

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 20 January 2022

Present

Councillors Garbutt Moore, King, Middleton (Chair), Oxley, Raper and Riby

In Attendance

Cllrs Raine and Wass (Via MS Teams)

Rachael Balmer, Alan Bardet, Lynne Bayes, Simon Copley, Jonathan Dodsworth, Anton Hodge, Gareth Mills, Connor Munroe and Thilina De Zoysa and Margaret Wallace.

Minutes

65 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bailey.

Cllrs Raine and Wass attended the meeting virtually and therefore were unable to propose or vote on any items.

66 **Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2021**

Decision
That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting held on 16 December 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Voting Record

Unanimous

67 **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

68 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

69 **Delivering the Council Plan - Key Performance Indicators for O&S Review**

Decision

That the progress report, including actions to improve performance, is noted.

Voting Record

Unanimous

Cllr Riby joined the meeting during this item.

70 **Second Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Reports 2021/22**

Decision

That the Committee note the work undertaken by internal audit and the counter fraud team in the year to date.

Voting Record

Unanimous

71 **Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 - Consultation**

Recommendation

Members are asked to identify any specific risk areas which they believe should be considered a priority for audit in 2022/23.

- People aspect to be considered

Guidance from officers to be sought on other specific priorities.

72 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2022-23**

Decision

That Members receive the report of the Chief Finance Officer and Council is recommended to approve:

- (ii) The Operational Borrowing Limit for 2022/23 is set at £7m;
- (ii) The Authorised Borrowing Limit for 2022/23 is set at £12.5m;
- (iii) Councillors delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to effect movement within the agreed authorised boundary limits for long-term borrowing for 2022/23 onwards.

- (iv) The treasury management strategy statement 2022/23 be approved.
- (v) The minimum revenue provision policy statement for 2022/23 be approved.
- (vi) The treasury management investment strategy for 2022/23 be approved.
- (vii) The prudential indicators for 2022/23 which reflect the capital expenditure plans which are affordable, prudent and sustainable be approved.
- (viii) The Capital Strategy for 2022/23 be approved

Voting Record
Unanimous

73 **Update on the use of RIPA**

Decision

That Members note that no application for covert surveillance has been made to the Council's approved "Authorising Officers" in the last twelve months and as a consequence no application to the Magistrates Court requesting approval of any such grant has been made.

Voting Record
Unanimous

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

74 **Model Code of Conduct**

Decision

It is recommended to Council that the Local Government Association (LGA) Model Code of Conduct for Councillors be adopted as Ryedale District Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors, subject to minor amendments to replace gender-specific language (e.g. 'him/her') with gender neutral language (e.g. 'their') and to add socio-economic group to the list of characteristics to be protected in the 'Equalities' section.

Voting Record
Unanimous

75 **Appointment of External Auditors**

Decision

That Audit Committee recommends that Council accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for five financial years from 1 April 2023.

Voting Record

Unanimous

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O&S Forward Plan

The Committee received the Forward Plan.

The following changes to the Forward Plan were noted by Members

- The Scrutiny Review on Staff Appraisals will be coming to the 10 February meeting.
- The Safer Ryedale and Ryedale Community Safety Partnership Action Plan report scheduled for March has slipped to April to give extra time to consult on the action plan with partners.

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Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.

Members discussed the adjournment of Planning Committee on Monday 17 January. No further action to be taken at this time. No Planning decisions were adversely affected by this adjournment.

Members thanked Simon Copley, who is leaving RDC for his service and wished him luck in the future.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7:55pm.