

Council

Minutes of Proceedings

At the **Ordinary Meeting of the District Council of Ryedale** held in the **Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton** on **Thursday 9 July 2015**

Present

Councillors Acomb
 Joy Andrews
 Paul Andrews
 Steve Arnold
 Val Arnold (Chairman)
 Bailey
 Burr MBE
 Clark
 Cleary
 Cowling
 Cussons
 Duncan
 Farnell
 Frank
 Gardiner (Vice-Chairman)
 Goodrick
 Hope
 Ives
 Jainu-Deen
 Jowitt
 Maud
 Oxley
 Raper
 Sanderson
 Shields
 Thornton
 Wainwright
 Windress

In Attendance

Peter Johnson
Phil Long
Bridget Skaife
Clare Slater
Janet Waggott
Anthony Winship

Minutes

14 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keal and Evans.

15 **Staff Celebration Awards Presentation**

Councillor Farnell, the Member Champion for Equalities/Staff Issues, presented the following staff celebration awards:

Excellence in Leadership - Awarded to Marcus Lee, Team Leader Revenues and Benefits.

Outstanding Achievement by a Team - Awarded to the group of staff who successfully worked together and implemented IER, Individual Electoral Registration. - Lynne Bayes, Paul Haworth, Kath Bower, Anne Smith, Will Baines and Jo Dodgson.

Excellence in Customer Service and also Community Focus - Awarded to the Housing Benefits Team - Carroll Welburn, Jenny Knowles, Kevin Jackson, Mark Smith, Sally Roger, Simon King, Tracey Brown, Zoe Nixon, Debbie Armitage, Margaret Douthwaite, Jane Kitching and Janette Young.

16 **Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

17 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 April 2015 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 April 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business which the Chairman considered should be dealt with as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

19 **Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared:

Councillor Goodrick declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12 Minute 16 (Funding for Citizen's Advice Bureau) as she is the council's representative.

Councillor Steve Arnold declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12 Minute 24 (Helmsley Plan Adoption) as he was involved in the plan.

Councillor Bailey declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12 Minute 24 (Helmsley Plan Adoption) as he is the Chairman of the North York Moors National Park Authority.

Councillor Frank declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12 Minute 24 (Helmsley Plan Adoption) as she was involved in the plan.

Councillor Val Arnold declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12 Minute 24 (Helmsley Plan Adoption) as she is involved as a member of the North Yorkshire County Council.

Councillor Clark declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12 Minute 16 (Funding for Citizen's Advice Bureau) as he is representative of North Yorkshire County Council.

20 **Announcements**

The Leader of the Council made the following announcement :

- That the Citizen's Advice Bureau are to make a presentation on Monday 3 August 2015 at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

The Chief Executive made the following announcement :

- That the High Court judge Mr Justice Dove has quashed a decision to grant planning permission for a supermarket and petrol filling station at the Wentworth Street Car Park Malton.

The decision follows a court hearing before Mr Justice Dove in the Leeds High Court on Wednesday and Thursday of 10th and 11th June 2015.

The judgement of Mr Justice Dove was delivered in the High Court in London at 2 pm on 9 July 2015.

21 **To Receive any Questions submitted by Members Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.2 (Questions on Notice at Full Council)**

There were no questions on notice.

22 **To Receive a Statement from the Leader of the Council and to Receive Questions and Give Answers on that Statement**

Councillor Cowling, the Leader of the Council, presented the following statement:

"I attended the Local Government Conference last week- where Leaders spent most of the time discussing devolution! The general consensus among Leaders is that any bid for a Combined Authority for our district should be based on an area that would include North Yorkshire, Ryedale, Scarborough, Hambleton, Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Selby, East Riding, Hull, York and Leeds city region. You may have heard that Leeds have put in a bid for a combined authority that includes York, Harrogate, Craven and Selby. I understand that under the present rules, the North Yorkshire district councils cannot be split up. I also understand that authorities in a combined authority have to have adjoining boundaries – so that doesn't bode well for the Leeds City Region bid. Officers will work on the "asks" for our bid and then Leaders will bring the detail to their members for support - or not! Further consultation will be undertaken.

Greg Clark was very clear that devolution is what it says on the box - power devolved down from the government – not another tier of local government. He was also very clear about the value of the work that district councils do and that no one should be hoping that devolution means unitaries by the back door."

