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Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 17 March 2022

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Arnold, Burr MBE (Vice-Chair), Clark, Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Frank, Graham, Keal (Chair)

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Oxley, Raine and Wass

In Attendance

Lucy Furneaux, Lily Hamilton, Craig Nattress and Phillip Spurr

Lynne Bayes, Beckie Bennett, Stacey Burlet, Elizabeth Heath, Anton Hodge, Marcus Lee, Haroon Rashid, Bridget Skaife and Howard Wallis joined the meeting virtually

Minutes

103 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

104 **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

105 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors J Andrews and Clark declared a personal, non-pecuniary and non-prejudicial interest in item 12 (Pickering Town CIC – Cycling Hub Proposal) due to their Group Leader Councillor Potter's involvement in the CIC programme.

106 **Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022**

Decision
That the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 3 February 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

107 **Minutes from the Flood Management Working Party held on 8 February 2022**

The minutes from the Flood Management Working Party held on Tuesday 8 February 2022 were received.

108 **Minutes from the Local Plan Working Party held on 22 February 2022**

The minutes from the Local Plan Working Party held on Tuesday 22 February 2022 were received.

109 **Minutes from Grants Working Party held on 28 February 2022**

Councillor Arnold proposed and Councillor J Andrews seconded to approve the recommendations of the Grants Working Party held on 28 February 2022.

Decision

That the recommendations of the Grants Working Party held on 28 February 2022 be approved.

Voting Record

Approved by general affirmation

110 **Urgent Business**

There was one item of urgent business regarding amendments to the Community Grant Scheme criteria. The reason for the urgency was the timescale in which a decision was required.

The Chair also used this item to inform the Committee that the Structural Change Order had been approved. She noted that this could mean a change in how financial approvals over a certain amount are made. Further information will follow.

Finally, the Chair gave a statement regarding the Norton Skate Park as a report on this issue had been requested for this meeting of Policy and Resources. However, due to the complex nature of the proposals, the number of parties officers need to consult, and the capacity issues currently faced by staff, it had not been possible to produce this report in time. The Chair informed the Committee that significant progress had been made on the Skate Park. Norton Town Council has committed circa £40,000 of its budget to modify and resurface the equipment, excluding the half pipe. A contractor has been appointed and work is due to start imminently, with a view to the Skate Park opening in late spring. Negotiations regarding the refurbishment of the half pipe are ongoing. Progress will continue to be reported to the Committee, and the promised report will be presented at the next possible opportunity.

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

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

Decision

That the item be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

112 **Contract Renewal - Supply of Liquid Fuel**

Considered – report of the Programme Director for People and Resources

Decision

Policy and Resources Committee retrospectively approved:

- i. The annual spend ranging from £233,000 to £277,400 from existing budgets for a 4 year period covering from 27 November 2019 to 26 November 2023 for the supply of fuel for the Council's vehicle fleet; and
- ii. The Council entering into the Contracts.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

113 **Malton and Norton Infrastructure and Connectivity: Potential Funding Allocations**

Considered – report of the Programme Director for Place and Resources

Decision

That the item be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of Full Council.

Voting Record

6 For

4 Against

0 Abstentions

Recorded vote

For

Councillors J Andrews, Arnold, Burr, Clark, Frank, Keal

Against

Councillors Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Graham

PART 'B' ITEMS - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

114 **Pickering Town CIC - Cycling Hub Proposal**

Considered – report of the Programme Director for Place and Resources

Recommendation to Council

The Council approves funding of £175,000 to fund works outlined in section 6.12, subject to overview of detailed plans, with delegated authority given to the Programme Director to release the funds, in consultation with the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

115 **Council Performance - Quarter 3 2021-22**

Considered – report of the Strategy and Performance Manager

Recommendation to Council

It is recommended to Council that the progress report is noted.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

116 **Timetable of Meetings 2022-2023**

Considered – report of the Head of Corporate Governance

Recommendation to Council

That the timetable of meetings is approved as a basis for working in 2022-23.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

117 **Exempt Information**

Resolved

To exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items:

Item 16 (Housing Debtor Write Offs) as provided by paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains information relating to an individual.

Item 17 (Directors Pay Clarification) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Item 18 (Agree the Eligibility Criteria and Proposed Grant Award Levels Under the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme for January 2022) as provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it relates 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.

Voting Record

4 For

6 Against

0 Abstentions

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors J Andrews, Arnold, Burr, Clark, Frank, Keal

Against

Councillors Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Graham

118 Housing Benefit Debtor Write Offs

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer

<p style="text-align: center;">Decision</p>
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<p>Members approve to write off the debt as detailed in the report.</p>

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

119 Directors Pay Clarification

The report of the Principal HR Adviser and the Head of HR was received.

120 Eligibility Criteria and Proposed Grant Award Levels Under the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme for January 2022

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

121 Any other business that the Chair decides is urgent.

Considered – report of the Safer, Stronger Communities Manager

Recommendation to Council

That Council approves the amendment to the Community Grant Scheme criteria to ensure the allocated funding is used within 2022/23 financial year.

Voting Record

Carried by general affirmation

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:25pm.