

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Northallerton on Tuesday, 16 October 2018 commencing at 11.00 am.

County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair. County Councillors David Chance, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Patrick Mulligan, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Paul Haslam

Officers present: Barry Khan, Stuart Carlton, David Bowe, Gary Fielding, Richard Webb, Barrie Mason, Dale Owens and Melanie Carr.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

218. Minutes

Resolved –

That subject to the addition of the names of County Councillors David Jeffels, Mike Jordan and Paul Haslam who were also in attendance at the meeting, the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2018, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

219. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

220. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved –

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Minute No. 222 (Appendix B), and Minutes No. 227, on the grounds that they each involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 as defined in column 2.

221. Questions and Statements from members of the public

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

222. Scarborough Junction Improvements – Submission of LEP Business Case

Considered –

A report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services seeking Executive approval for the submission of a business case to the York, North Yorkshire, East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (YNYER LEP) Infrastructure Board for funding of the Scarborough Junction Improvements.

The report was introduced by County Councillor Don Mackenzie who confirmed that the four junctions and stretches of highway concerned were all the responsibility of the County Council, and each was expected to experience some level of capacity constraint going forward, as evidenced by the Stage 1 design work undertaken in August 2017. He also confirmed that the responsibility for providing the necessary local contribution lied equally with both North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council.

Barrie Mason, Assistant Director for Business & Environmental Services explained the approach taken in calculating the financial risks associated with the scheme and provided details on the breakdown of the costs for the work and the contingency, as shown in the table at 3.1 of the report. He also confirmed that Executive agreement was being sought from Scarborough Borough Council to increase the risk /contingency to 25% of the scheme costs with a 50:50 split between the two authorities.

It was noted that a further report would be brought to the Executive in due course, once the LEP grant funding was known.

County Councillor Carl Les sought reassurance that the utilities issues experienced as part of the Catterick Garrison Scheme would not be replicated, and officers confirmed that those lessons had been learnt and had already informed the Stage I design work on the Scarborough Junction Improvements.

Resolved –

That NYCC and SBC submit a joint business case to the YNYER LEP to bid for funding of £3.5 million for junction improvements in Scarborough.

223. Annual Report of the Pension Board 2017/18

Considered –

A report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) presenting the inaugural Annual Report of the North Yorkshire Local Pension Board.

Gary Fielding, Corporate Director - Strategic Resources introduced the item, and following discussion it was confirmed that County Councillor Gareth Dadd would present the report at Full Council.

Resolved –

That the Annual Report of the Pension Board for 2017/18 be recommended to Full County Council, as Administering Authority for the North Yorkshire Pension Fund, for noting.

224. Proposal to expand Overdale Community Primary School, Eastfield, Scarborough

Considered –

A report of the Corporate Director - Children and Young People's Service seeking approval to publish statutory proposals to expand Overdale Community Primary School in Scarborough.

The item was introduced by County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, who summarised the proposal and drew attention to:

- The limited distance between the current site and the proposed new site which precluded the need for an additional statutory proposal.
- The steady increase in the numbers of pupils on the roll in recent years, and the expected demand in future years, as a direct result of the major new housing development in the school's catchment area.
- Part of the funding necessary for a new enlarged Primary School facility had already been identified and approved by the Executive on 24 July 2018 as part of the Basic Need Programme 2018-21. The rest would be met through the use of 106 monies from housing developers.

Resolved –

That:

- i) Statutory proposals and notices be published on 22nd October proposing that Overdale Community Primary School be expanded and;
- ii) A final decision on the proposals be taken by the Executive on 27 November 2018.

225. Forward Work Programme

The Forward Plan for period 5 October 2018 to 30 September 2019 was presented.

Resolved –

The forward work programme be noted.

226. Extra Care in Bentham

Considered –

A report of the Corporate Director – Health and Adult Services, seeking approval to award Council funding to support the development of a new extra care housing scheme in Bentham.

County Councillor Michael Harrison introduced the report, highlighting the previous attempt by the County Council to deliver an extra care scheme in Bentham and the growing need in the area for such a scheme, and for additional owner occupation/low cost home ownership for older people.

Members agreed it was a good news story for the area bringing extra care beds and employment opportunities to the area.

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson welcomed the development recognising it would enable older people to continue living in their local community

Dale Owens, Assistant Director of Health & Adult Services confirmed the scale of the scheme was ideal for the area and that the local community were in support of the planned development as it would deliver care to an area in need.

In regard to confidential Appendix B, Members chose not to enter into private session as no discussion was required regarding its content.

Resolved –

That the Executive delegate the decision to approve the level of funding required to support the development of a new extra care housing scheme in Bentham to the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources.

**The following report was considered in private and the public have no right of access.
Minute number 227 is a public summary of business conducted in private.**

227. Potential Purchase of Land within the County

Considered:

The report of the Corporate Director, Strategic Resources.

Resolved –

That the Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services be authorised to undertake further negotiations, in consultation with Corporate Director - Strategic Resources and Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), and that a further report to be presented to the Executive setting out the outcome of those negotiations and proposals for a way forward.

228. Any Other Business

Considered:

That North Yorkshire County Councillor John Weighell & Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Councillor Sue Ellis be nominated by North Yorkshire County Council Executive as non-executive members of Border & Coast Pensions Partnership Board.

Gary Fielding, Corporate Director – Strategic Resources confirmed that as a shareholder of the company, North Yorkshire County Council was required to nominate two non-executive members to the company's Board. He also confirmed the annual remuneration for the post holders was £12.5K, commensurate with the significant number of meetings they were expected to attend throughout the year.

Members noted that both proposed nominees were already FCA accredited and were currently shadowing the Board in preparation for taking on the role.

Resolved –

That the two named councillors be nominated by North Yorkshire County Council as non-executive members to the Border & Coast Pensions Partnership Board

The meeting concluded at 11:48am

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