

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Monday 29 November 2021

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Arnold, Burr MBE (Vice-Chair), Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Frank, Graham, Di Keal (Chair) and Potter (Substitute)

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillor Oxley

In Attendance

Simon Copley, Lucy Furneaux and Anton Hodge

Lynne Bayes, Beckie Bennett, Stacey Burlet, Emma Lawer, Phillip Spurr and Margaret Wallace joined the meeting virtually.

Minutes

78 **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

79 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

80 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2021**

Decision

That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 11 November 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to an amendment to the list of Overview and Scrutiny Committee observers.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

81 **Minutes from the Livestock Market Working Party meeting held on 9 November 2021**

The minutes of the Livestock Market Working Party meeting held on Tuesday 9 November 2021 were received.

82 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

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

83 2020/21 Statement of Accounts

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s. 151)

Decision

Members note that all of the Statement of Accounts documents will be considered by Overview and Scrutiny (Audit) Committee on 16th December, and delegate the following tasks to the s151 Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and all Group Leaders (assuming there are no material changes after Audit Committee):

- approval of the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts
- authorising the signing of the annual letter of representation
- noting the External Auditors' ISA Document

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

84 Contract Renewals - Public Toilet Cleaning, Vehicle Fleet Tyres and Route Optimisation Software

Considered – report of the Programme Director – People and Resources

Decision

Policy and Resources Committee:

- (i) Approves that the annual spend of £74,260 from existing budgets for a 2 year period from 1 April 2022, with the option to extend for a further 12 months, is granted for public toilet cleaning services (under Financial Regulation 13.9).
- (ii) Approves that the annual spend of £37,110 from existing budgets for a 2 year period from 1 April 2022 is granted for the supply of tyres for the vehicle fleet (under Financial Regulation 13.9).
- (iii) Approves that funding for route optimisation software at a total cost of £64,786 over 2 years is granted to be funded by existing budgets (under Financial Regulation 13.9).
- (iv) Delegates authority to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee if the contract extension costs exceed the current budget annual spend for each service as there is scope within the budget to increase this slightly if needed.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

85 Ryedale's Financial Strategy 2021-25

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s. 151)

This item was considered in two parts.

Part one:

Recommendation to Council

It is recommended that the Council note the content of Annex 1 of the report which forms the basis of the Council's Financial Strategy and particularly that the sum of all potential proposals outlined in sections 6 (revenue) and 8 (capital), combined with meeting Government's expectations on all councils contributing to the cost of local government reorganisations in North Yorkshire is greater than resources available.

Voting Record

6 For

4 Against

0 Abstentions

Recorded vote

For

Councillors J Andrews, Arnold, Burr, Frank, Keal, Potter

Against

Councillors Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Graham

Part two:

Decision

Policy and Resources Committee:

- (i) Approves the consultation with the public as set out in Annex 2 of the report and that the consultation runs from Thursday 2nd December 2021 until Monday 10th January 2022
- (ii) Notes the cost of Local Government Reorganisation to Ryedale District Council and that some of these costs will be incurred in the 2021/22 financial year, and that a finance protocol has been drawn up which encourages the sharing of budget information with all councils in North Yorkshire.

Voting Record

Unanimous

86 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring - Q2 2021/22

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s. 151)

Recommendation to Council

It is recommended that the content of the report is noted.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

87 **Council Performance - Quarter 2 2021-2022**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s. 151)

Recommendation to Council

It is recommended that the content of the report is noted.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

88 **Any other business that the Chair decides is urgent.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:05pm.