Just a few snippets from the budget yesterday:

- Compulsory new National Living Wage of £9 an hour by 2020 - starts at £7.20 next April*
- Tax free-personal allowance rising to £11,000 in 2016 - higher rate threshold rising to £43,000*
- Three million more apprentices with new scheme*
- No increase in main rates of income tax, NI or VAT*
- Corporation tax rate – will fall by 2% to 18% by 2020*

The following questions were received on the Leader's Statement:

1. From Councillor Ives

"The Council Leader will be aware that there were discussions about potentially having a combined authority for all of Yorkshire, which I believe are now dead, judging by what I have read in the papers. Does the Council Leader support movements to create a joint authority for all of Yorkshire?"

The Leader replied:

"It's very difficult for me to answer that question Luke, I haven't taken a stance on it because I believe that any combined authority has got to be the will of the various councils that belong to it. My preference would have been for a

combined authority for the whole of Yorkshire and then I would have liked to see it split into perhaps 3 further tiers of combined authority below the Mother Body, if you like. At the moment as far as I can make out South Yorkshire is very determined on their own combined authority and not really looking to join with anyone else. They feel that they're strong enough and big enough on their own to be able to put in a successful bid by themselves. I'm very open to persuasion about what will be the best - I don't have a firm view on it yet. It will be for this Council to decide what it supports".

Councillor Ives then asked the following supplementary question:

"We all know that combined authorities is a way of working together on strategic issues but may I ask the Council Leader what discussions we are having with other neighbouring authorities in terms of partnership working so we can make efficiencies and minimise the potential cuts to our tax payers?"

The Leader then replied:

"It's a very interesting time for the start of partnership working. Whereas in the past we've seen a great deal of reluctance to work in partnership because many of our authorities in North Yorkshire are quite wealthy and they feel they don't need to work with other people. I see a growing will to be wanting to work with other authorities and I think we're at a really exciting time. I think one of the main things that we shall work on together, which will be really successful and I hope will save us a lot of money, will be a waste partnership and if we can set up a successful model through the waste partnership, draw in other people, I think success creates success and the more successful we are in building partnerships, then others will follow on. As I said, I do think it's a really exciting time for local government."

2. Councillor Paul Andrews submitted the following question:

"We're all aware that authorities like Ryedale have their affinities with other authorities, in the sense that we are a sparsely populated authority, we have small market towns and vast amounts of countryside and there is always a danger, therefore, that if an authority like Ryedale becomes part of another authority, the rural interest could simply be swallowed up and engulfed and all the money could go to the cities as it always does anyway but even more money and less representation. Does she recognise this danger and will she ensure that the interests of the rural areas of the greater Yorkshire ward, or whatever it's going to be called, will be taken into account and given full representation so that our interests are not outweighed or outbalanced by the urban interests?"

The Leader replied:

"Well it's rather interesting Cllr Andrews that you've asked exactly the question that I asked the group of Leaders when we met. I got quite a slap down from what I would call the urban areas because they reminded me very sharply that they have some very rural areas in their counties. I believe that the group of

authorities that we're looking at, at the moment would be mainly very rural and I think that would give us a lot of strength and the ability to protect ourselves from being swamped by the urban areas. Your concerns were exactly what were my concerns and I got an answer from them. We're never going to have the numbers that they have but I think a lot of the things that we need, such as infrastructure, help some of the cities such as York as well. So what benefits them, benefits us as well".

Councillor Andrews then asked the following supplementary question:

"Bearing in mind that Leeds has got such a huge population and that all the money goes into the conurbations as it is, do you think that a process of having a combined authority including Leeds is going to be to the benefit of a rural area such as this, or is it going to be to the disadvantage?"

The Leader Replied

"I believe that it will be a benefit to a rural area like this because I think the government are looking for strength in the combined authority, and unity, and the thing that we can ask for need to be run throughout the area - it needs to be a big enough area to be able to administer those things that we want devolving down from government; the money that we want devolving down from government to spend on infrastructure, perhaps health, perhaps the Police, things like that - it needs to be a big enough area. Yes I do believe that it will strengthen our ask."

3. Councillor Shields submitted the following question:

"Looking at the list that... in your proposedwith these, worries me considerably. North Yorkshire is the biggest county as we know in England for a start, it is totally rural. If we included also East Riding which in their case - part of which has been subsumed into North Yorkshire, Hull and York seems to me would be quite large enough without having Leeds on top. I'm perfectly sure that once there is money around, that it is going to start off in the urban areas, even though I know they do have rural areas but there are a huge, vast majority of people in the city and it worries me considerably that people in far parts of Ryedale and further in North Yorkshire should actually come under an urban area like Leeds. I hope it doesn't happen. There's a lot to go forward yet but that is my concern actually and hopefully when you go to your Leaders meetings, you will be expressing concerns that we have here on that particular subject."

The Leader Replied:

"Yes I definitely will be expressing those concerns and like many more of the districts in North Yorkshire, we're all very rural and we all have the same concerns. It would have to be a structure and a voting systems that we felt we could get our share of what we needed. I don't think things could be any worse that they are. One of my main beefs is that the rural areas in particularly the north of England have no parity with other areas of the country. We certainly don't get as much per head spent on us as the urban areas, we don't get as much per head spent on us as they do in the south of England. So I think

there's a big piece of work to be done on parity to begin with and then there would have to be parity in any combined authority as well."

4. Councillor Clark submitted the following question:

"I just wondered if you could give us the criteria out of the very complex budget yesterday, how you picked out the 5 points you have picked out of there yet you don't mention the increase in vehicle duty and so on, which was given to those of the vote blue go green approach of reducing carbon emissions and they've had a massive increase. I just wondered what basis you used for picking out these that you've got here?"

The Leader Replied:

"The basis I used was items that I thought supported particularly the stance that this Council has taken in Ryedale and that I felt supported the work that we were doing here. I thought I made that clear when I mentioned them."

Councillor Clark asked the following supplementary question:

"That's fascinating that you actually think that a change in policy on climate change, a charging for people in Ryedale who were intending to buy low carbon vehicles to be now having to pay £140 - I thought we had a low carbon policy for this Council and I thought - I would have said that absolutely opposes what this Council says its trying to do but maybe not. Maybe vote blue go green didn't really mean much."

The Leader Replied:

"I've already said twice now that I tried to pick a few items that I felt supported the economy in Ryedale. I could have gone through the whole budget line by line if you like but I think we'd have been here until midnight."

5. Councillor Burr submitted the following question:

"I'd just like to ask the Leader about a recent event that was held here and would the Leader agree that the recent skills summit was a huge success and that the conclusion of the meeting was now to focus on all business in Ryedale for the wider economic success? Could you maybe give me some assurance that all businesses other than engineering would now be the prime focus for the future of this Council? To follow the wishes of the many people that attended that meeting from all businesses, all sectors and the local schools. They all attended that meeting and that was the general conclusion - they said you'd made a fantastic job over the last 2 years of supporting engineering but now they wanted it to be rolled out to probably tourism, to other industries, entrepreneurial skills because basically that's what Ryedale is - it's built up of small businesses. "

The Leader Replied:

"You're absolutely right and it was very remiss of me not to mention the very successful skills summit that was held here. It was a great event with lots of employers here and it was really interesting that they thought that Ryedale was doing really well on this issue and that they did want it opening out. Thank you

for reminding me about that, absolutely we do need to look towards all businesses."

6. Councillor Thornton submitted the following question:

"I wonder if you could help me to better understand how, as this Council has a green energy policy, how we can get round the problem of reducing support for renewable energy in the budget? The whole world is heading in the opposite direction led by the United Nations and by stars such as the Dalai Lama, the Pope and our very own David Attenborough encouraging us to increase our renewable energy supply and yet this reduction in support for renewable energy seems to be a rather curious move."

The Leader replied:

"I can't say that I know an awful lot about this but I do know that the government has to save money and that a lot of reports that I've read recently are saying that we aren't getting the return on some of the investments that we're making. There is, I believe, a movement towards different forms of renewable energy and actually this Council does do a lot of work on renewable energy. At the moment we've got a scheme whereby all householders in Ryedale can have photovoltaic panels fitted to their roofs. As a Council we do a lot of work. Government set the policies on what money they've got and where they're going at the moment."

Councillor Thornton asked the following supplementary question:

"If the government has decided to save money it must cut the support of renewable energy industry, could you explain how we can also explain the increase in the threshold of inheritance tax for house - it's now gone up to £1 million?"

The Leader replied:

"I don't know what we want me to explain - the reason I understand is so that lots of ordinary people who live in the south of England, not the north of England - do own houses that are worth more than £1 million."

