

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 26 November 2015

Present

Councillors Paul Andrews, Steve Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Val Arnold, Bailey, Clark, Cowling (Chairman), Ives and Raper

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillor Wainwright

In Attendance

Simon Copley, Denise Hewitt, Peter Johnson, Phil Long and Janet Waggott

Minutes

36 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Oxley.

37 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2015

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 24 September 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the addition of a note after minute 24 (Land at Wentworth Street Car Park) stating that the officer recommendation was not debated or voted upon.

Voting record
8 for
0 against
0 abstentions

38 Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 12 November 2015

Decision

That the recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 12 November 2015 be approved.

Voting record
6 for
0 against
2 abstentions

39 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

40 Declarations of Interest

The following interest was declared:

Councillor Bailey declared a personal pecuniary and prejudicial interest in agenda item 14 (New Homes Bonus request from North York Moors National Park) as Chairman of the North York Moors National Park Authority and left the room, taking no part in the debate or vote thereon.

PART 'A' ITEMS - MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OR MATTERS DETERMINED BY COMMITTEE

41 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Considered – Report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That the contents of the report be noted.

Voting record
7 for
0 against
0 abstentions

42 Treasury Management Monitoring Report

Considered – Report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That:

- i) Members receive the report; and
- ii) the current investments and performance in 2015/16 be noted.

Voting record
7 for
0 against
0 abstentions

43 Delivering the Council Plan

Considered – Report of the Head of Corporate Services.

Decision

That the report be noted.

Voting record

7 for

0 against

0 abstentions

44 Appointments to the Senior Management Contracts Working Party

Decision

That the Senior Management Contracts Working Party comprise:
4 Conservative Members - Councillors Steve Arnold, Cowling, Farnell and Goodrick, with Councillors Val Arnold and Frank as substitutes;
2 Opposition Members - names to be advised following discussions between the Opposition groups.

Voting record

6 for

1 against

0 abstentions

45 Change of membership to Resources Working Party

Decision

That a change of membership to Resources Working Party be agreed so that the
New Independent representatives were - Councillor Burr, substitute Councillor Andrews

Voting record

6 for

0 against

1 abstention

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

46 Ryedale District Council's Safeguarding Policy

Considered – Report of the Head of Planning and Housing.

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended to approve the adoption of the Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy and Procedures.

Voting record
8 for
0 against
0 abstentions

47 Local Council Tax Support 2016/17 Scheme

Considered – Report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Recommendation to Council

That Council be recommended to:

(i) a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/17 to include a minimum payment of 8.5%, and with the charges proposed to limit the backdating of claims to one month instead of six months and to remove the family premium from 1 May 2016.

(ii) to authorise the Finance Manager in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee to undertake the necessary consultation work to design a scheme for 2017/18, in light of the experience in previous years, to be presented to Policy and Resources Committee in December 2016.

Voting record
7 for
0 against
1 abstention

48 New Homes Bonus request from North York Moors National Park

Considered – Report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That consideration of the report be deferred for provision of further information.

Voting record
7 for
0 against
0 abstentions

49 Living Wage Motion

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director.

Recommendation to Council

That Council be recommended:

A That the following motion not be approved:

Ryedale Council has an objective of increasing the average wage level in Ryedale.

So as to set an example and show sound leadership this Council resolves to:

- i) “Pay all RDC employees, excluding apprentices, at the Living Wage or above”;
- and
- ii) “That preference will be given to external contracts where the applicant pays the Living Wage or above.”

Any cost of the above to be financed in 2015/16 year from the reserves.

Voting record

2 for the motion

5 against the motion

1 abstention

B i. To pay RDC employees, excluding apprentices, who currently earn less than the living wage at the rate of £7.85 hr with effect from 1 November 2015 retrospectively until such time as this is naturally overtaken by the National Living Wage.

ii. Not to sign up to the Living Wage Foundation concept for the reasons outlined in the report.

Voting record

7 for

1 against

0 abstentions

50 **Timetable of Meetings 2016/17**

Considered – Report of the Council Solicitor.

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended to approve the timetable of meetings for 2016-17.

Voting record

4 for
1 against
2 abstentions

51 **Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.