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Resources Working Party

Members' Lounge, Ryedale House, Malton
Tuesday 11 January 2011

Present

Councillors Mrs Cowling, Hope, Keal, Knaggs, Wainwright and Clark

In Attendance

Paul Cresswell, Marie-Ann Jackson, Janet Waggott, Trevor Anderson, Julian Rudd, Clare Slater, Howard Wallis and Nicki Lishman.

Minutes

32 **Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

33 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 23 November 2010 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 23 November 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to an amendment to minute 25 (Relocation of Wentworth Street Car Park Tenants (verbal)) read;

“Councillors had mixed views with regards to assisting the relocation of Malton Rifle and Gun Club due to the fact that their lease would soon be expiring and the club had to date made no attempt to find alternative arrangements and that there were several other clubs at York, Scarborough and Easingwold.”

34 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

35 **Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct Councillor Clark declared a personal interest in Item 5 as a member of North Yorkshire County Council.

Councillor Keal declared a personal interest in Item 7 as a Director of the YMCA.

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Relocation of Wentworth Street Car Park Tenants

The Corporate Director gave a verbal report at the meeting updating Members on the relocation of Wentworth Street Car Park tenants.

- Malton Rifle and Gun Club – The Club held their annual general meeting and resolved that they would prefer to stay in the existing range and asked the Council for assistance to negotiate with the developer. Members were advised that their current site was split across the retained car park and the land to be disposed of and it could compromise the site and the successful bidders own proposals if the relocation did not take place. It was confirmed that the lease on the building was due to expire at the end of September 2011. Members suggested that the Air Cadets be approached to investigate the potential sharing of their facilities at Brooklyn in Norton. In addition, Members suggested that there were clubs at Scarborough, Easingwold and York should alternative arrangements be required.
- Malton Scouts – Members were advised that the negotiations with Malton School were progressing well and both the Scouts and the School were looking at available funding to facilitate the move to the school.
- RVA and CAB – Members were advised that a report was being prepared for Full Council, requesting permission to negotiate the purchase of a property in Norton to relocate the RVA and CAB.

The recommendation tabled at the meeting was as follows:

It was recommended that Members

- i. Note the position in relation to the relocation of the tenants on Wentworth Street Car Park; and
- ii. Instruct Officers to approach the Air Cadets on behalf of Malton Gun and Rifle Club with regard to the potential location of the club to facilities at Brooklyn.

Resolved

That Members

- i. Noted the position in relation to the relocation of the tenants on Wentworth Street Car Park; and
- ii. Instruct Officers to approach the Air Cadets on behalf of Malton Gun and Rifle Club with regard to the potential location of the club to facilities at Brooklyn.

Budget Simulator Results

The Head of Transformation gave a verbal report at the meeting updating Members on the results of the Budget Simulator.

This year the Council consulted the public by use of the Delib on-line budget simulator. Members may recall the Council used this method previously in 2006.

An online version was made available to all residents, with a distinct online version and a paper version for citizens panel members and a paper version made available in area offices and libraries for residents. In addition, a workshop with tourism operators was run as part of the engagement for the commissioning project.

The outcomes of the budget simulator were as follows:

The Service areas featuring in the top 5 rankings for receiving the lowest levels of cuts were:

- 1= Tackling Crime and Anti-social Behaviour
- 1= Waste Collection and Recycling
- 2= Street Cleaning
- 2= Public Conveniences
- 3= Supporting Voluntary and Community Sector
- 3= Homelessness and Housing Options
- 3= Playgrounds and open spaces

The areas chosen to receive the highest levels of cuts were:

- Supporting democracy
- Communications and information

The service area most frequently chosen for:

- An increase in funding was Tackling Crime and Anti Social Behaviour
- A decrease in funding were Communication and Information (on line) and Supporting Democracy (off line)
- No change to current level of funding was Playgrounds and Open Spaces

Capital Programme Progress Report

The Corporate Director (s151) outlined the report.

Councillors discussed both the Capital Programme Progress Report and the Capital Programme Financial Schedule together.

Councillors noted that:

- The management of the new sports hall at Malton School needed clarification to ensure appropriate arrangements for the Council revenue funding for the public use on evenings and weekends were in place.
- No capital money had been used in the provision of a Mortgage Rescue Scheme, as both national and regional Schemes had been utilised. The capital funding allocated to the Mortgage Rescue Scheme would be reviewed.
- Work was underway with Partners to consider the relocation of Bridge House and a contribution of £100k from RDC may be brought before Members for consideration at a future date to enable the scheme to progress.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

39 **Capital Programme**

The Corporate Director (s151) outlined the report.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

40 **Harrison Collection Report**

The Head of Economy and Housing presented a report (previously circulated) to update Members of revised phasing arrangements and to confirm members support of the Harrison Collection project at Ryedale Folk Museum.

Following difficulties with two of the major funding sources, rather than delaying the project entirely and risk losing other funding, the Museum had worked with its architects to develop an effective phased approach to the development project.

Members expressed support for the revised approach and requested that the recommendation be amended to read:

“It is recommended that members support the revised phasing arrangements and confirm their support for the Harrison Collection project at Ryedale Folk Museum, based on the approach and funding package outlined in the report.”

Resolved

That members supported the revised phasing arrangements and confirmed their support for the Harrison Collection project at Ryedale Folk Museum, based on the approach and funding package outlined in the report.

41 **Budget Strategy 2011/2012**

The Corporate Director (s151) gave a presentation to Members on the Budget Strategy 2011/2012.

The presentation outlined the recent Comprehensive Spending Review announcement and the possible effects on Council budgets for 2011/2012 and 2012/13.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 5.35 p.m.

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