

## **Policy and Resources Committee**

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Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton  
on Thursday 24 September 2020

### **Present**

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Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews (Substitute), Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Burr MBE, Delaney, Docwra, Duncan (Chairman), Frank, King and Wass

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Clark, Bailey and Brackstone

### **In Attendance**

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Rachael Balmer, Stacey Bulet, Simon Copley, Anton Hodge, Emma Lawer, Kim Robertshaw, Phillip Spurr, Jill Thompson, Ellen Walker, Margaret Wallace, Howard Wallis and Louise Wood

### **Minutes**

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#### **132 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Thackray, Councillor P Andrews substituted.

#### **133 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair advised that the declarations of all members of North Yorkshire County Council would be taken as given.

No further interests were declared.

#### **134 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2020**

<b>Decision</b>
That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 19 March 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **Voting record**

6 For

4 Abstentions

#### **135 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

#### **136 Minutes of the Constitution Working Party held on 12 March 2020**

The minutes of the Constitution Working Party held on 12 March 2020 were received.

Following a request from Councillor Burr, it was noted that three members of the Constitution Working Party who were present at the meeting on 12 March 2020 were not supportive of the motion considered at that meeting.

**137 Minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on 18 June 2020**

The minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on 18 June 2020 were received.

**138 Minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on 15 September 2020**

The minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on 15 September 2020 were received.

Councillor P Andrews raised a concern that nothing had been done to move the Local Plan on and that the Government White Paper should not be used as a delay with regard to this work.

**139 Minutes of the Car Parking Working Party held on 24 August 2020**

The minutes of the Car Parking Working Party held on 24 August 2020 were received.

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

**140 HR Policy Revision**

Considered – report of the Head of Human Resources.

<b>Decision</b>
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The revised policies are agreed for implementation.
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**Voting record**

Unanimous

**141 White Paper Consultation - Planning for the Future**

Considered – report of the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services.

Councillor J Andrews proposed and Councillor Wass seconded the following motion:

That this item is referred to Full Council for consideration.

**Resolved**

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

**Voting record**

5 For

5 Against

Chair's casting vote – Against

Councillor Burr proposed and Councillor P Andrews seconded the following motion:

That this item is referred to the Planning Committee for their expert views.

**Resolved**

Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.

**Voting record**

5 For

5 Against

Chair's casting vote – Against

**Decision**

- (i) The proposed responses to the White Paper at Appendix 1 of the report are agreed in principle
- (ii) Authority is delegated to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee to finalise any further detailed changes in line with member feedback

**Voting record**

6 For

4 Against

142 **Changes to the Current Planning System - MHCLG Consultation**

Considered – report of the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services

**Decision**

- (i) Members agree a response to the consultation as set out in the proposed response sections highlighted within the report
- (ii) Authority is delegated to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee to finalise any further detailed changes in line with member feedback

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

143 **Update on Malton and Norton Infrastructure and Connectivity Workstream**

Considered – report of the Programme Director of Economic Development, Business and Partnerships

**Recommendation**

- (i) Members note the contents of the update report, including the indicative costs of the schemes in the table at 7.1 (a);
- (ii) Up to £100k be allocated within the revenue budget and up to £350k be allocated within the capital budget for contributions to development and delivery of the identified schemes;
- (iii) Approval of expenditure of the above budgets be delegated to the Policy and Resources Committee on a scheme-by-scheme basis.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

144 **Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy Summary**

Considered – report of the Housing Services Manager

**Recommendation**

The Strategy is approved by Full Council.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

145 **Exempt Information**

**Resolved**

To exclude the press and public from the meeting for discussion of the following items:

Item 16 (Housing Benefit Debtor Write Offs) as provided by paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains information relating to an individual.

Item 17 (Future Support for Leisure Service Provision) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Item 18 (Shared Housing Initiative) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains

information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Item 19 (Development Opportunities and Housing Programme) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest test has been considered and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption is considered to outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

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

##### **146 Housing Benefit Debtor Write-Offs**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151)

#### **Decision**

Members approve to write-off the debt as detailed in the report.

#### **Voting record**

Unanimous

#### **EXEMPT PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

##### **147 Future Support for Leisure Service Provision**

Considered – report of the Programme Director – Economic Development, Business and Partnerships

The item was deferred until the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to enable Officers to gather further information.

##### **148 Shared Housing Initiative**

Considered – report of the Programme Director for Economic Development, Business and Partnerships

#### **Recommendation**

That Council approve the recommendations detailed in the report.

#### **Voting record**

Unanimous

##### **149 Development Opportunities and Housing Programme**

Considered – report of the Programme Director for Economic Development, Business and Partnerships

**Recommendation**

That Council approve the recommendations detailed in the report.

**Voting record**

6 For

2 Abstentions

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:45pm.