

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 30 July 2015

Present

Councillors Acomb, Joy Andrews, Duncan, Evans, Gardiner, Jowitt, Sanderson, Shields (Vice-Chairman) and Wainwright (Chairman)

In Attendance

Audrey Adnitt, Peter Johnson and Max Thomas (Veritau)

Minutes

14 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Cussons.

15 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 April 2015**

Decision

That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 23 April 2015, be approved and signed by the Chairman of a correct record.

16 **Urgent Business**

The Chairman advised that there would be one item of urgent business to be considered under Item 11 on the agenda.

17 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

18 **Fuel Poverty and Affordable Warmth Scrutiny Review**

Considered the report of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny.

Decision

That the final version of the report be approved, and the recommendations (listed on page two of the Scrutiny Review Report), arising from the review be supported, following further clarification on the following items:

- a. In relation to recommendation 9 (page 3) concern was expressed regarding the level of potential costs. What is the Council's responsibility for Fuel Poverty?
- b. In relation to recommendation 11 (page 3) clarification was sought on how a warmer home can reduce social isolation.
- c. Paragraph 5.3 (page 9) clarification was sought under the heading 'living in larger homes' as to why terraced houses formed the largest percentage.
- d. In relation to recommendation 6 (page 2) a question was asked as to whether this happens anyway through the Planning Committee process.

19 **Home & Communities Agency - Derwent Lodge External Audit**

Considered the Compliance Audit Report produced by the Homes and Communities Agency relating to Derwent Lodge.

Decision

That the report be received.

20 **Annual Internal Audit Report 2014/15**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That the report for 2014/15 be approved.

21 **Annual Governance Statement 2014/15**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That the Annual Governance Statement be approved for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts.

22 **Treasury Management Annual Report 2014/15**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That the following recommendations be made to Full Council.

- a. That the treasury management report for 2014/15 be noted.
- b. That the actual 2014/15 prudential and treasury indicators in this report be approved.

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Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.

The Chairman reported that following the recent decision of High Court Judge Mr Justice Dove to quash the planning permission granted for the petrol filling station and supermarket at Wentworth Street Car Park in Malton, he had asked the Council's External Auditor KPMG to provide an Audit Assurance on the Council's procedure in relation to this planning application.

The Chairman was meeting with KMPG on the 27th August 2015 to discuss the scope for the review, which would include advice given and to what extent money may have been wasted.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.