

## Policy and Resources Committee

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Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH  
on Thursday 26 September 2013

### Present

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Councillors Mrs Cowling (Chairman), Acomb (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Burr MBE,  
Mrs Goodrick, Ives, Legard, Maud, Ward and Woodward

By Invitation of the Chairman: Councillor Clark

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillor Wainwright

### In Attendance

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Beckie Bennett, Simon Copley, Paul Cresswell, Peter Johnson, Phil Long and Janet Waggott

### Minutes

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#### 19 **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence. Councillors Ives and Maud apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

#### 20 **Minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2013**

##### **Decision**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 29 August 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 21 **Minutes of the Resources Working Party held on 10 September 2013**

##### **Decision**

That the minutes of the Resources Working Party held on 10 September 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 22 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

23 **Declarations of Interest**

The following Members declared personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interests in agenda item 13 (Parish Grant Funding 2014/2015) as members of the following parish or town councils:

Councillor Acomb – Thornton-le-Dale  
Councillor Maud – Rillington  
Councillor Ward – Kirkbymoorside  
Councillor Woodward - Pickering

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

24 **Annual Statement of Accounts**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Members recorded their thanks to the Finance Manager and the Finance team for their work on the accounts.

**Decision**

That the 2012/13 Statement of Accounts (Annex A) be approved and the Corporate Director (s151) be authorised to sign the letter of representation (appendix 3 to Annex B).

25 **Delivering the Council Plan**

Considered – Report of the Chief Executive.

**Decision**

That the report be noted.

26 **IT Strategy**

Considered – Report of the Head of Environment.

**Decision**

- (i) that the report and its contents be noted; and
- (ii) that a report be brought to the next meeting of the committee with details of the capital spend requirements for IT for recommendation to Council.

27 **Treasury Management Monitoring**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

### **Decision**

- (i) That the report be received; and
- (ii) The current investments and performance in 2013/14 be noted.

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

### **28 Budget Strategy**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

#### **Recommendation to Council**

That Council be recommended to approve the following strategy for the preparation of the 2014/2015 budget:

- (i) Proposals be brought forward for a 1.99% increase in Council tax;
- (ii) Increases in fees and charges to be 3.5% - 4.5% on a cost centre heading basis excluding VAT and only those charges officers recommend above or below this figure to be considered by the relevant policy committee;
- (iii) Efficiencies to be maximised; and
- (iv) Options for service cuts to be provided. These proposals to be considered by the Resources Working Party and brought to the Policy and Resources Committee and Council.

### **29 Charging for Green Waste**

Considered – Report of the Head of Environment.

#### **Recommendation to Council**

That Council be recommended to approve the implementation of charging for garden waste service from 1 June 2014 on a voluntary subscription basis with:

- (i) detailed promotional literature to all households explaining the scheme and their options, including the option to purchase subsidised composting bins;
- (ii) a charge of £27 per bin in 2014/15 to be introduced;
- (iii) a charge of £36 per bin in 2015/16 to be introduced; and
- (iv) the service available to all Ryedale Households.

30 **Parish Grant Funding 2014/2015**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

**Recommendation to Council**

That Council be recommended to approve that the parish grant be halved for the 2014/2015 financial year and not paid in 2015/2016 and beyond.

31 **Council Tax Discounts**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

**Recommendation to Council**

That Council be recommended to approve that from the 1 April 2014:

- (i) the PCLD Council Tax discount be removed; and
- (ii) the PCLC Council Tax discount be reduced to 100% for 28 days;
- (iii) officers bring forward an option for a residual discretionary Local Council Tax Discount Policy.

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

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.