

## **Policy and Resources Committee**

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Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton  
on Thursday 21 September 2017

### **Present**

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Councillors Steve Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Val Arnold, Bailey, Burr MBE (Substitute), Cowling, Goodrick (Substitute), Ives (Chairman), Potter, Raper and Wainwright

Substitutes: Councillor L M Burr MBE and Councillor C Goodrick

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Acomb, Cussons and Frank

### **In Attendance**

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Julian Rudd, Yvette Turnbull, Beckie Bennett, Clare Slater, Peter Johnson, Will Baines  
Councillors Clark, Hope, Keal

### **Minutes**

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#### **14 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Andrews (Councillor Burr as substitute) and Oxley (Councillor Goodrick as substitute).

#### **15 Minutes of the Meetings on 15 June 2017 and 24 August 2017**

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 June 2017 and 24 August 2017 were presented.

##### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 15 June 2017 and 24 August 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **16 To Receive the Minutes from the Resources Working Party on 7 September 2017 and the Grants Working Party on 11 September 2017**

The minutes of the Resources Working Party on 7 September 2017 and the Grants Working Party on 11 September 2017 were presented.

##### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the Resources Working Party on 7 September 2017 and the Grants Working Party on 11 September 2017 be received.

#### **17 To Consider the Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 7 September 2017**

Considered – Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 7 September 2017

**Decision**

That the recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 7 September 2017 be approved.

Voting Record

10 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

**18 To Consider the Recommendations from the Grants Working Party held on 11 September 2017**

Considered – Recommendations from the Grants Working Party held on 11 September 2017.

**Decision**

That the recommendations from the Grants Working Party held on 11 September 2017 relating to community grants (minute 24/ Annex 1) be approved.

Voting Record

10 For

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**Decision**

That the recommendations from the Grants Working Party held on 11 September 2017 relating to flood grants (minute 25/ Annex 2) be approved.

Voting Record

10 For

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0 Abstentions

**Decision**

That the recommendations from the Grants Working Party held on 11 September 2017 relating to Section 106 grants (minute 26/ Annex 3) be approved.

Voting Record

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**19 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business which the Chairman considered should be dealt with as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**20 Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared:

Councillor Steve Arnold declared a personal, non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 10 as he is a Trustee of Helmsley Arts Centre

Councillor Luke Ives declared a personal, non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 13 as he had been lobbied by the Chairman of Ryedale Cameras in Action.

Councillors Val Arnold, Goodrick and Burr declared an interest as North Yorkshire County Councillors.

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

**21 Statement of Accounts 2016-17**

Councillor Ives moved and Councillor S Arnold seconded the following amendments:

The wording at note 4 to the Narrative Statement (page 30 of the agenda), directly under the table, be amended to add the amount of the surplus which has been allocated to the New Homes Bonus Reserve and the General Reserve as follows:

In overall terms, the Council achieved a surplus of £1.258m for the financial year when comparing budgeted (planned) expenditure with actual expenditure. The surplus for the year has been allocated to the Council's New Homes Bonus (£327k) and General Reserve (£931k)

The wording at note 32 to the accounts, Officers Remuneration (page 82 of the agenda), be amended at note A as follows:

The Corporate Director left the authority on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, *the remuneration highlighted in the table above excludes any termination benefits which are highlighted in note 39 on page 62.*

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Decision**

That Members approve the 2016/17 Statement of Accounts (Appendix A) as amended and authorise the Resources & Enabling Services Lead (s151) and the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee to sign the letter of representation (Appendix B).

Voting Record

10 For

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0 Abstentions

**22 Creative Economy Commissioning 2017/18**

Considered – Report of the External Partnerships Lead.

**Decision**

That the Creative Economy Commissions for 2017/18, as detailed in Annex A and summarised in paragraph 6.4, be approved.

Voting Record

8 For

2 Against

0 Abstentions

Councillor Ives asked that his vote against the recommendation be recorded.

**23 Exempt Information**

The Chairman moved that the report be exempt but the debate be held in public.

Councillor Raper moved an amendment that the report and debate both be held in exempt.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

**Resolved**

That under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## 24 **Enabling Assets Programme Progress Report**

Considered – Report of the Chief Executive (Interim)

Councillor Ives moved and Councillor S Arnold seconded the following amendment:

That a clear direction be provided to officers to enable the work to be undertaken for decisions to be made by Council in February 2018 for the future of the Council's Asset portfolio, as follows:

- a) The officers work with partners to participate in the OPE programme bid for North Yorkshire, to be submitted in November 2017
- b) Ryedale House is no longer fit for purpose and the maintenance costs are prohibitively expensive. Officers are to prepare a business case to support a move to new premises which aims to deliver the following:
  - The preferred option of office accommodation on the site of the current Community House
  - To develop proposals for a hub for public sector and voluntary and community sector partners, linked to the OPE programme.
  - When Ryedale House is no longer available, future meetings of Council to take place in the Milton Rooms and similar venues in Ryedale.

