

Selby District Council



Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	Thursday 2 March 2017
Time:	4pm
Present:	Councillors M Crane (Chair), J Mackman, C Lunn, C Metcalfe and R Musgrave.
Also present:	Councillor Packham
Officers present:	Janet Waggott - Chief Executive, Julie Slatter – Director of Corporate Services and Commissioning, Dave Caulfield – Director of Economic Regeneration and Place, Gillian Marshall – Solicitor to the Council, Stuart Robinson – Head of Business Development and Improvement (for minute item 70), Keith Cadman – Head of Commissioning, Contracts and Procurement (for minute item 71), Jill Low – Principal Planning Officer (for minute item 72), Tom Ridley – Joint Interim Planning Policy Manager (for minute item 73), Mike James - Lead Officer, Communications, Palbinder Mann - Democratic Services Manager (for minute items 68 to 71) and Daniel Maguire – Democratic Services Officer (for minute items 71 to 73)
Public:	0
Press:	1

NOTE: Only minute number 71 to 73 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 15 March 2017. Decisions not called in may be implemented from Thursday 16 March 2017.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

68. MINUTES

The Executive considered the minutes from the meeting held on 1 February 2017.

It was noted that the information requested on the income for Marsh Croft flooding and the Environmental Improvement Plan had not been provided to the Executive. It was agreed that this would be chased up.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2017 for signature by the Chair.

69. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

70. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 3 – 2016/17 (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER)

Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report which outlined a progress update on the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan 2015/20 as measured by a combination of difference factors.

The following discussion took place:

- It was felt that the number of key performance indicators could be reviewed to focus on those priorities where the Council could influence outcomes.
- It was queried whether the £89k figure of Council Tax debt recovered was allocated solely to the Council. It was explained that this figure reflected the amount collected in the district however the Council only kept a proportion of this amount with the rest being divided between the Fire Service, Police and North Yorkshire County Council.
- It was queried whether the Commercial Strategy referred to in the report would be reported to the Executive. It was agreed this would.
- In response to a query concerning the key performance indicator relating to complaints processing, it was stated

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that the Management team recognised improvement was needed in this area and processes had been put in place to ensure there was improvement in the next quarter.

- Concern was raised at the key performance indicator relating to bringing empty properties back into use being very short of the target. It was explained that an updated strategy on empty homes would be considered by the Executive in the near future. The Executive were informed that the City of York Council Empty Property Officer has been offering specialist support to Selby District Council since September 2015. It was explained that as a result of this work 148 previously empty properties have been identified as re-occupied, however only a handful (5) could be classed as reoccupied due to the specific intervention of the local authority. It was noted that the Council did have power to take over a property however the initial process was to liaise with the owners to get the properties voluntarily back into use.
- It was noted that there had been a rise in employee sickness and it was queried whether this had been a result of the Council restructure. The Chief Executive explained that there had been a limited impact on morale as part of the restructure however it was ensured that employees had received regular communication throughout the whole process. It was added that the increase in sickness could also be linked to the usual seasonal illnesses.

RESOLVED:

To note and approve the report.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The reporting of performance data enables the Council to demonstrate progress on delivering the Corporate Plan Priorities to make Selby District a great place.

71. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION

Councillor Richard Musgrave, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Leisure, Health and Culture presented the report which provided an update on discussions with the Environmental Services contract provider.

Concern was raised at the lack of a waste transfer site in the district and the annual costs the Council paid as a result. It was felt that a discussion was needed with North Yorkshire County Council on resolving this issue. The Head of Commissioning, Contracts

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and Procurement explained that discussions had taken place with the County Council and a site had been identified as one which could host such a facility. It was explained however that following discussions on infrastructure and the costs relating to building the facility, it had been felt that it would not be cost effective to proceed with the development. However if the business case was considered as part of a wider discussion considering potential regeneration opportunities it may be feasible.

It was noted that this work could be picked up as part of the Economic Development Strategy and Selby Station Masterplan.

RESOLVED:

- i) **To extend the Environmental Services Contract with Amey Plc for seven years from 1st April 2017 on the terms agreed within the variation.**
- ii) **To reflect the revised estimated cost increases within the Councils budget proposals and medium term financial plan.**

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To ensure service continuity and quality is maintained for residents and businesses within the District whilst also providing a mechanism for managing cost increases in line with property growth.

72. EGGBOROUGH COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINE (CCGT) POWER STATION – NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (NSIP)

It was noted that there was an error on the report and that the correct Executive member for this item was Councillor John Mackman and not Councillor Chris Metcalfe.

Councillor John Mackman, Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which outlined a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) relating to a proposed gas-fired power station on the site of the existing coal-fired power station at Eggborough.

The Executive was advised that the project was for the development of a gas-fired power station, which would replace the existing coal-fired power station. It was explained that the project

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would be considered by the Planning Inspector with a final decision by the Secretary of State, and that Selby District Council was a statutory consultee.

The Executive was informed that the timescales for the Council to respond to the consultation would be strict. It was explained therefore to ensure that the Council's representations were made in time, it would be necessary to delegate authority to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping to agree the Local Impact report, the Statement of Common Ground and any other representations from the Council.

The Principal Planning Officer confirmed that the footprint and stack dimensions provided in the report were indicative and represented the maximum dimensions.

RESOLVED:

To make the following recommendations to Council:

- i) To note the contents of the report and to support this NSIP Development Consent Order in principle, subject to agreement in relation to specific and localised matters of detail.**
- ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Place Shaping to agree the Local Impact Report, Statement of Common Ground, any further representations by the District Council and the post decision monitoring of planning conditions and enforcement of the Development Consent Order.**

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Timescales for commenting on the DCO Application once it is submitted will be very tight and appropriate delegation arrangements need to be in place so that the Council is able to meet the deadlines which are set by the Planning Inspectorate.

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73. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor John Mackman, Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping presented the report which updated the Executive on the progress of a number of Neighbourhood Plans and asked that delegated authority be given to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping to enable the administration of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

It was explained that this was necessary to ensure the Council meets its obligations relating to Neighbourhood Plans as set out in the Localism Act 2011.

It was confirmed that the final decision on adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan would remain with the Executive, and that up to £30,000 could be reclaimed by the Council for each Neighbourhood Plan. The Joint Interim Planning Policy Manager confirmed that the £30,000 available for each Neighbourhood Plan would be to cover all costs incurred by the Council including officer time, office costs, referendum costs and other resources.

RESOLVED:

To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping, to enable the administration of the neighbourhood plan process as required in the Localism Act 2011.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To enable the timely and efficient administration of the neighbourhood planning process in line with the council's obligations under the Localism act 2011.

The meeting closed at 4.53pm