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Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
on Thursday 5 December 2013

Present

Councillors Acomb (Vice-Chairman), Bailey, Mrs Burr MBE, Mrs Cowling (Chairman), Mrs Goodrick, Legard, Mrs Sanderson (Substitute) and Woodward

Substitutes: Councillor Mrs J E Sanderson

By Invitation of the Chairman:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: ObserverInAttendanceList

In Attendance

Audrey Adnitt, Paul Cresswell, Jos Holmes, Phil Long, Julian Rudd, Tim Sedman and Janet Waggott

Minutes

33 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Ives (Substitute Councillor Mrs Sanderson), Councillor Maud and Councillor Ward.

34 Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 September 2013

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 26 September 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

35 Minutes of the Resources Working Party held on the 20 November 2013

Decision

That the minutes of the Resources Working Party held on the 20 November 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

36 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

37 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Sanderson declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 (Review of Ryedale Economic Action Plan) as she was a member of the Superfast Broadband Group.

Councillor Mrs Burr declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 (Review of Ryedale Economic Action Plan) as she worked with Derwent Training.

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

38 Review of Ryedale Economic Action Plan

Considered – Report of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure.

Decision

That the 2013 update of the Ryedale Economic Action Plan be agreed.

39 Fees and Charges

Considered – Report of the Head of Planning and Housing.

Decision

That approval be given to the following fees and charges exceptions:

No increase in Local Land Charges fees (annex B)

No increase in Development Management Discretionary Charges (Annex C)

No increase in Street Naming and Numbering Charges (as set out in Annex D)

40 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Decision

That the report be noted.

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

41 Final Report- Scrutiny Review of Member Roles on Outside Bodies and as Member Champions

Considered – The Scrutiny Review of Member Roles on Outside Bodies and as Member Champions report.

Recommendation to Council

That the Scrutiny Review of Member Roles on Outside Bodies and as Member Champions report be referred back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to enable further consideration, consultation with members and more detailed information to be included.

42 Localisation of the Council Tax Support Scheme

Considered the report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Recommendation to Council

That Members recommend to Council

- (i) A Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15 which is unchanged from 2013/14; and
- (ii) To authorise the Corporate Director in consultation with the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee to undertake the necessary consultation work to design a scheme for 2015/2016, in light of the experience in 2013/14 and 2014/15 to be presented to Policy & Resources Committee in December 2014.

43 IT Infrastructure Budget Planning

Considered – Report of the Head of Environment, Streetscene, Facilities and ICT.

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended to approve a capital allocation of £320k for the period 2014/15 – 2017/18 for the investment in the IT infrastructure.

44 **Exempt Information**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Items 14 (Overpayment Write Offs) as provided by paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

In addition during consideration of item 15 (Asset Purchase Opportunity) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

45 **Housing Benefit Overpayment Write Offs**

Considered – Report of the Head of Corporate Services

Decision

That Members approve the write off the Housing Benefit overpayment as detailed in the report.

46 **Asset Purchase Opportunity**

Considered – The report of the Corporate Director (s151)

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended to approve a capital allocation of up to £150k to facilitate the asset purchase, financed from unallocated capital resources.

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

There were no other items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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