

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 31 March 2016

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Steve Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Val Arnold, Clark, Cowling (Chairman), Ives and Oxley

By Invitation of the Chairman: James Farrar, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership

In Attendance

Jos Holmes, Gary Housden, Peter Johnson, Nicki Lishman, Phil Long, Julian Rudd, Janet Waggott and Anthony Winship

Minutes

PLEASE NOTE: DURING THE FIRST HOUR OF THE MEETING A MICROPHONE WAS NOT USED FOR THE PRESENTATION ON DEVOLUTION. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND SOME RESPONSES ARE RECORDED BUT THESE ARE INTERMITTENT.

62 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Raper.

63 **Minutes**

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4 February 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting record
For 6

64 **Exempt information**

The Committee agreed not to move into Exempt for consideration of the minutes of the Resources Working Party held on 17 March 2016.

65 **Recommendations from the Resources Working Party held on 17 March 2016**

Decision

That the decisions of the Resources Working Party held on 17 March 2016 be received and that the recommendations to the Policy and Resources Committee outlined in Minute 41 be approved.

Voting record
For 8

66 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

67 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

68 Reserves Report

Considered - Report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Decision

That the current position of the usable reserves of the Council be noted.

Voting record

For 7

Abstentions 1

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

69 Ryedale Economic Action Plan

Considered - Report of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure

Recommendations to Council

- (i) That the Ryedale Economic Action Plan 2016-20 at Annex C be adopted;
(ii) That the proposed 'Priority Economic Projects' for 2016-20 and 2020+ be agreed and highlighted within the REAP as follows;

Priority Economic Projects for delivery 2016-20

- Northern Ryedale employment sites (Pickering, Kirkbymoorside - Kirkby Mills and Ings Lane, Helmsley)
- Delivery of Malton Food Enterprise Zone
- Delivery of National Agri-Food Innovation Campus
- Marketing of Ryedale both to potential investors and to visitors
- Norton south-east link road
- Skills initiatives
- Enhanced communication links including cycle, high speed broadband and mobile phone connectivity.
- Supporting the development of the Creative Hub in Malton.
- Enhance rail parking and measures to reduce congestion at the rail crossing, Norton.

Priority Economic Projects - for delivery 2020 onwards

- A64 dualling Hopgrove-Barton Hill
- A64 Norton - Scarborough selective improvements
- A64 Crambeck - Musley Bank dualling
- Malton/Norton - new river and rail crossing / Derwent Park

(iii) That Council conduct a feasibility study funded from the New Homes Bonus reserve to look into delivering the final bullet point under "Priority Economic Projects for delivery 2016-20" above.

Voting record
For 5
Abstentions 3

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

70 Delivering the Council Plan

Considered - Report of the Head of Corporate Services

Decision

That the report be noted.

Voting record
For 6
Abstentions 1

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

71 Fuel Poverty Scrutiny Review

Considered - Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cllr Wainwright

Recommendations to Council

i) It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee discuss each recommendation and provide a view on each of those numbered 1 to 5 within the report.

ii) It is further recommended that, in relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendation 5, the cost of commissioning a stock control survey be kept to a minimum whilst upholding statutory obligations.

Voting record
For 5
Abstentions 3

72 Devolution - towards a way forward for York, North Yorkshire and the East Riding

Considered - Report of the Chief Executive

Recommendation to Council

That support is given to officers to continue discussions with government on a devolution deal based on a York, North Yorkshire and East Riding geography on a formal basis alongside other options.

Voting record
For 5
Abstentions 3

73 Exempt Information

Decision

That under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item as there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

74 The future of Ryedale House

Considered - Report of the Chief Executive

Recommendation to Council

It is recommended that Members agree in principle to the disposal of Ryedale House, and that a request be made that the site be considered for inclusion in the Local Plan Sites Document. (Option 2). The final decision to dispose, or not, will be made after the final recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Review of Council Assets have been considered.

Record vote
For - Councillors S Arnold, V Arnold, Cowling, Ives and Oxley
Against - Councillors J Andrews, P Andrews and Clark

75 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.