report were included in the housing projections.

RESOLVED:

That Executive recommend to Council that:

- 1) To commence work on the preparation of a new comprehensive Local Plan for Selby District utilising the evidence base and work that has already been undertaken to support the emerging Site Allocations Local Plan.**
- 2) To approve the revised Local Development Scheme which sets out the timescales for the preparation of a new Local Plan at Appendix A for publication.**

REASON FOR DECISION:

The preparation of a new Local Plan will help to ensure that the Council has a robust development plan for the whole District, prepared in line with current national planning guidance which properly reflects its Economic Strategy and Corporate Priorities.

The meeting closed at 4.57 pm.

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