

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 29 August 2013

Present

Councillors Acomb (Vice-Chairman), Bailey, Clark (Substitute), Mrs Cowling (Chair), Mrs Goodrick, Ives, Maud, Mrs Sanderson (Substitute), Mrs Shields (Substitute) and Woodward

Substitutes: Councillor J S Clark, Councillor Mrs J E Sanderson and Councillor Mrs E Shields

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Hope and Wainwright

In Attendance

Paul Cresswell, Nicki Lishman, Louise Lunn, Julian Rudd and Janet Waggott

Minutes

11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Burr (substitute Councillor Mrs Shields), Councillor Legard (substitute Councillor Mrs Sanderson) and Councillor Ward (substitute Councillor Clark).

12 Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 June 2013

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the following amendment to Minute 9 – Ryedale Development Fund – Major Projects.

Councillor Woodward requested that his vote against this recommendation be recorded as well as the reason for his vote.

Officers have reviewed this request. The Council's constitution states:

'Where any Member requests it immediately after the vote is taken, their vote will be so recorded in the minutes to show whether he/she voted for or against the motion or abstained from voting.'

There is no provision for the recording of reasons within the constitution, the minutes have therefore not been amended.

13 Urgent Business

The Chairman reported that there were no items of urgent business to be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(94)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

14 **Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared:

Councillor Bailey declared a personal pecuniary and prejudicial interest in Item 8 as Chairman of the North York Moors National Park Authority.

Councillor Mrs Shields as substitute for Councillor Mrs Burr, as the owner of one of the businesses being considered, declared a personal pecuniary prejudicial interest in Item 8 and, as a Member of North Yorkshire County Council declared a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in the same Item.

Councillors Clark and Mrs Sanderson declared a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 8 as Members of North Yorkshire County Council.

Councillor Ives declared a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 8 as a regular customer of one of the businesses being considered.

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

15 **Living Wage Motion**

Recommendation to Council

That Council be recommended to approve:

Ryedale Council has an objective of increasing the average wage level in Ryedale. So as to set an example and show sound leadership this Council resolves to, subject to the agreement of the recognised trade unions;

- (i) Pay all RDC permanent posts at the living wage or above
- (ii) That preference be given to external contracts over £50,000 where the applicant pays the living wage or above; and

Any cost of the above to be financed in 2013/14 year from the unallocated provision and in the event of any increases in the living wage the issue be brought back to Council to consider the implication and whether to apply the increase.

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

16 Exempt Information

Decision

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item 8 (Ryedale Apprenticeship Project) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

17 Ryedale Apprenticeship Project

Recommendation to Council

That Council be recommended to approve:

- (i) The distribution of funding to companies and organisations to support new apprenticeships in Ryedale, as set out in Annex B, taking account of any updated information received;
- (ii) The distribution of funding to Ryedale training providers towards equipment costs to deliver the minimum specified increases in apprentices and training delivered, as set out in Annex B;
- (iii) That final grant offers (based upon Annex B) and management of the RAP grants be delegated to the Head of Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

18 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.