

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 2 February 2012

Present

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

Substitutes: Councillor Mrs E Shields

By Invitation of the Chairman:

Councillors Andrews, Arnold, Clark, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Mrs Frank, Fraser, Hawkins, Hicks, Mrs Hopkinson, Raper, Mrs Sanderson, Ward and Windress.

In Attendance

Trevor Anderson, Paul Cresswell, Nicki Lishman and Janet Waggott

Minutes

40 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Burr, Hope and Wainwright.

41 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

42 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Acomb declared a personal but not prejudicial interest as a member of Ryecat/Ryedale Community Transport.

Councillor Mrs Knaggs declared a personal but not prejudicial interest as a trustee of Ryedale Voluntary Action.

Councillor Legard declared a personal but not prejudicial interest as a member of the board of Ryedale Festival.

PART "B" ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

43 Financial Strategy 2012/2013

The Corporate Director (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) which set out the budget for 2012/13, a proposed Council Tax level, the Financial Strategy, details of balances and reserves and the indicators under the Prudential Code for capital finance as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

Amendments to the reports were made by the Corporate Director (s151):

- To note that the grant to Ryedale Voluntary Action is presently £22,000, not £27,000 as per the report
- To note that the Environment Agency funding for flood resilience funding of £212,500 in Pickering and Kirkbymoorside would be included in the capital programme, at no net cost to the Authority, to be submitted to the Council for approval
- To note the additional income from Cameras in Action would ensure that CCTV be continued and funded to 31 March 2013

It was moved by Councillor Knaggs and seconded by Councillor Ives that the recommendation 2.1 (i) of the report be approved.

An amendment moved by Councillor Mrs Goodrick and seconded by Councillor Mrs Knaggs that;

“In light of the past year’s experience in the use of the Civic budget, it is proposed for 2012/2013 to reduce it by £7,000 and the saving be allocated £3,000 to Ryecat and £4,000 to pest control to subsidise the charges for dealing with rats.”

Was, upon being put to the vote, carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Legard and seconded by Councillor Mrs Shields to;

“Cut the Ryedale Festival grant in 2012/2013 by 40% (£10,000) and a corresponding reduction in the unallocated growth provision from £50,000 to £40,000.”

Was, upon being put to the vote, not carried.

Upon being put to the vote the substantive motion was approved.

It was moved by Councillor Knaggs and seconded by Councillor Ives that the recommendations 2.1 (ii) (iii) and (iv) of the report be approved.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was approved.

Resolved

That Council be recommended to approve:

- (i) the Council's Financial Strategy (included as Annex A of the report) as amended to include the following:

In light of the past year's experience in the use of the Civic budget, it is proposed for 2012/2013 to reduce it by £7,000 and the saving be allocated £3,000 to Ryecat and £4,000 to pest control to subsidise the charges for dealing with rats; and

- a. The prudential indicators (Financial Strategy Appendix B of the report)
 - b. The revised capital programme (Financial Strategy Appendix D of the report)
 - c. Growth Pressures totalling £148k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - d. Investment in Priorities of £100k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - e. Savings/additional income totalling £628k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - f. Cuts to Services of £164k; (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
- (ii) a Revenue Budget for 2012/2013 of £6,972,100 which represented no increase in the Ryedale District Council Tax of £176.72 for a Band D property (note that total Council Tax, including the County Council, Fire and Police was covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council);
 - (iii) the special expenses amounting to £47,400; and that
 - (iv) members note the financial projections for 2013/2014 and authorise officers to continue to maximise efficiencies through service reviews, income generation and shared services.

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

As there were no other items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.