



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 8 November 2017, commencing at 10.30 am

PRESENT:-

County Councillor Helen Swiers in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Bob Baker, Derek Bastiman, John Blackie, David Blades, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Lindsey Burr MBE, Michael Chambers MBE, David Chance, Jim Clark, Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, John Ennis, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, Mel Hobson, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin MBE, John McCartney, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Andy Paraskos, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Peter Sowray, Roberta Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, Callam Walsh, Geoff Webber, John Weighell OBE, Richard Welch, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson, Nicola Wilson and Robert Windass.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 19 July 2017, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

- 19.** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 19 July 2017, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reminded Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting and the subsequent Special Meeting to confer the title of Honorary Alderman upon eight recipients.

Statement by the Leader

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan declared a disclosable personal interest in the item regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner - as her husband, and he left the meeting whilst this was discussed.

County Councillor Carl Les made a statement, under Contract Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 9513 to 9514). County Councillor Carl Les then responded to various questions.

Public Questions or Statements

No notice had been received of questions or statements from the public.

Report of the Executive

Prudential Indicators

The recommendation in paragraph 1 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 9515) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

20. That the revised Prudential Indicators for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A to the report to the Executive is approved.

Annual Report of the North Yorkshire Pension Board

The recommendation at paragraph 2 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 9516) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

21. That the first Annual Report of the Pension Board for 2016/17, as Administering Authority for the North Yorkshire Pension Board, is noted.

Minerals and Waste Joint Plan for North Yorkshire, York and the North York Moors National Park - Submission Stage

The recommendation at paragraph 3 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 9517) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against, and two abstentions.

Resolved -

22. That the published Minerals and Waste Joint Plan for North Yorkshire, York and the North York Moors National Park, together with the approved schedule of proposed changes, is approved for submission for Examination in Public.

Appointments to Committees

The recommendations at paragraph 4 of the report (which appear in the Minute Book at pages 9517 to 9519) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

23. (a) (Home to School Transport) Appeals Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Heather Moorhouse, Karin Sedgwick, Gill Quinn and David Hugill.

(b) Audit Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Richard Cooper, Angus Thompson, Andy Paraskos and Caroline Patmore.

County Councillor Philip Broadbank to be appointed as Liberal Democrat group substitute.

(c) Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Val Arnold and Cliff Lunn.

County Councillor Bryn Griffiths to be appointed as Liberal Democrat group substitute.

(d) Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

County Councillor Val Arnold is appointed in place of County Councillor Callum Walsh.

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Caroline Patmore, Cliff Lunn, Andrew Jenkinson.

County Councillor Geoff Webber is appointed as Liberal Democrat group substitute.

(e) Employment Appeals Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Angus Thompson, Keane Duncan, Gill Quinn and Caroline Goodrick.

County Councillor Geoff Webber is appointed as Liberal Democrat group substitute.

(f) Pension Fund Committee:

County Councillor Cliff Lunn is appointed in place of County Councillor Richard Musgrave.

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors David Blades, Chris Pearson, Carl Les, Robert Windass, and John Mann.

(g) Planning and Regulatory Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors David Jeffels, Roberta Swiers, Cliff Lunn and Caroline Goodrick.

(h) Scrutiny of Health Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Annabel Wilkinson, Stuart Martin MBE, Cliff Trotter and Keane Duncan.

(i) Standards Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Bob Baker, John Ennis and Robert Windass.

(j) Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Caroline Goodrick, John Ennis, Cliff Trotter and Chris Pearson.

(k) Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

The following are appointed as Conservative Group Substitutes –

County Councillors Richard Musgrave, Zoe Metcalfe, Chris Pearson, David Jeffels and Andy Paraskos.

(l) Craven Area Committee Co-opted Members

The number of seats for co-opted Members for voluntary sector representatives on Craven Area Committee was incorrectly reported to County Council on 19 July 2017 as two, this should have been three. The correction is noted.

(m) Health and Wellbeing Board

Following the retirement of Alex Bird, Jill Quinn (Chief Executive of Dementia Forward) is appointed as the representative of the Voluntary and Community Sector, and Phil Bramhall (Charity Manager and Administrator at Chopsticks) is appointed as substitute.

Report and recommendations of the Standards Committee

The recommendation (which appears in the Minute Book at page 9663) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

24. That the Annual Report of the Standards Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, is noted.

Report and recommendations of the Audit Committee

The recommendation (which appears in the Minute Book at page 9669) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

25. That the Annual Report of the Audit Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, is noted.

Statements by Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9679 to 9680).

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9681 to 9683).

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9685 to 9687), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9689 to 9690), and responded to questions.

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Stronger Communities Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9691 to 9692).

County Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and Adult Services Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9693 to 9694), and responded to a question.

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson, Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9695 to 9696).

County Councillor Andrew Lee, Executive Member for Open to Business Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9697 to 9698), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Customer Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 9699 to 9700).

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (pages 9701 to 9720) having previously been circulated, were noted.

Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

None.

Motion

“North Yorkshire County Council deplores the recent decision of the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group, supported by Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health Trust, to relocate in-patient mental health provision away from the Friarage Hospital, without any genuine public approval, and calls upon them both to reconsider.

The County Council further notes the decision not to proceed with development on a site previously purchased in Harrogate to replace facilities in the Briary Wing of Harrogate Hospital, and calls upon the relevant Health Authorities to maintain existing in-patient facilities in the Harrogate area.”

County Councillor John Blackie proposed the motion, and this was seconded by County Councillor Geoff Webber.

The Chairman determined that the Motion should not be debated on the day, stating that a better venue for a more informed debate would be with the Scrutiny of Health and the Area Committee. This would allow the relevant professionals from the NHS Bodies to be present with relevant members and have a proper discussion about the issues and the appropriate response. The next meeting of the Scrutiny of Health is on 15 December and the relevant professional bodies have been invited to attend. She stated that she had confidence that the Scrutiny of Health Committee will review the contents of the motion and provide a comprehensive view of the important issues the motion raises and the matter can then be referred back to the Council.

County Councillor John Blackie moved that “The Motion be considered now” and County Councillor Geoff Webber seconded this. After County Councillor John Blackie had spoken in favour of the Motion, County Councillor Michael Harrison spoke against it.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion for the matter to be debated on the day was defeated, with nine in favour, more against and no abstentions.

A request was made for a fully recorded vote but as fewer than 20 Members stood to indicate their support, this was defeated.

As the vote to debate the matter on the day was defeated, the Chairman advised that it will be referred to the Area Committee and the Scrutiny of Health Committee without further debate.