7. Councillor Burr submitted the following question:

"I attend all the safeguarding meetings and Cllr Duncan is the safeguarding officer and I'm really passionate about safeguarding. I would like to request if Members could have more training on certain issues around safeguarding, especially around legal highs etc, which is coming over from Scarborough area to Ryedale. I think that there are a lot of other issues around safeguarding, around children's issues that us as Councillors need to be aware of because we are making massive decisions and if we understood more about everything I think it would help us very much. I wonder if I put that forward, if you would be supportive of that because I think it's a huge area that we sometimes - because we're maybe not in the scene where it's happening legal highs etc - we maybe don't know enough about it. I would just like to maybe bring it to you, could we broaden that out please?"

The Leader replied:

"Yes I'd be absolutely supportive of that. I did attend a safeguarding training session that we did here and it was absolutely fascinating and we learnt lots of things I thought from that session that you just didn't realise and I think it would be a really good idea to repeat that and perhaps add to it. "

8. Councillor Goodrick submitted the following question:

"I'd like to ask the Leader if it would be possible to ask officers to prepare a very brief report on the efficiencies of paper copies of the agendas against iPads? Perhaps we should be doing a little bit more in the Council to be green?"

The Leader replied:

"I think we're getting a little off piste here but I will answer your question. I have already asked about that and it is costing this Council in the region of £5000 per year for those Councillors who elect not to have iPads - let alone the trees that have to be cut down to do it - but if you would like a report, I will request that."

9. Councillor Duncan submitted the following question:

"With regard to devolution that we were talking about earlier - does the Leader have any idea of the timescale going forward of potentially when we could have something brought before us to make a decision. or what discussion she's going to be having in the future with regards to devolution?"

The Leader Replied:

"I can't put a timetable on it at all. It's fairly fast moving. There's stuff coming through nearly every day. Carl Les and the Chief Executive at North Yorkshire County Council are collating information at the moment, so just as soon as possible I will put stuff in front of you."

23 **The Council's Priorities 2015-20**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) which presented the delivery against the Councils priorities in 2014/15, highlighted the challenges facing the Council for the next 12 months and reaffirmed the Aims and Strategic objectives of the Council Business Plan for 2015/16 within this context.

Councillor Cowling moved and Councillor Arnold seconded the recommendations in the report.

- (i) That Members note the progress made by the Council in delivering its priorities in 2014/15 and the challenges to be faced in 2015/16;
- (ii) That Members agree the Aims and Strategic Objectives of the Council Business Plan for 2015/20 as attached at Annex A.

Councillor Clark moved and Councillor Thornton seconded the following amendment:

After (i) "This council recognises that one of the largest challenges that may be faced is that of 'fracking'. So as to be prepared this council will create an all party working group to investigate any potential concerns and impacts"

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Burr, Clark, Jowitt, Shields and Thornton.

Against

Councillors Val Arnold, Steve Arnold, Cleary, Cowling, Cussons, Duncan, Farnell, Frank, Gardiner, Hope, Ives, Jainu-Deen, Maud, Oxley, Raper, Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress

Abstentions

Acomb, Bailey, and Goodrick

Upon being put to the vote the recommendation was carried.

Resolved

- (i) That Council notes the progress made by the Council in delivering its priorities in 2014/15 and the challenges to be faced in 2015/16;
- (ii) That Council approves the Aims and Strategic Objectives of the Council Business Plan for 2015/20 as attached at Annex A to the report.

Voting Record

23 For

1 Against

4 Abstentions

- 24 **To consider for Approval the Recommendations in respect of the following Part 'B' Committee Items:**

Policy and Resources Committee – 18 June 2015

Minute 10 – Council Tax Discretionary Relief Policy

It was moved by Councillor Cowling and seconded by Councillor Goodrick that the following recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended:

- i. That approval be given to introduce the attached Council Tax Discretionary Relief Policy attached at Appendix A of the report, incorporating powers to grant relief under section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- ii. That delegated authority be given to the Finance Manager to determine such applications for Council Tax Discretionary Relief where they relate to cases of exceptional hardship.
- iii. That application of Council Tax Discretionary Relief to a class of case be determined by the Policy and Resources Committee, the application of the relief is then delegated to the Finance Manager as under (ii).

