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## Resources Working Party

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Held at Meeting Room 1, Ryedale House, Malton  
on Tuesday 22 November 2011

### Present

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Councillors Acomb (in the Chair) Mrs Cowling, Knaggs, Acomb, Mrs Goodrick,  
Mrs Knaggs and Legard

### In Attendance

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Paul Cresswell, Trevor Anderson, Phil Long, Julian Rudd and Sue Shuttleworth

### Minutes

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#### 12      **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 13      **Minutes of the last meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 13 September 2011**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 13 September 2011 (previously circulated) were presented.

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Resources Working Party held on 13 September 2011 as submitted be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 14      **Urgent Business**

The Chairman reported that there were no items which he considered should be dealt with as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### 15      **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Acomb declared a personal interest in that part of Item 5 (Budget Strategy 2012/2013) relating to Ryecat as he is a member of the Board and in Item 6 (Maintenance of Closed Churchyards) as a local Member.

Councillors Mrs Knaggs and Mrs Goodrick declared a personal interest in Item 5 as they are both members of RVA.

## 16 **Budget Strategy 2012/2013**

The Corporate Director (s151) presented a report (previously circulated) which formed the basis of the preparation and planning for the 2012/2013 Council budget.

The budget prospects for 2012/2013 were broken down into the following areas, all of which were set out in detail in the report:

- Baseline Savings Projection
- Growth Items
- Efficiencies
- Cuts requirements and options

Each section of the report was discussed in detail and it was agreed that Members' views were to be incorporated in a report setting out updated options for discussion at the next meeting of the Working Party on 10 January 2012 prior to consideration by the Policy & Resources Committee on 2 February 2012.

### **Resolved**

That the report be received and that:

- (i) The update to the financial position of the Council for 2012/2013 and the implications of the Council Tax Freeze grant be noted; and
- (ii) Members' comments on the growth issues and further growth proposals, together with their comments on the possible cuts identified to meet the shortfall in balancing the budget, be incorporated into a further report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Working Party.

## 17 **Maintenance of Closed Churchyards**

The Council Solicitor & Monitoring Officer and the Corporate Director (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated), the purpose of which was to examine the current procedure for the maintenance of closed churchyards by Ryedale District Council and to propose a new method of financing related works in the future. The report was presented in draft form prior to seeking Council's approval to consulting Parish Councils on the principles as detailed in the report.

During discussion of the report a Member expressed the view that the expense of maintaining close churchyards be spread across the whole of the District rather than individual parishes.

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted and would be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee and Full Council.

**18 Ryedale Supported Accommodation Project**

The Head of Economy & Housing submitted a report (previously circulated), the purpose of which was to allocate funding and District Council owned land towards a partnership project to create a new build facility to provide supported accommodation for younger homeless people in Ryedale.

Full details of the proposal, including revenue costs and links with education, training and employment providers, were set out in the report, which was presented in draft form prior to consideration by the Commissioning Board.

**Resolved**

That the report be received and that the following recommendations to the Commissioning Board be approved

- (i) The District Council endorses the partnership with Broadacres Housing Association and the Homes and Communities Agency to create a new build facility to provide supported accommodation for homeless people in Ryedale;
- (ii) £100,000 of funding towards the project be allocated within the Council's capital programme and that this be transferred from the existing allocation for the Ryedale Mortgage Rescue Scheme; and
- (iii) A 100 year lease of the District Council-owned land for the project be granted to Broadacres Housing Association, for uses limited to supported accommodation and affordable housing, at zero cost.

**19 Evaluation of Business Grants Scheme**

The Head of Economy & Housing submitted for information a report (previously circulated) on the Evaluation of the Business Grants Scheme. It was agreed that reference to the report would be included in the Members' Bulletin.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

**20 Capital Programme Progress Report 2011-2015**

The Corporate Director (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) on the Capital Progress Report 2011-15.

**Resolved**

That the report be received.

21 **EMIS Report**

The Corporate Director (s151) submitted the Executive Management Information System ( EMIS) Report (previously circulated) showing graphs for the period ending 30 September 2011.

**Resolved**

That the report be received.

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

There being no urgent business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.55pm.