Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue: Committee Room - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road,

Selby, YO8 9FT

Date: Thursday, 3 October 2019

Time: 4.00 pm

Present: Councillors M Crane (Chair), R Musgrave (Vice-

Chair), C Lunn, C Pearson and D Buckle

Officers Present: Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Dave Caulfield

(Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)), Alison Hartley (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Stuart Robinson (Head of Business Development and Improvement) (for minute items 43 and 44), Mike James (Communications and Marketing Manager) and Palbinder Mann

(Democratic Services Manager)

Public: 0

Press: 0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 43 and 44 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 16 October 2019. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 17 October 2019.

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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41 MINUTES

The Executive considered the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2019.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5th September 2019 for signing by the Chair.

42 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

43 SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL EQUALITY OBJECTIVES 2017-2020 - PROGRESS REPORT

The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development presented the report which outlined the progress against the Selby District Council equality objectives 2017-2020.

A query was raised regarding the figures around the gender pay gap. The Head of Business Development and Improvement explained that gender pay gap was different to equal pay as it related to the average wage for one gender compared to another. An additional query was raised regarding whether an action plan was required on this issue. The Chief Executive explained that the action plan would look to address the balance.

A query was raised regarding the 16.5% figure relating to residents with a long term health problem and/or disability and whether this figure included people of working age. It was agreed that this would be clarified along with how the Council compared in this area to other authorities in North Yorkshire.

RESOLVED:

To note the achievements against the Equality Objectives.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010 Public Sector Equality Duty. To update the Executive on progress made against the Equality Objectives.

44 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2030

The Leader of the Council presented the report which outlined an

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update on the development of the next Council Plan, specifically the draft council priorities, objectives and headline priority actions for 2020-30, and sought Executive permission to consult stakeholders on the draft proposals.

Concern was raised at the apparent declining performance of the current Monday street market in Selby compared to how it used to contribute to the local economy in the past. It was acknowledged that this was an issue affecting all towns, particularly as indoor markets in other towns now seemed to be more popular.

The Chief Executive confirmed that one of the key drivers behind the Council Plan was investing to grow with the recent award of the Heritage Action Zone grant an example of this.

In response to a query regarding how footfall was measured, the Head of Business Development and Improvement explained that there were a number of mechanisms to measure this.

The Executive were supportive of the plan and for it to go out to consultation.

RESOLVED:

To agree the following proposals to from a consultation draft Council Plan:

- retain the Council 2030 vision of Selby district as "a great place";
- retain four priorities but amend the focus of those priorities as set out in paragraph 2.2;
- objectives as outlined in paragraph 2.3;
- headline priority actions as highlighted in appendix A;
- delivery principles as set out in paragraph 2.6;

and agree the outline proposals for consultation as set out in paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Council Plan sets the overarching policy direction for the Council including the long term vision, priorities and the high level actions to deliver on those priorities. The current Plan runs to 2020 so it is timely to review, revisit and refresh the plan now so as to ensure current budget discussions are aligned with the revised

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priorities.

The meeting closed at 4.28 pm.