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

- i. That Council approves the Council Tax Discretionary Relief Policy attached at Appendix A of the report, incorporating powers to grant relief under section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- ii. That Council authorises the Finance Manager to determine such applications for Council Tax Discretionary Relief where they relate to cases of exceptional hardship.
- iii. That application of Council Tax Discretionary Relief to a class of case be determined by the Policy and Resources Committee, the application of the relief is then delegated to the Finance Manager as under (ii).

Voting Record

Unanimous

Minute 11 – NNDR Transitional Relief

It was moved by Councillor Cowling and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the following recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended:

That the policy to award discretionary rate “Transitional Relief”, attached at Appendix A of the report, be approved.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council approves the policy to award discretionary rate “Transitional Relief”, attached at Appendix A of the report.

Voting Record

26 For
0 Against
2 Abstentions

Minute 12 – Draft York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Strategy 2015-2021

It was moved by Councillor Cowling and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the following recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended:

That the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Strategy for 2015/21 be approved.

Councillor Goodrick moved and Councillor Clark seconded the following amendment:

Add "This council rejects any moves by York Council to off load its housing delivery in Ryedale"

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

Voting Record

15 For
11 Against
1 Abstention

On being put to the vote, the substantive motion was then carried.

Resolved

(i) That Council approves the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Strategy for 2015/21.

(ii) This council rejects any moves by York Council to off load its housing delivery in Ryedale.

Voting Record

22 For
1 Against
4 Abstentions

Minute 13 – Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan

It was moved by Councillor Cowling and seconded by Councillor Clark that the following recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to approve:

That the draft 2015/2020 Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan be approved.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council approves the draft 2015/2020 Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan be approved.

Voting Record
Unanimous

Exempt Information

It was moved by Councillor Burr and seconded by Councillor Cowling that the meeting move into exempt business.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the part of the following item where there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

Voting Record
Unanimous

Before the debate on the item it was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Goodrick that the meeting move out of the exempt session.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Voting Record
21 For

2 Against
1 Abstention

Minute 16 – Funding for Citizen’s Advice Bureau

It was moved by Councillor Cowling and seconded by Councillor Acomb that the following recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to approve:

That the additional provision of up to £35k to the CAB be delayed until the CAB have presented their business case and forward plan beyond 2015/16 to Members of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Burr moved and Councillor Paul Andrews seconded the following amendment:

Add "And once the presentation has been satisfactorily received officers are authorised to make the immediate payment of £35,000"

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Voting Result

4 For
13 Against
2 Abstentions

Councillor Clark moved and Councillor Thornton seconded the following amendment:

Add "So as to assist the cash flow of the Citizen's Advice Bureau Ryedale District Council releases £10,000 now and reviews up to £25,000 after the presentation by the Citizen's Advice Bureau and due process in Ryedale District Council, which is Policy and Resources in September."

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Thornton and Clark

Against

Val Arnold, Steve Arnold, Burr, Cleary, Cowling, Duncan, Farnell, Gardiner, Hope, Ives, Jainu-Deen, Oxley and Wainwright

Abstentions

Councillors Goodrick and Jowitt

Resolved

That Council approve that the additional provision of up to £35k to the CAB be delayed until the CAB have presented their business case and forward plan beyond 2015/16 to Members of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Voting Record

16 For

3 Against

0 Abstentions

Planning Committee – 23 June 2015

Minute 24 – Helmsley Plan Adoption

It was moved by Councillor Windress and seconded by Councillor Burr that the following recommendations of the Planning Committee be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to:

Adopt the Helmsley Plan as part of the Development Plan for the District.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council adopts the Helmsley Plan as part of the Development Plan for the District.

Voting Record

Unanimous

25 Notices on Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11

1. It was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Thornton

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:

i) "Pay all RDC employees at the living wage or above";

and

ii) "That preference will be given to external contracts where the applicant pays the living wage or above."

Any cost of the above to be financed in 2015/16 year from the reserves.

The Chairman referred the Motion to the Policy and Resources Committee since the motion concerned a matter within the purview of the committee.

26 Community Infrastructure Levy - Statutory Declaration

The Head of Planning and Housing submitted a report (previously circulated) which sought to agree a formal declaration that the Council has complied with the relevant legislation in preparing the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule (DCS).

