

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
on Thursday 6 December 2012

Present

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

Substitutes: Councillor Mrs L Cowling and Councillor Mrs E Shields (In place of
Councillor Mrs L M Burr MBE)

By Invitation of the Chairman: Councillor Mrs L Cowling

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Cussons, Wainwright and
Windress.

In Attendance

Audrey Adnitt, Paul Cresswell and Julian Rudd

Minutes

83 Apologies for absence

Councillors Mrs Burr (Councillor Mrs Shields substitute), Knaggs and Mrs
Knaggs.

84 Minutes of the meeting held on the 27 September 2012

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held
on the 27 September be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct
record.

85 Minutes of the Resources Working Party held on the 20 November 2012

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on the 20
November 2012 be received.

86 Urgent Business

The Chairman wished to thank Council staff for all their hard work during the recent flooding.

87 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Goodrick – a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 (Scrutiny Report – Support for the Voluntary & Community Sector) as she was to Council Representative on the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

88 Scrutiny Report - Support for the Voluntary & Community Sector

Considered – Scrutiny Review Report, Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 4 October 2012

Decision

a. That Council is recommended to receive the report.

89 Delivering the Council Plan

Considered – Report of the Head of Corporate Services.

Decision

That the report be noted.

90 Treasury Management Monitoring

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Decision

That the report be received and the current investments and performance in 2012/13 be noted.

91 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Decision

That the report be noted.

92 **Ryedale Development Fund**

Considered – Report of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure

Decision

That following consideration of the potential uses for the Ryedale Development Fund as outlined in Annex A, the following projects were prioritised:

- a. Development and investigation of potential economic projects.
- b. Derwent Training Association expansion
- c. Apprenticeship Development + expanded RDC employment package (combined).
- d. Youth Enterprise
- e. Ryedale Economic Focus

Detailed reports on these priorities would be brought to future meetings of the Committee, in order to make recommendations to Council on the allocation of part of the fund.

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

93 **Fees & Charges**

Considered - report of the Head of Planning and Housing

Recommendation to Council

That Council be recommended to approve the following fees and charges exceptions:

- i. No increase in Local Land Charge fees (Annex B)
- ii. No increase in Development Management Discretionary Charges (Annex C)
- iii. Increase in Street Naming and Numbering Charges (as set out in Annex D).

94 **Committee Responsibility for Economic Development**

Considered – Report of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure

Recommendation to Council

That Members recommend to Council that economic development duties transfer from the Commissioning Board to the Policy & Resources Committee and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

95 **Localisation of Council Tax Support 2013/2014 Scheme**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Recommendation to Council

That Members recommend to Council

(i) A Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2013/14 which replicates the existing Council Tax Benefit scheme and accepts the Government's transitional funding with the following changes:

(a) Maximum Eligible Council Tax Support of 91.5%; and

(b) Removal of the Second Adult Rebate;

(ii) To commit to remove the 10% second homes discount and make changes to exemptions as part of the 2013/2014 budget strategy of at least £196k to mitigate the Government cut in Council Tax funding, the detail of which being determined as part of the budget setting process; and

(iii) To authorise the Corporate Director in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee to undertake the necessary consultation work to design a scheme for 2014/2015, in light of the experience in 2013/2014, to be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2014; and

(iv) The implementation of a 150% Council Tax charge for long term empty properties.

96 **Pickering Flood Storage Proposals**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Recommendation to Council

That Council be recommended to approve support for a maximum funding contribution of £950k for the revised 'Pickering Flood Defence' scheme utilising the £950k designated in the Council's capital programme.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 9pm