

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Northallerton on Tuesday, 4 December 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 Councillors Clifford Lunn & Karen Sedgewick

Officers present: Richard Flinton, Barry Khan, Gary Fielding, David Bowe, Dale Owen, Stuart Carlton, James Gilroy and Justine Brooksbank.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

238. Minutes

Resolved –

That both the public and private Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2018, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

239. Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Carl Les advised he was a Board member of Welcome to Yorkshire.

240. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved –

That on the grounds that they each involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in 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, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of:

- i) Agenda item 9, the possible acquisition of part of Whitby Hospital Site
- ii) Agenda item 10, the draft private Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2018.

241. Questions and Statements from members of the public

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

242. Tour de Yorkshire 2019 & 2020

Considered -

A report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie introduced the report, proposing that North Yorkshire County Council host the Tour de Yorkshire cycle race in 2019 and 2020. He highlighted the race provided significant local, national and international exposure for North Yorkshire and the wider Yorkshire region and drew attention to the high level of economic activity generated by the race previously and its lasting legacy for the region as a result of its positive impact on tourism.

David Bowe, Corporate Director for Business & Environmental Services confirmed that in previous year's the race had generally been embraced by all with only occasional criticism from some residents, either those affected by the race route, or in regard to road repairs. He also confirmed that all road repairs undertaken in preparation for the race were carried out to the county council's standard level of intervention with the exception of those already identified as part of the county council's annual agreed programme of works.

County Councillor David Chance gave his support for the proposal, recognising the benefits the race brought not only to the economy and to the level of exposure, but also its legacy in regards to residents wellbeing and health.

Resolved -

That:

- i. The update on the Tour de Yorkshire cycle races and the role the County Council has played in the successful planning and delivery of them be noted;
- ii. The hosting of the Tour de Yorkshire in 2019 and 2020 be supported and the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services be delegated to release the appropriate funding when details of the 2019 and 2020 races are confirmed;
- iii. The use of County Council Strategic Capacity Reserve funding of £190,000 in 2019/20 and £190,000 in 2020/21 be authorised, to support the hosting fee for the race and the associated costs linked to the County Council's roles and responsibilities;
- iv. The County Council enter into formal agreements with WtY and the ASO in respect of this matter pursuant to its general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 and all other enabling powers, and further that the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Corporate Director (Strategic Resources), the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services) and the appropriate Executive portfolio holder, conclude all the legal documentation necessary and release funds as necessary to deliver the event.

243. Implementing the National Pay Award – Changes to the Grading Structure for Council Staff

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) proposing changes to the grading structure for council staff on NJC terms and conditions in response to the national pay agreement.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd introduced the report, drawing Members attention to the medium term difficulties with recruitment and staff retention the changes to the grading structure for council staff would address. He also detailed the work undertaken by HR, Finance and Unison officers, the consultation on the proposals that had taken place and the associated financial implication for the County Council over the 5-year implementation period.

Justine Brooksbank, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) confirmed that a fundamental review of the County Council's grading structure for staff had been required in order to maintain the differentials across pay grades whilst addressing both the new national pay spine introduced by Government and the 2-year pay award of 2%. She also highlighted that whilst the overall cost would not change, there may be some minor changes required in response to any anomalies identified through staff feedback on the proposal. It was confirmed that any such minor changes would be incorporated into the report to budget council in February 2018.

It was noted that all consultees were in favour of the recommended grade changes and that the proposed changes would future proof the County Council's pay structure.

County Councillor David Chance thanked officers and Unions for their pragmatic approach to the work undertaken.

Resolved -

- (i) That in response to the national pay award, the grade changes for staff on NJC terms and conditions outlined in the report, be approved.

244. Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

Considered –

A report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) enabling the appointment of members to the Looked After Children Members' Group and the appointment of a shareholder representative to the Border to Coast Pension Partnership Limited.

County Councillor Carl Les introduced the report and County Councillor Janet Sanderson outlined the reasons for the changes to the membership of the Looked After Children Member's Group and confirmed that County Councillors Caroline Goodrick, David Goode and Liz Colling had volunteered to take up the vacant places.

With regard to the proposed appointment of the Monitoring Officer as the Council's shareholder representative for the Border to Coast Pension Partnership Limited, County

Councillor Patrick Mulligan queried the proposal to replace a Councillor with a council officer.

Gary Fielding, Corporate Director for Strategic Resources, confirmed it was a pragmatic decision based on wanting to reduce the possibility of future conflicts of interest for the new shareholder representative.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan accepted the reasoning behind the nomination.

Resolved -

That those nominated for the vacant positions as detailed in the report, be appointed.

245. Forward Plan

Considered -

The Forward Plan for the period 23 November 2018 to 30 November 2019.

Resolved -

That the Forward Plan be noted.

Agenda items 9 & 10 were considered in private and the public have no right of access to this section of the Minutes.

246. Proposed Acquisition of part of the Whitby Hospital Site

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources, proposing the acquisition of part of the Whitby Hospital site.

Resolved -

That the recommendation in the report be agreed subject to inclusion of the additional wording 'in consultation with the appropriate Executive Member'.

246. Private Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 November 2018

Resolved -

That the Private Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2018, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

247. Any Other Business

County Councillor Carl Les drew the Executive's attention to a proposal by Richmond MP Rishi Sunak to re-locate the Red Arrows to RAF Leeming.

Resolved –

That County Councillor Carl Les give North Yorkshire County Council support to the proposed re-location of the Red Arrows to RAF Leeming.

The meeting concluded at 11:35am
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