

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 22 September 2016

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Steve Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Bailey, Clark, Cowling (Chairman), Ives, Oxley and Raper

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Acomb, Jainu-Deen and Jowitt

In Attendance

Beckie Bennett, Peter Johnson, Nicki Lishman, Kim Robertshaw, Julian Rudd, Clare Slater and Janet Waggott

Minutes

15 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Val Arnold.

16 Minutes

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 16 June 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting record

For 8
Abstentions 1

17 Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 8 September 2016

Decision

That the recommendations from the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 8 September 2016 be noted.

Voting record

For 6
Abstentions 3

18 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

19 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clark declared a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 8 as a member of North Yorkshire County Council.

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

20 2015/2016 Statement of Accounts

Considered - Report of the Finance Manager (s151)

An amendment was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor J Andrews;

"Subject to the following change to the AGS Action Plan (page 92 bullet point 3), add; The iEse contract to be monitored and controlled in the same way."

Voting record

For 3

Against 6

Decision

That the 2015/2016 Statement of Accounts (Appendix A) be approved and the Finance Manager (s151) be authorised to sign the letter of representation (Appendix B)

Voting record

For 7

Against 2

Councillors Clark and J Andrews requested that it be recorded that their vote against the recommendation was as a result of the loss of the proposed amendment.

21 Rail Service Enhancement and Options for Car Parking and Reduced Congestion - Update

Considered - Report of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure

Decision

This Council is deeply concerned that without alleviation measures, the planned increase in railway crossing closures from 2018 in Malton and Norton will cause signification traffic congestion and impede economic growth. To this end, this Council resolves to:

- Work with partners to support the commissioning of a feasibility study to investigate ways to reduce traffic congestion at the Malton and Norton level crossing and deliver enhanced facilities to support increased use of rail services. In consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, officers may use the New Homes Bonus Reserve to fund the Council's contribution to such a study.

- Lobby the Member of Parliament for Thirsk and Malton, Ministers, North Yorkshire County Council, Network Rail, rail operators and other relevant agencies to work urgently to reduce traffic congestion and enhance parking and other passenger facilities before the commencement of new rail services.

Voting record

For 8

Abstentions 1

22 Ryedale Housing Strategy Action Plan 2015-2021

Considered - Report of the Head of Planning and Housing

Decision

That the final version of the Action Plan, including Members comments and appropriate revisions, be endorsed.

That the progress update be noted.

Voting record

For 8

Abstentions 1

23 Delivering the Council Plan

Considered - Report of the Head of Corporate Services

Decision

That the report be noted.

Voting record

For 7

Abstentions 2

24 Response to the Business Rates Consultation and Fair Funding Review

Considered - Report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Decision

That the response to the consultations, attached at Annex C of the report, be agreed.

Voting record

Unanimous

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

25 Exempt Information

Decision

That under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the annex to the following item as there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Voting record

For 8

Abstentions 1

26 Scrutiny Review - Council Property Assets

Considered - Report of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Recommendation to Council

That Members agree the policy for the future management of the Council's property portfolio as recommended in the report of the Scrutiny review of Council assets.

Policy and Resources Committee recommends that Council consider a change to the final bullet point of Principles (page 2 of the Report) to say;

"That the proceeds of the sale of any of the assets be used to support the delivery of the Council's priorities."

Voting record

For 6

Against 3

Recorded vote

For - Councillors S Arnold, Bailey, Cowling, Ives, Oxley and Raper

Against - Councillors J Andrews, P Andrews and Clark

27 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.