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Resources Working Party

Held at Members' Lounge, Ryedale House, Malton
on Tuesday 8 June 2010

Present

Councillors Wainwright (in the Chair), Mrs Cowling, Mrs Hodgson, Keal, Knaggs and Wainwright

In Attendance

Trevor Anderson, Paul Cresswell, Phil Long and Julian Rudd

Councillors Clark and Andrews (for agenda items 1-6).

Minutes

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Legard.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2010

The minutes of the last meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 24 March 2010 were presented.

Members raised a query about whether substitutes were allowed for the Working Party and officers agreed to clarify the situation for future meetings.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 24 March 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 Urgent Business

There was one item which the Chairman considered should be dealt with at the meeting as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972:

- Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government on reducing burdens on local government.

4 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared:

Councillor Knaggs declared a personal interest having been involved in discussions relating to Malton School, Helmsley Community Centre, the Ryedale Folk Museum and the Pickering Flood Defences.

Councillor Mrs Cowling declared a personal prejudicial interest relating to the Pickering Flood Defences.

Councillor Mrs Hodgson declared a personal interest as a governor at Malton School.

Councillor Keal declared a personal interest as a member of the Pickering Flood Defence Group.

5 Externally Funded Capital Schemes

Members received a report which updated them on the current status of externally delivered capital schemes, where the Council was acting as a part funder of the project.

Members made the following comments on the schemes that were 'grant aided' by the Council for others to deliver:

Dry Sports Centre Malton School

- That a copy of the community use part of the legal agreement be circulated to the Working Party.

Helmsley Sports

- That if no progress was made finding funding for the project, its place in the programme should be reviewed in the future.

Ryedale Folk Museum

- That it was unacceptable for the Council not to be included in the meetings between the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Museum.

A64 Brambling Fields Junction Upgrade

- That the potential improvements for pedestrians and cyclists be welcomed.
- That officers should attend Parish Council meetings at Settrington and Scagglethorpe.

Vivis Lane Junction Upgrade, Pickering

- That a report be provided to the Policy & Resources Committee on the costs and timescales for the scheme and comparing the traffic management solution with that proposed as part of a planning

permission on an adjacent site, to allow a decision to be made as to whether the scheme should remain in the capital programme.

Rural Capitals Business Space

- That economic development for the area should be the priority, rather than specific locations for development at Malton or Pickering.

Members also commented on three other potential schemes with significant external funding:

Heart of Malton (HofM)

- That the use of the Mount Hotel to provide new business units with shared facilities be supported.

Malton Museum Relocation/Derwentio Fort & Orchard Fields Project, Malton

- That it was hoped that York Archaeological Trust could secure funding to take the project forward.

Pickering Flood Protection

- That the scheme was welcomed, despite the fact that it would not protect against the 2007 flood level.
- That the Environment Agency's funding should be maximised and any overspend on the project should fall to them.

Resolved

- (i) That the progress made and the current position on each of the schemes be noted.
- (ii) That a report be provided to the Policy & Resources Committee on the costs and timescales for the Vivis Lane Junction Upgrade scheme at Pickering and comparing the traffic management solution with that proposed as part of a planning permission on an adjacent site.

6 Wentworth Street Car Park (verbal update)

Members received a verbal update on the Wentworth Street Car Park, prior to a written report going to the Policy & Resources Committee later in the month. An informal tender process with seven named parties was proposed for disposal of the site, culminating in a recommendation for consideration by a special meeting of Council.

Resolved

That the verbal update on the Wentworth Street Car Park be noted.

7 Capital Programme Progress Report

Members received a report on progress with the capital programme.

Members requested that the work of the Conservation Area Partnership be publicised and also that the improvements to Commercial Street in Norton be publicised, along with the fact that the shops and other outlets were still open for business.

Resolved

That the Capital Programme Progress Report be noted.

8 Capital Programme 2009/2010 - Outturn Monitoring

Members received a report which informed them of the progress made with the capital programme during 2009-10 and provided details of the capital expenditure incurred and the funding applied to finance the programme.

Resolved

That the information in the report be noted.

9 ICT Approvals (verbal)

Members received a verbal update on ICT approvals.

Two items were to be brought forward to the Policy & Resources Committee for funding approval following consideration by the ICT Programme Board:

- Financial Management System Replacement
- Cash Receipting and e-payments

In addition, a printer rationalisation project would also be coming forward for approval.

Resolved

That the verbal update on ICT approvals be noted.

10 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent

Copies of a letter which had been received from the Minister for Housing and Local Government on reducing burdens on local government were circulated to Members, along with a number of suggested responses for consideration.

Members were asked to forward their comments to the Leader, by email, by 11 June 2010.

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