

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 23 March 2017

Present

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

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Gardiner and Wainwright

In Attendance

Jos Holmes, Peter Johnson, Nicki Lishman, Kim Robertshaw, Clare Slater and Janet Waggott

Minutes

50 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor V Arnold and Councillor Ives, Councillor Goodrick substituted.

51 Minutes

Decision

The minutes for the Policy and Resources Committee held on 2 February 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, on the understanding that the written responses to Members' questions be added to the minutes.

Voting record
Unanimous

52 Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 16 March 2017

Decision

That the recommendations of the Resources Working Party held on 16 March 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting record
Unanimous

53 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

54 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clark declared a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 13 as a member of North Yorkshire County Council.

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

55 Delivering the Council Plan

Considered - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

Decision

That the report be noted.

Voting record

5 For

3 Abstentions

56 Energy Efficiency Repayment Loan

Considered - Report of the Frontline Service Delivery Lead

Decision

(i) That the new Energy Repayment Loan (ERL) be introduced to enable the community to benefit from the Ryedale allocation of £23,000.

(ii) That pursuant to the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Function) (England) Regulations 2012 the Council's powers under the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 in respect of ERLs be delegated to Sheffield City Council to administer the ERL scheme on behalf of the Council.

Voting record

Unanimous

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

57 Changes to Disabled Facilities Grant Policy

Considered - Report of the Frontline Service Delivery Lead

Recommendations to Council

2.1 That Council agrees the following changes to the DFG Policy:

(a) The removal of means test contributions from clients for all applications where the value of works is less than £5000

(b) The use of private occupational health therapists where NYCC in their role as social service authority are unable to respond to requests for assistance and undertake assessments within a reasonable period

2.2 That Council also agrees to an increase of fees levied for capital works undertaken by the White Rose Home Improvement Agency (WRHIA) from 12.5% to 15%.

Voting record

Unanimous

58 Community Housing Fund

Considered - Report of the Frontline Service Delivery Lead

Recommendations to Council

That Council agrees:

- (i) the principle of using £86,200 (20%) of the total allocation for revenue purposes to support the delivery of new homes
- (ii) that £43,100 (10%) of the allocation be used for additional Community Development capacity working with a specialised provider, in partnership with Hambleton District Council for a 2 year period
- (iii) to passport £12,930 (3%) of the allocation into a pooled North Yorkshire enabling fund
- (iv) that the remaining £288,770 (67%) be used for capital works provided through grants, land acquisition or purchase of property in support of Community Led Housing

Voting record

6 For

2 Abstentions

59 Corporate Peer Challenge Improvement Plan

Considered - Report of the Chief Executive

Recommendations to Council

1. That Council agrees the Corporate Peer Challenge Improvement Plan
2. That progress with delivering Improvement Plan be monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Voting record

4 For

1 Against

3 Abstentions

60 The Council's Priorities 2017 - 2022

Considered - Report of the Chief Executive

Recommendations to Council

That members agree the priorities for the Council Business Plan for 2017/22 as:

- (a) Promoting sustainable growth
- (b) Supporting customers and communities
- (c) Working together – One Ryedale

Voting record

5 For
2 Against
1 Abstentions

61 Proposed Waste Transfer Station for Ryedale

Considered - Report of the Frontline Service Delivery Lead

Recommendations to Council

1. That Members recommend to Full Council that this Council enter into an agreement with North Yorkshire County Council, as the Waste Disposal Authority for RDC, to provide a waste transfer station at Kirbymisperton, conditional upon a maximum contribution up to £265k per annum from RDC.

2. That the Medium Term Revenue Forecast be amended to reflect an additional growth item of £152k and that officers work to deliver additional savings through the Towards 2020 efficiency programme to mitigate the impact.

Voting record

Unanimous

62 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.