Councillor Windress moved and Councillor Burr seconded the recommendations in the report.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council agree:

- (i) The formal declaration at Appendix 1;
- (ii) Minor changes to the Council's Regulation 123 list as outlined in italics at Appendix 2.

Voting Result

Unanimous

27 Health and Wellbeing Consultation Documents

The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) which provided the Members of Council the opportunity to agree a response to the consultation documents issued by the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

- a. Realising Our Potential – Our New North Yorkshire
A North Yorkshire Approach to Integration, Prevention and New Models of Care
- b. North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board Draft Mental Health Strategy
- c. North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The following questions were raised:

Councillor Ives asked the Chairman Councillor Arnold :

"Why has this item come straight to Council, when I believe that it went before the O&S Committee? I would presume that under normal circumstances this report would come from the O&S Committee, it would then be for the Chairman of the O&S to move the report and to be seconded by the Vice Chairman and for questions to be directed to the Chairman of the O&S seeing as it is his Committee that has studied this report and debated it. So once again we seem to be completely omitting standard procedure."

The Chairman Replied:

"We'll take a note of that."

Councillor Clark asked the Chair Councillor Arnold:

"I'd like to ask the question - if you have a hernia op, if you have a length of time in hospital with a broken leg, if you have a waiting time before you have your tonsils removed etc, all the physical health side, they've all got targets, they've all got timescales. I wonder if you could tell me why there are no timescales worth a light in the draft mental health strategy?"

The Chief Executive replied:

"I can't but we can take the comments from this Council to the County Council and Members of the County Council might be able to ask directly themselves."

Councillor Clark replied:

"We have 2 representatives on this body - 1 is the CX and 1 is a Councillor somewhere else because the other one lost the leadership of Richmondshire Council - it said in the paperwork for that lot that the district councils have made a submission. Now I don't know where that was I didn't know we'd made a submission or even that collectively that we'd made a submission.....some councils take scrutiny of health seriously as a district authority and I can't explain the question that Cllr Burr was asking about obesity. I can explain the one about serious road accidents and deaths that Cllr Raper mentioned because we're a very small population with a large amount of roads with a lot of tourists travelling through and those tourists do not figure in the number of people that are here but they figure in the deaths and so on Would you agree with me that it may be worth this Council considering looking at health on an ongoing basis rather than the scrutiny and health committee doing it.....?"

Councillor Thornton asked the Chairman Councillor Arnold:

"Can I embrace the concept of reducing road traffic accidents and commend the programme that was started in Pickering some 10 years ago or more, which has now been superseded by a further programme delivered by North Yorkshire I believe and that involved redesign of Golden Hill amongst other things. Might I ask the CX to recall the start of a programme of work in Pickering in 2004 and the byzantine progress it has been making since then to deliver a sport for all/exercise for all Community Park at Whitby Road. There was a considerable amount of work done on this, it was before they even dreamt of an Olympic bid, so at that time there was plenty of money. It's still making limping progress but the original concept was to have a play park for babies right the way through to

a long walk for older people and in between that, exercise for all. As for a health measure, as for a mental health measure and for a societal change, so that there was more community cohesion. At that time there was Section 106 money of round about £1 million earmarked for Pickering allegedly and I wonder, Madam Chairman if you would like to consider how much money the District Council and perhaps even the County Council, could put towards this effort that we were having and still have to deliver sport for all / exercise for all in Pickering?"

The Chairman Councillor Arnold replied:

"We have taken note of what you've just said. I can't give you a yes or a no. I can't give you an answer to that but that question will be taken on board but I'm afraid I can't just say yes or no this evening. There has been a note of that and has been taken into consideration."

Councillor Clark asked the Chairman Councillor Arnold:

"One comment to add to that. We will be getting, I hope, answers back. I'm quite happy and I'm not expecting Janet to answer these questions. They're rhetorical but there will be answers coming back to the specific questions I hope. Can they be minuted somewhere because otherwise back to the same Cllr Ives comment earlier on, you will have the report coming in here, the questions leaving here and the answers disappearing into the ether, so they do need to come back probably to Full Council again."

The Chairman Councillor Arnold Replied:

"They will be minuted. We have taken those on board and they will be minuted and they will get a response."

Councillor Wainwright moved and Councillor Acomb seconded the following motion:

The documents be supported subject to the comments being made.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

The documents be supported subject to the comments being made.

Voting Record

24 For

0 Against

2 Abstentions

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.25 pm.