The Brief for the public sector hub to include the following:

- Members to have access to a dedicated small office to accommodate 6 people, potential to provide a Leader's office if required and space for committee meetings for 10 members, officers and public seating.
- c) In the event the single public hub does not come to fruition, the option of locating to Harrison House is also to be considered.
  - d) Housing to be built on the Ryedale House site, a proportion of which to be affordable, ensuring best value. The possibility of a joint development including neighbouring sites to be explored.
  - e) The upper deck of Wentworth Street Car Park to be considered for housing as part of the OPE programme
  - f) The Council consider relocating Streetscene services to the proposed Waste Transfer Station at Kirby Misperton.
  - g) A review to take place of all Council assets to deliver the Council's Asset Management Policy.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

Voting Record

8 For

2 Abstentions

**Decision**

That a clear direction be provided to officers to enable the work to be undertaken for decisions to be made by Council in February 2018 for the future of the Council's Asset portfolio, as follows:

a) The officers work with partners to participate in the OPE programme bid for North Yorkshire, to be submitted in November 2017

b) Ryedale House is no longer fit for purpose and the maintenance costs are prohibitively expensive. Officers are to prepare a business case to support a move to new premises which aims to deliver the following:

- The preferred option of office accommodation on the site of the current Community House
- To develop proposals for a hub for public sector and voluntary and community sector partners, linked to the OPE programme.
- When Ryedale House is no longer available, future meetings of Council to take place in the Milton Rooms and similar venues in Ryedale.

The Brief for the public sector hub to include the following:

- Members to have access to a dedicated small office to accommodate 6 people, potential to provide a Leader's office if required and space for committee meetings for 10 members, officers and public seating.

c) In the event the single public hub does not come to fruition, the option of locating to Harrison House is also to be considered.

d) Housing to be built on the Ryedale House site, a proportion of which to be affordable, ensuring best value. The possibility of a joint development including neighbouring sites to be explored.

e) The upper deck of Wentworth Street Car Park to be considered for housing as part of the OPE programme

f) The Council consider relocating Streetscene services to the proposed Waste Transfer Station at Kirby Misperton.

g) A review to take place of all Council assets to deliver the Council's Asset Management Policy.

Voting Record

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2 Abstentions

**PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

- 25      **Town Centre CCTV System Upgrade and Extension: Request for Financial Support from the New Homes Bonus**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

Councillor Ives moved and Councillor S Arnold seconded the following amendment:

To change the recommendation 2.1(i) and (ii) to read as follows:

2.1 Council is recommended to approve:

(i) A £22,000 grant for Ryedale Cameras in Action for the town centre CCTV system upgrade, £19,100 to be funded from the New Homes Bonus Reserve and £2,900 from the s106 relating to the provision and / or improvement to youth and / or adult sports facilities within the vicinity of the land within Norton and Malton

(ii) That RDC will not be involved in the purchase of the town centre CCTV system upgrade and will not be involved in the administration of the system or payment of invoices following the upgrade.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

#### **Recommendation to Council**

Council is recommended to approve:

(i) A £22,000 grant for Ryedale Cameras In Action for the town centre CCTV system upgrade, £19,100 to be funded from the New Homes Bonus Reserve and £2,900 from the s106 relating to the provision and / or improvement to youth and / or adult sports facilities within the vicinity of the land within Norton and Malton.

(ii) That RDC will not be involved in the purchase or administration of the town centre CCTV system upgrade and will not be involved in the administration of the system or payment of invoices following the upgrade.

#### Voting record

9 For

1 Against

0 Abstentions

## **26 Milton Rooms Redevelopment Project**

Considered – Report of the Delivery and Frontline Services Lead.

Councillor Ives moved and Councillor S Arnold seconded the following amendment:

To add the words “subject to match funding being in place” so that the recommendations reads:

That the Council is recommended to approve the funds from the New Homes Bonus Reserve towards the Milton Rooms Redevelopment Project totalling £321,160, subject to match funding being in place, split as follows:

- (i) A funding commitment of £171,110 towards Part 1 of the Redevelopment Project in support of the submitted Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) Bid and,
- (ii) A funding commitment of £150,050 towards Part 2 of the Redevelopment

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

**Recommendation to Council**

That Council is recommended to approve funds from the New Homes Bonus Reserve towards the Milton Rooms Redevelopment Project totalling £321,160, subject to match funding being in place, split as follows:

- (i) A funding commitment of £171,110 towards Part 1 of the Redevelopment Project in support of the submitted Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) Bid and,
- (ii) A funding commitment of £150,050 towards Part 2 of the Redevelopment Project.

Voting Record

10 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

**27 Malton to Pickering Cycle Route**

Considered – Report of the External Partnerships Lead.

**Recommendation to Council**

That Council is recommended to approve:

- (i) The Council acting as applicant for Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding and lead organisation for subsequent implementation;
- (ii) The procurement of consultants to undertake project development up to a maximum of £75k;
- (iii) Funding of up to £75k from the general reserve towards costs of



project development.

Voting Record

5 For

0 Against

5 Abstentions

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

**28 Final Report - Scrutiny Review of Meeting Start Times and Management of Meetings**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Decision**

That the Final Report of the Scrutiny Review of Meeting Start Times and Management of Meetings be referred to the Constitution Working Party for consideration.

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm.