

COUNCIL MEETING

28th November 2017

Present – The Chairman (Councillor Place) and Councillors, Barrett, Brown, Dawson, Foster, Graham, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Mason, Moorby, Morell, Mulligan, Pighills, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe Thompson, Whitaker and Welch.

Officers – Chief Executive, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer, Strategic Manager Planning and Regeneration and Member Services Manager.

Apologies: Baxandall, Brockbank, Harbron, Madeley, Mercer and Myers,

Start: 7pm

Finish: 7.45pm

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 3rd October 2017 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A list of engagements attended by the Chairman since the last meeting of Council was included within the Agenda.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

Recommendations from the meeting of Policy Committee held on 31st October 2017, were submitted.

(Note: For each minute the motion was proposed and seconded "That the recommendations in the minutes are confirmed").

- (a) POL.876 Confirmation of the Council Tax Base 2018/2019

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.876 are confirmed.

- (b) POL.877 Application to The Department For Communities And Local Government For A North Yorkshire 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot In 2018/19

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.877 are confirmed.

- (c) POL.878 Settle Town Action Plan.

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.878 are confirmed.

- (d) POL.879 Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.879 are confirmed.

CL.996 **SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL ESTIMATE – 2017/18**

The Assets & Commercial Services Manager submitted a report requesting £50,000 of capital funds to be allocated to support the design and reconstruction of a retaining wall that separates Coach Street Car Park from Eller Beck in Skipton.

Resolved –

- 1) That approval be given for up to £50,000 of additional capital expenditure to fund the design and reconstruction of the retaining wall that separates Coach Street Car Park from Eller Beck in Skipton.
- 2) That the funding is drawn down from the Council's Buildings Reserve.

CL.997 **DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER**

The Chief Executive submitted a report proposing the designation of a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

Resolved -

- 1) To designate with effect from the 1st January 2018, the Electoral Services Manager, as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer under Section 52(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983;
- 2) Delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution to give effect to the designations.

CL.998 **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council reported that Peer Review report had been received and circulated to members. It showed that the Council was punching above its weight and was in good shape for the future but warned against complacency and the fear of taking risks. A member strategy session and staff sessions would be held in January to look at the findings to be followed by a report to Policy Committee in March proposing an action plan. The Leader thanked the review team, members and officers who had participated in the review.

The Leader reported that the Council was working with the National Park, Richmondshire, Eden, South Lakes and Lancaster on strategies for retaining families and attracting young families to the national park, retaining schools, public transport, pubs and shops. The Park Authority were producing a development plan which included 70 new homes half of which would be affordable and new employment areas. District Councils were looking at marketing the area as a great place to live and work and raise a family. The Leader commented on the negative impact of second homes on the economy and communities.

Consideration was being given to the level of Council Tax on second homes and a report would be brought to Policy Committee in January looking at options.

Councillor Heseltine asked about the distinction between holiday cottages and second homes. The Leader responded that holiday cottages had a greater economic benefit than second homes but what was really needed was for houses to be used for people to live in.

Councillor Solloway asked whether the land allocations in the draft Local Plan reflected the fact that some communities were considered to be unsustainable. The Leader responded that the Local Plan had to reflect the reality of the situation. Councillor Solloway also asked if all members could be involved in the proposals for the National Park. The Leader responded that members would be involved through the report to Policy Committee.

CL.999 **STATEMENTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

Councillor Mulligan, Lead Member for Financial Resilience, reported that Chancellor's autumn budget had little in it for local authorities, other than the business rates pilot scheme, powers to increase council tax on empty homes from 50% to 100% and extra funding for disabled facilities grant and for pothole repair.

Councillor Mulligan also reported that the national social mobility study produced by the Office of National statistics had placed the district at 32nd in terms of social mobility. Craven was the top ranked authority in the Yorkshire and Humber region. These results provided a strong narrative for our efforts in retaining and attracting families, businesses and visitors to Craven

Councillor Staveley, Chairman of Select Committee, informed members that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of Policy Committee on commercial waste. The next Select Committee review would be of Bereavement Services.

Councillor Dawson reported as Chairman of Spatial Planning Sub-Committee that the draft Local Plan had been approved and would be submitted next to Policy Committee and an extraordinary meeting of Council. Councillor Dawson thanked the Planning Policy team for the huge amount of work they have undertaken in producing the Local plan.

CL.1000 **GENERAL QUESTION STATEMENT TIME**

Councillor Brown asked the Leader of the Council:

“Could you please outline for us the measures the council has put in place to ensure electric vehicle charging points are available in public places within our district?”

The Leader responded that he has asked the estates team to look at the possibility of putting charging points in car parks.

Councillor Brown asked if charging points could also be considered as a requirement for new housing developments.

The Leader responded that this was certainly something which would need to be considered in the future.

Chairman.