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Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 5 February 2015

Present

Councillors J Andrews, Arnold (Chairman), Clark, Mrs Frank, Fraser, Mrs Goodrick, Ives, Mrs Keal and Walker

Substitutes: Councillor Mrs J Frank and Councillor Mrs C Goodrick

In Attendance

Jos Holmes, Peter Johnson, Nicki Lishman, Phil Long, Clare Slater, Janet Waggott and Anthony Winship

Minutes

42 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Cowling and Councillor Legard, Councillor Mrs Goodrick and Councillor Mrs Frank substituted with Councillor Arnold, Vice Chairman, in the Chair.

43 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2014

Decision

That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4 December 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting record

7 for
2 abstentions

44 Urgent Business

The Chairman had the following items of urgent business that could be raised under the provisions of the Council Constitution.

Decision

That the recommendations from the Community Grants Working Party held on 19 January 2015 be approved.

Voting record

7 for
2 abstentions

Decision

That the recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 8 January 2015 be approved.

Voting record
7 for

45 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Keal declared a personal non pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Item 6 as she had been lobbied.

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

46 Bruntwood Terrace - Installation of lockable bollards on St Nicholas Street car park

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director

Decision

That the Corporate Director in conjunction with the Council Solicitor agree the terms of a lease of 6 parking spaces in St Nicholas Street car park, to Norton Town Council. The lease to be restricted so that the Town Council may only use the spaces to provide parking for the residents of Bruntwood Terrace. The provision of all lockable bollards, maintenance and administration etc to be the responsibility of Norton Town Council.

Voting record
8 for
1 against

47 Delivering the Council Plan January 2015

Considered – Report of the Chief Executive

Decision

That the report be noted.

Voting record
7 for
2 abstentions

48 Treasury Management Monitoring Report

Considered – Report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Decision

- (i) That the report be received; and
- (ii) That the current investments and performance in 2014/15 be noted.

Voting record
Unanimous

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

49 Financial Strategy 2015 - 2016

Considered – Report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Recommendations to Council

That Council be recommended:

- (i) To approve the Council's Financial Strategy (Annex A) which includes:
 - a. Savings/additional income totalling £402k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - b. Growth Pressures totalling £294k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - c. The Prudential Indicators (Financial Strategy Appendix B)
 - d. The revised capital programme (Financial Strategy Appendix D)
 - e. The Pay Policy 2015/2016 (Financial Strategy Appendix E)
- (ii) A Revenue Budget for 2015/2016 of £6,823,260 which represents a nil increase in the Ryedale District Council Tax, maintaining the total charge at £176.72 for a Band D property (note that total Council Tax, including the County Council, Fire and Police is covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council);
- (iii) To approve the special expenses amounting to £35,130;
- (iv) To approve the use of the New Homes Bonus Reserve to finance the initial £120k funding shortfall for the capital programme (paragraph 6.30 of this report);
- (v) To note the financial projection for 2015/16 – 2019/20 (Annex B).
- (vi) That this Council sets a nil increase in Council Tax for 2015/16 and accepts the offer of Council Tax Freeze Grant and that the contribution to the New Homes Bonus Reserve be reduced to balance the difference in income.

Voting record
5 for
2 against
2 abstentions

Councillors Clark and Andrews requested that their votes against the recommendation be recorded.

50 **Exempt information**

Decision

That the public not be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item.

51 **The future of Pickering Tourist Information Centre**

Considered – Report of the Head of Corporate Services

Recommendations to Council

That Council be recommended to approve:

(i) That Pickering TIC be closed from 6 September 2015, with no Sunday opening

(ii) That a visitor information point be established in Pickering

Voting record

6 for

3 abstentions

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

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.