

Resources Working Party

Held at Member's Lounge, Ryedale House, Malton
on Wednesday 18 November 2009

Present

Councillors Mrs L Cowling, Mrs Hodgson, Keal, Knaggs and Wainwright (Chairman)

In Attendance

Paul Cresswell, Marie-Ann Jackson, Janet Waggott, Lynda Carter, Trevor Anderson, Phil Long, Angela Wood, Gary Housden and Clare Slater

Minutes

18 **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Legard.

19 **Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 16 September 2009**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 16 September 2009 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of a meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 16 September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

20 **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business to consider.

21 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

22 **Budget Strategy 2010/2011**

Members considered a report submitted by the Corporate Director (s151) which presented a review of the achievement of efficiencies identified as part of the 2009/2010 budget and the initial proposals and implications for the 2010/2011 budget.

Members noted that the Annexes to the report set out the efficiencies and savings incorporated into the 2009/2010 budget and their current status. Annexes B and C set out the initial savings proposals from heads of Service and the unavoidable growth items. Officers were also recommending that additional provisions be considered, which were outlined in the report.

The assumptions underpinning the budget were discussed and the proposal for the additional contribution proposed to the restructure reserve were endorsed.

Further information on the summer summer of fun scheme and proposals relating to changes to member provisions were discussed. It was agreed that further information investigation of other options for these proposals would take place.

Officers reported that further work on the figures was ongoing and that further detail would be presented to members at the next Resources Working Party and subsequently the Member budget briefing in January.

Resolved:

- i) That progress of achieving the 2009.2010 budget efficiencies be noted.
- ii) That the assumptions for the 2010/2011 budget be noted.
- iii) That the efficiencies/savings for 2010/11 be noted.
- iv) That the unavoidable growth items were noted.
- v) That the initial growth options were noted.

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One 11 Programme

Members received a verbal report from the Corporate Director updating them on the various actions undertaken so far.

Staff briefings had been held from which it was apparent that there was increasing acceptance of the savings to be made, in view of the national picture. Consultation with Unison would be held in the forthcoming months. The next significant action was to ask for expressions of interest for voluntary redundancy. The deadline to make an expression of interest was 22 January 2010.

The full One-11 programme was being produced which was to be managed across 6 work streams:

- Communications
- Workforce Development
- Policies and Procedures
- Governance
- Financial
- Service Reviews

Members were informed of a report to be presented to the Community Services Committee on the proposals to establish a Commissioning Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted

24 **EMIS**

Members considered a report which presented for information the Executive Management Information System summary for the period ending 30th September 2009.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

25 **ICT Programme - Business Case**

Members considered a report which presented as business case for the adoption of the Northgate Revenues and Benefits system.

The report outlined the current situation which was seen as high risk and had limitations in that it did not allow the Council to share resources, information or benchmarking with neighbouring authorities. It was also considerably more expensive to run.

The favoured option was to replace the existing software with the Northgate solution which would facilitate joint working and efficiency. Discussions with Scarborough BC and East Riding of Yorkshire Council were ongoing regarding hosting the system.

Resolved:

That the project be supported and presented to policy and resources for approval.

26 **Capital Programme**

Members considered a report presented by the Corporate Director (s151) on the Capital Programme 2009-2013 and progress made to date.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.