

Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue: Committee Room - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT

Date: Thursday, 1 August 2019

Time: 4.00 pm

Present: Councillors R Musgrave (Chair), D Buckle, C Lunn and C Pearson

Also Present: Councillors K Arthur

Officers Present: Julie Slatter (Director of Corporate Services & Commissioning), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Sarah Thompson (Housing and Environmental Health Service Manager), Mike James (Communications and Marketing Manager) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

Public: 0

Press: 0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 21 to 22 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 14 August 2019. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 15 August 2019.

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Crane.

19 MINUTES

The Executive considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019 for signature by the Chair.

20 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21 TENANT PARTICIPATION STRATEGY 2019-2022

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture presented the report which outlined the draft Tenant Participation Strategy and Action Plan.

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture explained that the proposal was to approve the Strategy and Action Plan for consultation. The Executive was informed that the Strategy would set out how, over the next three years, the Council would cement and improve its relationship with tenants.

The Housing Strategy Officer explained that there was now a dedicated staff resource to work on tenant participation and the Council had done great work in this area but would be looking to go further. The Executive was informed that the Strategy had four aims which were outlined in the report and then specific objectives based on these aims formed the action plan.

In response to queries concerning the consultation, the Housing Strategy Officer explained that the consultation would include surveys as well as opportunities to feed back at the Council's community centres in person.

In response to the query concerning timescales, the Executive was informed that the Strategy could be reviewed and continued after the three year period.

It was noted that the Strategy would be coming back before the Executive in November following consultation.

It was proposed to include reference to the Strategy going out to

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consultation in the resolution as this wasn't currently included.

RESOLVED:

To approve the draft Tenant Participation Strategy and Action Plan 2019-2022 for consultation.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Whilst tenant participation is not new to the Council, we want to build on current opportunities and increase our expertise and reputation in this field. Approving the draft plan provides the Council with a real opportunity to further develop a genuine partnership with both our tenants and leaseholders, working with them to shape the future of our housing service.

22 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2020/21 CONSULTATION

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented the report which set out the draft scheme options that would form the basis of the consultation for the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21.

The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained that the Council had to renew the Council Tax Support Scheme every year and that the Executive had to consider whether to have the maximum amount of support available was 90% or 100% for the consultation. The Executive was informed that other proposals for consultation include reducing the capital limit from £16k to £6k and a number of changes to standardise disregards. It was explained that the changes aimed to ensure the scheme was more straightforward for customers to understand and for the Council to administer.

The Executive discussed the figure for the maximum amount of support and agreed that this should be 100% so that people who were most in need of support, got the maximum amount available.

RESOLVED:

To approve that the proposals including a 100% maximum support amount go forward to public consultation.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure the Council has a Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21.

23 SELBY TAXI LICENSING POLICY 2019

The Chair explained that discussions had taken place concerning the recommendation for the report and that the proposal was to defer the report so that further discussions on the recommendation could take place with Legal Services.

RESOLVED:

To defer the report to allow further discussions to take place with Legal Services concerning the recommendation for the report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To allow further discussions to take place with Legal Services concerning the recommendation for the report.

The meeting closed at 4.18 pm.