

Ryedale District Council – Decisions taken by the Policy and Resources Committee on Thursday, 29 September 2011

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1	Apologies for absence	There were no apologies for absence.
2	Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23 June 2011	Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 23 June 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3	Minutes of a Meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 13 September 2011	Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Working Party on 13 September 2011 be received.
4	Urgent Business	The Chairman reported that there were no items of urgent business to be considered at the meeting.
5	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.

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

6	Annual Statement of Accounts & Annual Governance Statement	Resolved That the Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement be approved.
7	External Audit Report on the 2011 Audit	Resolved That the external audit report on the 2011 audit be accepted.
8	Capital Proposal Regarding Ryedale Pool (Pickering) Gym Facility	Resolved That the current status of the project be noted.

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9	Delivering the Council Plan	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
10	Localisation of Council Tax Benefit Consultation	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Corporate Director (s151), in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, submit a response to the Consultation on Localising support for council tax in England’.</p>

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

11	New Homes Bonus	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That Members recommend to Council the following allocations of the 2010/2011 New Homes Bonus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £100k to restart the small business grants scheme, with a report on the scheme in 12 months time; 2. £114,540 to establish a Community investment fund with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Decision making delegated to a member panel of six members, 4 of whom shall be members of the Conservative group, chaired by the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee; b. The criteria for funding to be approved by the Policy and Resources Committee, reflecting the need for proposals to be genuinely additional and to bear in mind the geographical distribution of new homes generating the bonus;
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		<p>c. An annual report to be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee on the work of the panel.</p> <p>3. To inform future decision, the North Yorkshire Moors National Park to be invited to give a presentation on proposals to allocate grant generated by its planning decisions.</p>
12	Budget Strategy 2012/2013	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That Council be recommended:</p> <p>That the following parameters for the preparation of the 2012/2013 budget be approved:</p> <p>(i) Proposals be brought forward for a 2.5% increase in Council tax (unless the Government provides additional specific grant to enable a nil increase);</p> <p>(ii) Increases in fees and charges to be 3.5% - 4.5% on a cost centre heading basis excluding VAT and only those charges officers recommend above or below this figure to be considered by the relevant policy committee;</p> <p>(iii) Efficiencies to be maximised;</p> <p>(iv) Options for service cuts to be provided. These proposals to be considered by the Resources Working Party and the Policy and Resources Committee.</p>
13	Community Governance Review - Malton and Norton-on-Derwent	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That Council be recommended to resolve to take no further action on the Community Governance Review for Malton and Norton-on-Derwent.</p>

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14	Substitute Members of Committees and Numbers of Substitutes	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That Council be recommended:</p> <p>(i) That it be maintained as a rule of the Constitution that there are no substitute Members for Overview & Scrutiny Committee by reinstating clause 28.5 in Part 4 of the Constitution –Rules of Procedure in the following terms :</p> <p><i>“28.5 Overview and Scrutiny Committees Substitute Members cannot be drawn from those Members who sit on the Policy and Resources and Community Services Committees.”</i></p> <p>(ii) That a change to Council Procedure Rule 28.1 be approved such that for each Committee where substitution is applicable the maximum number of substitutes in respect of each Political Group becomes 50% of that group’s membership on the relevant committee, rounded up if necessary, subject to a minimum of 2.</p>
15	Provision of Internal Audit Services	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That Council be recommended:</p> <p>That the following be approved:</p> <p>(i) The Business Case for the provision of an Internal Audit Service from the 1 April</p>

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		<p>2012;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Delegated authority to the Council Solicitor to conclude the legal contract for the Council to be stakeholders in Veritau (North Yorkshire) Ltd a subsidiary of Veritau Ltd. The subsidiary company will be a regulated company under the terms of the Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995; (iii) Noting that the Corporate Director (s151) will agree a service level agreement with Veritau (North Yorkshire) Ltd for the provision of Internal Audit Services for the financial year commencing April 2012; and (iv) Appointment of the Council's Corporate Director (s151) as the Council's Director to the Board of Veritau (North Yorkshire) Ltd.
16	Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.	There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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