

## Policy and Resources Committee

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Held as a virtual meeting  
on Thursday 12 November 2020

### Present

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Councillors Joy Andrews, Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Burr MBE, Clark, Delaney, Duncan (Chairman), Frank, Graham, MacKenzie (Substitute) and Riby

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Raper, Garbutt Moore and Keal

### In Attendance

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Stacey Burlet, Andrew Ellis, Anton Hodge, Barry Khan, Emma Lawer, Keeley Metcalfe, Marcus Lee, Glen McCusker, Christine Phillipson, Phillip Spurr, Ellen Walker, Margaret Wallace and Louise Wood

### Minutes

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#### 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Docwra, Councillor Mackenzie substituted.

#### 2 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

#### 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2020

Decision
That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 24 September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to an amendment to the title of minute 140 to include reference to the policies approved.

#### Voting record

7 For  
3 Abstentions

#### 4 Minutes from the Local Plan Working Party held on 21 October 2020

The minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on 21 October 2020 were received.

#### 5 Recommendations from Grants Working Party held on 3 November 2020

Councillor Arnold proposed and Councillor Duncan seconded the following amendment:

That the recommendation in respect of the award for Next Steps is amended to 25% of total project costs.

#### Resolved

Upon being put to the vote to the amendment was carried.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**Decision**

That the recommendations of the Grants Working Party held on 3 November 2020 be approved, subject to the amendment to award Next Steps 25% of total project costs.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**6 Recommendations from the Constitution Working Party held on 9 November 2020**

**Recommendation**

Council is recommended to approve the Leader and Deputy Leader elements of the motion, as amended.

**Voting record**

5 For

5 Against

Chair's casting vote – For

**Recorded vote**

For

Councillors Arnold, Delaney, Duncan, Graham and Mackenzie

Against

Councillors J Andrews, Burr, Clark, Frank and Riby

**7 Test and Trace Support Payments**

The Committee level decision made under urgency powers was received and the Constitutional requirement was met.

**8 Urgent Business**

There was one item of urgent business regarding the budget to bring full LGR proposals to completion. The reason for the urgency was that, following a decision made at Full Council on 5 November 2020 to submit outline proposals for local government reform, a decision was required at this meeting before the deadline imposed by Government.

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

**9 2019-20 Statement of Accounts**

Considered – report for the Chief Finance Officer (s.151)

Councillor Clark proposed and Councillor J Andrews seconded the following amendment:

That the Annual Governance Statement be amended to include a target date of 31 March 2021 for the proposed 'review of previous Biodiversity Action Plan'.

**Resolved**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

Councillor Clark proposed and Councillor J Andrews seconded the following amendment:

That, in relation to the 'HR policies and procedures – review and approval' Control Issue, the Annual Governance Statement be amended to include 'Action plan towards developing level for the Equality Framework for Local Government' as an Action Proposed, with a target date of 31 March 2021.

**Resolved**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**Decision**

That members:

- approve the 2019-20 Statement of Accounts (Appendix A of the report), including the Annual Governance Statement, as amended
- authorise the Chief Finance Officer (s151) and the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee to sign the letter of representation (Appendix B of the report)
- note the External Auditors' Audit Findings ISA 260 Document (Appendix C of the report); and
- that delegated authority is given to the s151 officer in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources to approve any further non-material adjustments required to the Statement of Accounts as a result of the external audit

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**10 HR Policy Revision - Capability and Disciplinary Policies**

Considered – report of the Head of Human Resources

Councillor Clark proposed and Councillor J Andrews seconded the following motion:

That this item is referred to Full Council.

**Resolved**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**Voting record**

5 For

5 Against

Chair's casting vote – Against

<b>Decision</b>
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The revised policies are agreed for implementation.
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**Voting record**

Unanimous

**11 Removal of Restriction on Sale of Property**

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

Councillor Clark proposed and Councillor J Andrews seconded the following amendment:

Delete the second bullet point from beginning to end.

**Resolved**

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

**Voting record**

5 For

5 Against

Chair's casting vote – Against

Councillor Frank proposed and Councillor Clark seconded the following amendment:

That the second bullet point be amended to include consultation with the Director of Planning at the North York Moors National Parks Authority.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

**Voting record**

5 For

5 Against

Chair's casting vote – Against

<b>Decision</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the council's guidance on the removal of s.157 restrictions is amended in line with the proposed wording set out at s.6.4 of the report</li></ul> |
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- any future decisions on the lifting of a s157 restriction be delegated to the Programme Director for Economic Development, Business and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee

**Voting record**

8 For  
1 Against  
1 Abstention

**12 Appointment of Working Parties and Sub-Committees**

This item of business was deferred until the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

**PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

**13 Timetable of Meetings 2020-21**

Considered – report of the Head of Corporate Governance

**Recommendation**

Council is recommended to approve the timetable of meetings, attached as Annex A to the report, as a basis for working in 2021-22.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**14 HR Policy Revision - Recruitment Policy**

Considered – report of the Head of Human Resources

**Recommendation**

The revised policy is agreed for implementation.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**15 HR Policy Revision - Pay Policy**

Considered – report of the Head of Human Resources

**Recommendation**

The revised policy is agreed for implementation.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**16 Localisation of Council Tax Support 2021/2022 Scheme**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s.151)

Councillor Clark proposed and Councillor J Andrews seconded the following amendment:

Add ‘apart from increased discount for families with 3 or more children’ to recommendation (i)

**Resolved**

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

**Voting record**

4 For  
5 Against  
1 Abstention

**Recommendation**

- (i) a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021/2022 which is unchanged from 2020/2021; and
- (ii) to 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 2022/2023, in light of the experience in previous years, to be presented to Policy and Resources Committee in November 2021.

**Voting record**

6 For  
3 Abstentions

**17 Treasury Management Annual Report 2019-20**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s.151)

**Recommendation**

Council is recommended to:

- (i) Note the annual treasury management report for 2019/20, with thanks to Officers; and
- (ii) Approve the actual 2019/20 prudential and treasury indicators in this report.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

**18 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring - Q2 2020/21**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s.151)

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that Council:

i) Notes the contents of the report.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

19 **Ryedale's Financial Strategy 2021-25**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s.151)

**Recommendation**

The Council is asked to note the content of Appendix 1 of the report which form the basis of the Council's Financial Strategy. This paper builds on that presented in September to Full Council.

Members are also asked to consider and approve the proposed areas for consultation with the public, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

**Voting record**

Unanimous

20 **To Consider the Submission to Government of the York and North Yorkshire Devolution Asks**

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

**Recommendation**

It is recommended to Council that:

(i) Agreement is given to submission of the York and North Yorkshire devolution asks to Government, so that devolution negotiations can commence.

**Voting record**

6 For

2 Against

2 Abstentions

21 **Exempt information**

**Resolved**

To exclude the press and public from the meeting for discussion of the following item 23 (Financial Support for Continued Leisure Provision in Ryedale) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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.

**22 Financial Support for Continued Leisure Provision in Ryedale**

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

The item was referred to the Full Council meeting to be held on 3 December 2020, to enable Officers to obtain further information.

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

This item was taken under item 9.

Considered – report of the Head of Communications, Technologies and Business Transformation

**Decision**

- (i) A budget of £49k be set aside from reserves to funding Ryedale District Council's contribution to the cost of bringing a full proposal for local government reorganisation before government by 9 December.
- (ii) Authority be given to the Chief Executive Officer to determine the appropriate allocation of that budget in accordance with the rules of delegation.

**Voting record**

5 For

5 Against

Chair's casting vote – For