

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

3 November 2020

Present – The Chair (Councillor Harbron) and Councillors Brockbank, Brown, Foster, Handley, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Mercer, Metcalfe, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Place, Pringle, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Welch, 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 and Democratic Services Manager.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 8.30pm

Apologies for Absence – An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor Barrett.

Minutes – The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes – In relation to minute CL.1183, Councillor Brown pointed out that the Leader of the Council had undertaken to follow up on the issue of glyphosate being used by the Council's grounds maintenance contractor to control broad leaved and grass weeds.

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

Declarations of Interest – In relation to minute CL.1187, Local Government Reform in York and North Yorkshire, the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer advised that all dual hatted members of Craven District Council and North Yorkshire County Council had been granted a dispensation to take part in the item. The following Councillors had been granted a dispensation: Councillors Barrett, Heseltine, Ireton, Mulligan, Solloway and Welch.

Councillors Mulligan and Staveley declared an interest in relation to minute CL. 1189, Recommendations for Confirmation (Redevelopment of Former Council Depot Site, Langcliffe Quarry, Settle). Both Members left the meeting at the start of the item and did not vote.

CL.1187 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM IN YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought approval to submit the York and North Yorkshire Local Government Reorganisation Case for Change to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The following information was appended to the report:

- Local Government Reorganisation in York and North Yorkshire – A Case for Change.
- Guidance Schedule to Invitation for Proposals for a Single Tier of Local Government.

The Leader of the Council provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Local Government Review and associated timescales.

Members were advised that Scarborough Borough Council had indicated that if North Yorkshire County Council submitted a proposal for unitary status then it would submit a proposal in support of the East/West model. Other North Yorkshire District Councils were still to consider the proposals at forthcoming Council meetings. Hambleton District Council and York City Council were not taking part in either proposal. The Leader of the Council advised that only one Council was required to submit a proposal for consideration by the MHCLG.

Councillor Jaquin put forward an amendment (seconded by Councillor Noland) to the recommendations contained in the report that the submission included reference to proportional representation. A vote was taken and the amendment was lost.

Resolved –

- a) That the letter from the Secretary of State and the issues set out in the report are noted.
- b) That the submission to Government of the Case for Change is approved.
- c) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council is authorised to make the initial submission, in line with the decision above, within the Government's timescale (by 9 November 2020) provided that North Yorkshire County Council has also determined to submit a proposal.
- d) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council is authorised to make any necessary changes to the initial submission and to submit the final submission in line with relevant government guidance within the Government's timescale (by 9 December 2020) provided that North Yorkshire County Council has also determined to submit a proposal.
- e) That a supplementary revenue estimate of £15k is approved to further support the council's response to the local government reorganisation agenda.

(Councillor Mercer joined the meeting at 7.00pm during the consideration of this item.)

(Councillor Heseltine left the meeting at 7.30pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1188

LEAD MEMBER FOR PLANNING

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer submitted a report which sought the appointment of a new Lead Member role for Planning.

Members were advised that a new Lead Member role for Planning had been considered necessary following the recent Peer Challenge of the Planning Service, which had been undertaken by the Local Government Association (LGA). The LGA's final report was expected this month and was likely to contain a number of recommendations for improvement. An early response was needed to lead on improvements to the service.

Resolved –

- a) That a new Lead Member role for Planning is approved.

- b) That the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Simon Myers, is appointed as the Lead Member for Planning for the current municipal year.

CL.1189

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION

Recommendations of Policy Committee held on 20 October 2020 were submitted.

For each minute, the motion was proposed and seconded "That the recommendations in the minute are confirmed".

- POL.1095 – Confirmation of the Council Tax Base 2021/22

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1095 are confirmed.

- POL.1097 – Redevelopment of the Former Council Depot Site, Langcliffe Quarry, Settle.

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1097 are confirmed.

(Councillors Mulligan and Staveley declared an interest and left the meeting at 7.55pm.)

CL.1190

ANY OTHER ITEMS

The Leader of the Council provided an assurance that he would continue to update all Members of the Council on actions being taken locally to address Covid-19, particularly as a result of the recent national lockdown that had been announced.

CL.1191

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Council meeting is on Tuesday, 15 December 2020 at 6.30pm.

Chairman