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Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 8 December 2011

Present

Councillors Acomb (Chairman), Bailey, Knaggs, Woodward, Ives, Mrs Goodrick and Maud

Substitutes: Councillor Mrs J E Sanderson and Councillor Mrs E Shields

By Invitation of the Chairman:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Raper, Wainwright and Windress

In Attendance

Paul Cresswell, Nicki Lishman and Gary Housden

Minutes

27 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Burr, Mrs Knaggs and Legard.

28 **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29 September 2011**

The minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 29 September 2011 (previously circulated) were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 29 September 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

29 **Minutes of a Meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 22 November 2011**

The minutes of the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 22 November 2011 (previously circulated) were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 22 November 2011 be received.

30 **Urgent Business**

The Chairman report that there were no items of urgent business to be considered at the meeting.

31 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

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

32 **Delivering the Council Plan**

The Head of Transformation submitted a report (previously circulated), which detailed progress with delivering the Council Plan.

Members queried the national increase in homelessness and whether there had been a corresponding increase in Ryedale. Members were advised that a written answer would be provided to the Committee.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

33 **Treasury Management Monitoring Report**

The Corporate Director (s151) presented a report (previously circulated), which reported on treasury management activities to date for 2011/12 and updated Members on current investments in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).

Resolved

- (i) That the report be received
- (ii) That the current investments and performance in 2011/2012 be noted.

34 **Banking Arrangements**

The Corporate Director (s151) presented a report (previously circulated), which presented new banking terms for consideration by Members.

Resolved

- i. That the report be received; and
- ii. A three year renewal of the contract for the Council's banking services with Nat West be agreed.

35 Revenue Budget Monitoring

The Corporate Director (s151) presented a report (previously circulated), which presented a revenue budget monitoring report for 2011/2012.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

36 Maintenance of Closed Churchyards

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer and the Corporate Director (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) which examined the current procedure for the maintenance of closed churchyards by Ryedale District Council and considered consultation on a proposed new method of financing related works in the future.

It was agreed by Members that this item did not meet the criteria for a Part B item and that it should have been considered in Part A of the agenda.

Resolved

That a consultation with Parish Councils on the following principles be approved:-

Where Parish Councils did not wish to retain responsibility for the maintenance of closed churchyards that Council:-

- (a) Agrees that a special expense be charged to cover Ryedale District Council's annual maintenance and administration costs in the event of any parish determining that it does not wish take responsibility for maintenance of a closed churchyard in its parish and passes this to Ryedale District Council;
- (b) Agrees that a special expense charge be made to cover costs henceforth for closed churchyards which have already transferred to this Council;
- (c) Consider whether they would wish to see an upper annual limit to any special expense charge levied for closed churchyards, and if so determine at what level they would wish this to be set.

PART "B" ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

37 **Fees and Charges**

The Head of Planning presented a report (previously circulated), which set out the proposed fees and charges for 2012/13 for those services delivered which are recommending charges outside the parameters set by Full Council.

Members queried who was responsible for the repair of street signs that had been damaged by vandalism. It was agreed that the Head of Planning would provide a written reply to the Committee.

Resolved

That the following fees and charges exceptions be approved;

- i. No increase in Local Land Charge fees.
- ii. No increase in Development Management Discretionary Charges.
- iii. No increase in Street Naming & Numbering Charges.

38 **Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP)**

The Head of Planning submitted a report (previously circulated), which presented for Members consideration, the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and to approve it for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Members queried the cost of the production of the Plan and it was agreed that the Head of Planning would provide a written estimated figure to the Committee.

Resolved

That the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.

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

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.