

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
on Thursday 21 June 2012

Present

Councillors Acomb (Chairman), Bailey, Ives, Knaggs, Mrs Knaggs, Legard (Vice-Chairman), Maud and Woodward

Substitutes: Councillors Mrs L Cowling and Mrs Shields

By Invitation of the Chairman:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers:

Councillors Clark, Cussons, Raper and Wainwright

In Attendance

Paul Cresswell, Julian Rudd, Sue Shuttleworth and Anthony Winship

Minutes

56 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Burr and Mrs Goodrick

57 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4 April 2012

The minutes of a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4 April 2012 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4 April 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

58 Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 6 June 2012

The minutes of a meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 6 June 2012 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of a meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 6 June 2012 be received.

59 **Urgent Business**

The Chairman reported that there were no items to be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(94)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

60 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Knaggs declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Item 12 as he had been consulted by the Parish Council during the course of the review.

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

61 **Appointment of Working Parties**

Nominations were sought for the following Sub Committees/Working Parties:

- (a) Senior Management Contracts Working Party
- (b) Resources Working Party
- (c) Sub-Committee – Appeals Panel

Resolved

That the following Members be appointed to the following Working Parties/Sub-Committees for the municipal year 2012-13:

Senior Management Contracts Working Party

The Leader of the Council, Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Chairman of Commissioning Board and the Staff Champion

Resources Working Party

Councillors Acomb, Mrs Cowling, Mrs Goodrick, Knaggs, Mrs Knaggs and Legard

Sub-Committee – Appeals Panel

Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, Staff Champion and Vice-Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee

In the absence of any of these Members, the panel to consist of 3 Members to be appointed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee or, in the Chairman's absence, the Vice-Chairman, from the current membership of the Policy and Resources Committee (including any substitute members). The Panel to meet as and when required; such a

panel to consist of two members of the Conservative Group and one Member of another Group.

62 Ryedale Economic Action Plan 2012-15 - Consultation Feedback and Adoption

The Head of Economy and Housing submitted for information a report giving feedback on the results from the Ryedale Economic Action Plan consultation period (previously circulated) which had been considered at a meeting of the Commissioning Board held on 7 June 2012.

Resolved

That the report be noted

63 Annual Report 2011/12 - Delivering the Council's Priorities

The Head of Policy and Partnerships submitted a report (previously circulated) presenting the content of the Council's Annual Report of delivery against its priorities.

Resolved

That the report be received.

64 Establishing the Community Investment Fund Working Party

The Head of Policy and Performance submitted a report (previously circulated), the purpose of which was to establish the Community Investment Fund as a working party of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Resolved

That the report be received and that

- (i) The authority to make decisions on the allocation of grants be delegated to the Head of Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with the members of the Community Investment Fund Panel. In the absence of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure the delegation passes to the Chief Executive
- (ii) The terms of reference detailed in paragraph 6.1 of the report for the Community Investment Fund Panel be adopted
- (iii) The following Members be appointed to the Community Investment Fund Panel:

Councillors Acomb, Ives, Mrs Knaggs and Mrs Goodrick (Conservative Group)
Councillor Ward (Liberal Group)

Councillor Maud (Independent Group)
Councillor Mrs Burr (Lib/Dem Group)

Substitutes: Councillors Arnold and Knaggs (Conservative Group)
Councillor Wainwright (Independent Group)
Councillor Mrs Shields (Lib/Dem Group)
Councillor Woodward (Liberal Group)

PART 'B' ITEMS – MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

65 Statement on Local Procurement

The Corporate Director (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) proposing the adoption of a policy requiring officers to seek quotes from local suppliers in procurement processes where possible.

Resolved

That the report be received and that Council be recommended to approve the Statement of Local Procurement at Annex A to the report.

66 Community Governance Review - Foston and Thornton-le-Clay Parish Council

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer submitted a report (previously circulated), the purpose of which was to

- (a) Consider and respond to a Community Governance petition which has been submitted under the provisions of Section 80 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act) requesting the District Council to conduct a Community Governance Review to increase the size of the Parish Council from five to seven Councillors
- (b) Ryedale District Council has a duty under section 83 of the 2007 Act to respond to the petition using its peers to undertake a Community Governance Review under section 82 of the 2007 Act

Resolved

That Council be recommended to:

- (i) Note the receipt of the request and its validity
- (ii) Agree to undertake a Community Governance Review of the Parishes of Foston and Thornton-le-Clay
- (iii) Agree the Terms of Reference of the review as detailed in Annex C including the timetable and arrangements for public consultation

- (iv) Agree that the review will be carried out by the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee
- (v) Note that further reports will be brought to Council in order that decisions may be made in respect of draft proposals and final recommendations of the Review

67 Localisation of Council Tax Support

The Corporate Director (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) in which members were informed of the proposals for the Localisation of Council Tax Support and which considered policy options for taking forward the upcoming legislative requirements. It proposed a policy direction for the Council which would enable it to consult with the major precepting authorities, the County Council, Fire and Police. Members were to approve a final scheme for Council Tax support in January 2013 and the matter was to go to Council in September prior to public consultation.

Resolved

That the report be received and that Council be recommended

- (i) The preparation of a scheme for 2013/2014 Council Tax Support for consultation with the major precepting authorities which incorporates:
 - 1. Maximum Eligible Council Tax Support of 80%
 - 2. Removal of the Second Adult Rebate
 - 3. A maximum Band D property restriction for all working age claims
 - 4. An assumption that all preceptors contribute proportionately to any additional collection costs
 - 5. An assumption that all preceptors contribute proportionately to the establishment of a Council Tax Support
- (ii) That any shortfall in funding to meet the total cut in Government funding, having implemented the above, is met through reductions in Council Tax discounts as part of the 2013/2014 budget strategy process
- (iii) That a further report and scheme for public consultation is presented to Council on the 6 September 2012 taking into account the comments of the major preceptors

68 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.

There being no urgent business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm