

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 4 February 2016

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Steve Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Bailey, Clark, Cowling (Chairman), Hope (Substitute), Ives, Oxley and Raper

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillor Acomb

In Attendance

Mandy Burchell, Peter Johnson, Nicki Lishman, Phil Long, Clare Slater and Janet Waggott

Minutes

52 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor V Arnold, Councillor Hope substituted.

53 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2016

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 26 November 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting record
6 for
2 abstentions

54 Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 21 January 2016

Decision

That the recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 21 January 2016 be approved.

Voting record
8 for
1 abstentions

55 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

56 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clark declared a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 10 as a member of North Yorkshire County Council.

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

57 To review the membership of the Resources Working Party

Decision

That a change of membership to the Resources Working Party be agreed so that Councillors Jainu-Deen and Keal were replaced for the Conservatives by Councillor Frank, substitute Councillor Cleary and for the Liberal Democrats by Councillor Mrs Shields, substitute Councillor Keal.

58 Delivering the Council Plan

Considered - Report of the Head of Corporate Services

Decision

That the report be noted.

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

59 Financial Strategy 2016/2017

Considered - Report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended:

- (i) To approve the Council's Financial Strategy (Annex A) which includes:
 - a. Savings/additional income totalling £584k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - b. Growth Pressures totalling £410k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - c. The Prudential Indicators (Financial Strategy Appendix B)
 - d. The revised capital programme (Financial Strategy Appendix D)
 - e. The Pay Policy 2016/2017 (Financial Strategy Appendix E)
- (ii) a revenue budget for 2016/2017 of £6,381,609 which represents a 1.99% in the Ryedale District Council Tax, increasing the Band D charge from £176.72 to £180.23 (note that total Council Tax, including the County Council, Fire and Police is covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council) and to reduce the amount of New Homes Bonus required to balance the revenue budget for 2016/17 by £73,526 and to reflect these changes in the medium term revenue forecast.
- (iii) to approve the special expenses amounting to £35,100;
- (iv) to note the financial projection for 2016/17 – 2020/21 (Annex B).

Voting record
7 for
3 abstentions

60 **Response to the New Homes Bonus: Sharpening the Incentive - Technical Consultation**

Considered - Report of the Chief Executive

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended:

- (i) To agree the response to the consultation attached at Annex A and B and delegate authority to the Finance Manager (s151) in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources to make any alterations, if necessary, prior to submission by the 10 March 2017.

Voting record
8 for
2 abstentions

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

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.