

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

(Online Meeting)

15 April 2021

Present – The Chairman (Councillor Harbron) and Councillors Barrett, Brown, Foster, Handley, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Metcalfe, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Place, Pringle, Rose, Shuttleworth, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Wheeler and Whitaker.

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer), Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Manager and Communications Officer.

Start: 6.45pm

Finish: 7.40pm

His Royal Highness (HRH) The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh – Before formal commencement of the meeting the Chairman led a minute's silence to remember the lifetime service of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh who sadly passed away on 9 April 2021.

Members paid tribute to his devotion to duty and public service and the many contributions he made to society.

Apologies for Absence – Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Heseltine, Mercer and Solloway.

Minutes –

Resolved – That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

Public Participation – There were no members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1212 **CONSULTATION RELATING TO THE STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NORTH YORKSHIRE**

The Chief Executive submitted a report on the Secretary of State's Consultation on Local Government Review proposals; to seek a response to the invitation to Craven District Council to comment on the North Yorkshire Proposal as Consultee and to consider making further comment on the East/West Proposal that Craven District Council resolved to submit to the Secretary of State, which was now under consultation.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Appendix A – Draft officer response to questions on East/West Proposal;
- Appendix B – Draft officer response to question on North Yorkshire Proposal;
- Appendix C – Written ministerial statement of 22 February 2021; and
- Appendix D – List of Consultees the Secretary of State had contacted.

Resolved –

- (a) Notes that the consultation exercise is not a vote for one proposal over another. It is an opportunity to comment on the merits of both proposals and how they do (or do not) meet the Secretary of State's guidance criteria. Specific consultation questions are posed by the Secretary of State;
- (b) Notes that ultimately this is a decision for the Secretary of State who has indicated that the approach to local government reorganisation should be locally led;
- (c) Notes that Members can respond in their individual capacity as an elected member at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset/consultation-on-proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>;
- (d) Responds that the district council East/West proposals ensures two balanced unitary authorities, which will work together in a strategic partnership and create a strong partnership with two equal partners.
- (e) That two further sections are added to the consultation response in relation to low-carbon technologies and climate change.
- (f) Responds that the North Yorkshire County Council proposal produces a local government structure with less connection with local communities and the local economy.
- (g) That a letter is written to central government expressing the Council's view that it is the wrong time for local government reorganisation.

(Councillor Place joined the meeting at 7.05pm during the consideration of this item.)

(Councillor Rose left the meeting at 7.10pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1213

ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were no late items of business to consider.

CL.1214

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 27 April 2021 at 6.30pm.

Chairman