

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 14 November 2019

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Burr MBE (Substitute), Delaney, Docwra, Duncan (Chairman), Frank, King, Thackray and Wass

By Invitation of the Chairman: Emily Mellalieu – North Yorkshire County Council

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Clark, Cussons and Raper

In Attendance

Beckie Bennett, Tony Galloway, Jos Holmes, Marcus Lee, Nicki Lishman and Phillip Spurr

Minutes

70 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Riby, Councillor Burr substituted.

71 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Delaney and Thackray declared a personal prejudicial interests in Item 8 as trustees of the Milton Rooms and abstained from the vote.

72 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2019

Decision

That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 23 October 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting record

9 For
1 Abstention

73 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

74 Minutes from the Local Plan Working Party held on 31 October 2019

Decision

That the recommendations of the Local Plan Working Party held on 31 October 2019 be approved.

Voting record

8 For
2 Abstentions

75 **Minutes from the Milton Rooms Working Party on 11 November 2019**

Decision

That the recommendations of the Milton Rooms Working Party held on 11 November 2019 be approved.

Voting record

4 For
6 Abstentions

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

76 **Recommendations from Grants Working Party held on 4 November 2019**

Decision

That the recommendations of the Grant Working Party held on 4 November 2019 be approved.

Voting record

8 For
2 Abstentions

77 **Implementation of Climate Change Action Plan - Progress Report**

Considered – report of the Programme Director for Economic Development, Business and Partnerships

Decision

That the progress report on the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan be noted.

Voting record

Unanimous

78 **Assessment of Installing Permanent Electric Pumps to Replace Temporary Diesel Pumps in Malton**

Considered – report of the Head of Waste and Environment

Decision

a) That the consequences of replacing temporary diesel pumps deployed in Castlegate, Chandlers Wharf and Sheepfoot Hill in Malton with permanent electric pumps are not positive due to the significant financial impact on the Council's revenue and capital budgets and the detrimental impact of pursuing a completely new scheme for Malton which is outside the scope of the Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme.

b) A commitment to replace all the Council's diesel portable pumps with alternative energy efficient portable pumps over the next 5 years.

Voting record

8 For
2 Abstentions

79 **Performance Report**

Considered – report of the Deputy Chief Executive

Decision

That the report be noted.

Voting record

8 For
2 Abstentions

80 **Response to BT Call Box Consultation**

Considered – report of the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services

Decision

That delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services to respond to the current consultation by BT in respect of the intended removal of 54 public payphones in Ryedale prior to the end of the consultation period which is due to expire on 15 December 2019.

Voting record

Unanimous

81 **Approval of the Revised Safeguarding Policy**

Considered – report of the Deputy Chief Executive

Decision

That the revised Ryedale District Council (RDC) Adults, Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy 2019, which was fully aligned to revised County Council procedures and was attached at Annex 1 be endorsed.

Voting record

Unanimous

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

82 **Ryedale's Financial Strategy 2020-24**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (a151)

Recommendation to Council

- a. That Council be asked to note the content of Appendix 1 of the report which formed the basis of the Council's Financial Strategy. The details in the document had been updated since being presented in October to Full Council
- b. That Council be asked to consider and approve the proposed consultation with the public, as set out in Appendix 2.

Voting record

Unanimous

83 Budget Monitoring - Q2 2019/20

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151)

Recommendation to Council

That the report be noted.

Voting record

Unanimous

84 Localisation of Council Tax Support 2020/2021 Scheme

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151)

Recommendation to Council

That the following be recommended to Council:

- (i) A Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21 which simplifies the existing Council Tax Support Scheme with the following changes:-
 - (a) Increase Maximum Eligible Council Tax of support from 91.5% to 100%;
 - (b) Introduce an income 'grid' scheme for all working age applicants replacing the current means tested approach;
 - (c) Simplify the claiming process for all applicants who receive Universal Credit
 - (d) Reduce the capital limit to £6,000;
 - (e) Remove non-dependent deductions;
 - (f) Limit the number of dependent children used in the calculation to two;
 - (g) Remove the current earnings disregards and replace with standard disregards;
 - (h) Disregard £25 of Carers Allowance;
 - (i) Remove Registered Child Minders who are self-employed from the Minimum Income Floor;
 - (j) Make all changes of circumstances apply on a daily basis and
- (ii) Authorise the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee to undertake the necessary consultation work to design a scheme for 2021/22, in light of the experience in 2020/21, to be presented to Policy and Resources Committee in November 2020.

Voting record

9 For
1 Abstention

85 Readmission of Scarborough Borough Council to Veritau North Yorkshire

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151)

Recommendation to Council

To recommend to Council the re-admittance of Scarborough Borough Council into Veritau North Yorkshire Ltd subject to satisfying the Director of Finance and Commercial (s151 Officer) that all the necessary shareholder approvals from other Councils and the satisfactory conclusion of due diligence checks have been obtained.

Voting record

Unanimous

ITEMS CALLED IN BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

86 Exempt Information

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item 19 as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The public interest test has been considered and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption is considered to outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

Voting record

Unanimous

87 Livestock Market and Eden Camp Business Park

Considered – report of the Programme Director of Economic Development, Business and Partnerships

Decision

That Policy and Resources Committee noted the resolution of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee set out at section.6.5 of the report and advised Council that:

- i. The Policy and Resources Committee wished the Livestock Market/Eden Camp Business Park report, and the recommendations agreed by Policy and Resources Committee on 23 October, 2019 to proceed to Full Council on 5 December 2019, with a climate change assessment to be provided following the Council meeting at the next stage of the project development, if applicable.

Voting record

6 For
4 Against

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

There being no items of urgent business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.