

Resources Working Party

held at Ryedale House, Malton
on Tuesday 27 November 2007

Present

Councillors Wainwright (in the Chair), Mrs Cowling, Keal, Knaggs and Legard.

In attendance

Mrs A Adnitt, T Anderson, Mrs M Jackson, J Patten and J Rudd

Minutes

RWP.61 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Aslett.

RWP.62 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting of the Working Party held on 30 October 2007 were submitted (previously circulated).

Resolved

That the minutes of a meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 30 October 2007 as submitted be endorsed.

RWP.63 Urgent Business

The Chairman reported that there were no items that he considered should be dealt with at the meeting as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

RWP.64 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were received:

Item 9 (Dry Sports Facility, Malton) – Councillor Knaggs reported that CLL had sought a meeting with the Headmaster of Malton School, however they had not been successful in arranging this. Councillor Knaggs therefore declared a personal interest in the item, as the circumstances had influenced his opinion.

Councillor Legard declared a personal interest, as his wife is a Governor of Malton School.

RWP.65 Capital Programme – Monitoring Report

The Corporate Director submitted a report (previously circulated), which related to the revised Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2007-2011: Work-stream Schedule as profiled in October 2007.

The report was prepared on a monthly basis and enabled Members to track progress on the various schemes within the programme. The Corporate Director advised that there had been little change since the presentation of the previous monitoring report, the main change being an adjustment in the budget on energy improvement as a result of the Salix grant.

Resolved

That the report be received.

RWP.66 Capital Programme – Financial Schedule

The Financial Services Manager submitted for information a report (previously circulated), which related to the revised Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2007-2011: Financial Schedule as profiled in October 2007.

Members discussed the monitoring report in detail.

Resolved

That the report be received.

RWP.67 Asset Management – For Information

The Corporate Director submitted a report (previously circulated), in order to advise Members in relation to the status of the Energy Improvement to Ryedale Properties work programme and the relationship with the wider Asset Management Programme.

The current programme for 2007/08 included a budget of £136k for Energy Improvement to Ryedale Properties as part of the Asset Management Work-stream. This budget included a sum of £30k resulting from a Salix bid. This bid was based on a number of major projects, which would no longer proceed in the time period, and therefore the agreed Salix programme was not achievable and thus the Council was unlikely to qualify for the grant. Officers were awaiting final confirmation from Salix in this regard.

A number of related schemes were in preparation including:

- Energy efficient boilers at Ryedale House and the two pools
- Improvements to lighting
- Improvements to glazing

These schemes were provided through a number of separate work streams in the current programme. In addition, the Council Property Portfolio Repairs and Renewals programme was being reviewed and a four-year plan was being prepared and profiled for consideration by Policy and Resources Committee.

In order that the resources available were best deployed this was being prepared as a combined asset maintenance programme and would include the projects designed to improve energy efficiencies.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RWP.68 Enterprise Centre

The Forward Planning and Economic Development Manager reported for information on the outcome of the Special Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 20th November 2007, when the application for the Enterprise Centre had been considered.

The Planning Committee had supported the application, which would now be referred to the Secretary of State for approval. The Secretary of State had twenty-one days in which to make a decision, and if it were decided to “call in” the application, it would almost certainly result in a Public Enquiry.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RWP.69 Dry Sports Facility, Malton

The Chief Financial Officer submitted a report (previously circulated) the purpose of which was to enable Members to make a decision on the future of this project.

Members were reminded of the resolution passed at Council on the 29 March 2007 in relation to this, and updated on the progress made to date in the following areas:

- Capital Costs
- External Grants
- Revenue Costs
- School Use
- Financial Implications

Members were advised that the scheme came within the financial planning parameters as detailed in the budget strategy agreed in August. The principal issues with the County Council had been agreed, and grants of at least £600K were being sought.

The next stage of the scheme, subject to approval was through the OCG Framework to select consultants to prepare a tender and act as supervisors for the building and commissioning of the new facility. It was suggested that three consultants be selected from the Government Framework Agreement and then appointed by the Resources Committee.

The report asked Members to consider the following recommendations:

- To agree to the provision and implementation of the Dry Sports Facility at Malton as outlined in the report based on a VFM design specification (option 1 or 2)
- To commission consultants selected from the OGC Framework to manage the project and prepare a design and tender documentation.
- To waive standing orders for contracts to permit the selection of consultants as detailed
- To raise at least £600k in external grants prior to letting the contract.

Members discussed the recommendations in detail and concluded that further information would be required, particularly in relation to the financial impact of the capital programme and CSR07 and the height of the proposed sports hall, before a decision could be made.

Resolved

That the report be received, the recommendations noted and a special meeting of Policy and Resources Committee be convened before Council in January 2007.

RWP.70 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be advised in the due course.