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Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 2 February 2017

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Steve Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Val Arnold, Clark, Cowling (Chairman), Goodrick (Substitute), Ives, Oxley.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Acomb, Cussons and Wainwright

In Attendance

Will Baines, Jos Holmes, Gary Housden, Peter Johnson, Clare Slater and Janet Waggott

Minutes

40 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bailey.

41 Minutes

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 24 November 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting Record

8 For
0 Against
0 Abstentions

42 Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 19 January 2017

Decision

That the recommendations of the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 19 January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting Record

5 For
1 Against
2 Abstentions

43 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

44 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ives declared a personal, non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 10 (Policy for allocation of S106 monies) as he had been lobbied on the use of Section 106 funds.

Councillor Ives declared a personal, non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 7 (Ryedale Development Fund) as he had been lobbied on a previous application to the fund that was rejected by Council and led to the surplus of funds under consideration.

Councillor Andrews declared a personal, non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 10 (Policy for allocation of S106 monies) as a member of Malton Town Council.

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

45 Ryedale Development Fund - Progress and Next Steps

Considered – Report of the External Partnerships Lead.

Decision

That:

(i) £35,334 from the 'Ryedale Employment Initiative' strand be re-allocated to delivery of the REAP objective 3 - Inspired People to support '3(a) School Based Activities and '3(b) Business Employability Charter'.

(ii) £25,000 from the 'Major Projects' strand be reallocated to REAP objective '4(b)i towards project development/feasibility work to enhance rail parking and measures to reduce congestion at the rail crossing, Norton.

(iii) Dalby Forest: Forest Artworks project be included as a major project in the Ryedale Economic Action Plan, under 'Successful and Distinctive Places'. Any financial contribution from the Council will be the subject of a future report to P&R including detail of the Forestry Commission Investment Plan, the impact of the project, with the level of funding required and the total project cost.

Voting Record

Unanimous

46 Delivering the Council Plan

Considered – Report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

Decision

That the report be noted.

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

47 Financial Strategy 2017/18

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended:

- (i) To approve the Council's Financial Strategy (Annex A) which includes:
 - a. Savings/additional income totalling £1.081m (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - b. Growth Pressures totalling £328K (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - c. The Prudential Indicators (Financial Strategy Appendix B)
 - d. The revised capital programme (Financial Strategy Appendix D)
 - e. The Pay Policy 2017/18 (Financial Strategy Appendix E)
- (ii) a Revenue Budget for 2017/18 of £6,156,794 which represents a £4.34 increase in the Ryedale District Council Tax, increasing the total charge to £186.05 for a Band D property (note that total Council Tax, including the County Council, Fire and Police is covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council);
- (iii) to approve the special expenses amounting to £49,620, equivalent to £0.66 increase at band D;
- (iv) to note the financial projection for 2017/18 - 2021/22 (Annex B);
- (v) to approve the reserve movements as highlighted in paragraphs 6.38 to 6.40 of this report.

Voting record

6 For

3 Abstentions

48 Policy for allocation of S106 Monies

Considered – Report of the Head of Planning.

Recommendation to Council

That applications be invited from community groups for funding from s106 monies collected for enhancement of or improvements to existing POS or for Sports and Recreation which will be allocated through the Resources Working Party. Recommendations will be made by the Resources Working Party to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval. Local parish and town councils along with ward members to be included in the assessment process of the applications received.

Voting Record

8 For

1 Abstention

- 49 **Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:20pm.