

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 19 January 2010, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 4.00pm.

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Present: Councillor M Crane in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs D Davies (substitute for S Shaw-Wright), J Deans (substitute for Mrs E Casling), D Fagan, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Metcalfe, R Packham and B Percival.

Officials: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Director, Head of Service – Finance, Solicitor to the Council, Development Policy Manager, Senior Accountant and Democratic Services Manager

Press : 0
Public: 0

531 **Apologies for Absence and Notice of Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs E Casling, J Mackman and S Shaw-Wright.

Substitute councillors were Mrs D Davies (for S Shaw-Wright) and J Deans (for Mrs E Casling)

532 **Disclosures of Interests**

None.

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Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of this Committee held on 1 December 2009, with the substitution of 'Recommended to Council' for 'Resolved' in minute 423 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

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Chair's Address to the Policy and Resources Committee

The Chair advised the Committee that discussions had taken place at the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee concerning the amalgamation of a number of Internal Drainage Boards. One of the consequences of the amalgamations was that the levy on the Council would be increased by £75,000.

He also reported that a confidential update on land transactions in Selby would be made later in the meeting (minute 540 refers).

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General Fund Budget Estimates, Revenue and Capital Bids 2010/2011 – 2012/13

Councillors received the report of the Head of Service – Finance setting out the budget estimates for the Policy and Resources Committee.

The estimates for 2010/11 – 2012/13 were based on a present policy basis and included known commitments. Inflation provision of 2 % had been allowed for on salaries to take account of pay awards for 2011/12 and 2012/13 and 1% on superannuation costs. Owing to the pressures on the budget, no other inflation had been provided for unless a contract was currently in force that had an inflationary provision within its terms. Councillors questioned the Head of Service – Finance on the content of the report.

Resolved:

That the General Fund Budget Estimates for 2010/2011 – 2012/2013 be endorsed.

Recommended to Council:

That the report be considered at the meeting on 9 February 2010.

That the bids indicated be considered on 9 February 2010.

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Performance Indicators

The Head of Service – Finance updated councillors on the progress that had been made in 2009/10 on the corporate and statutory National Indicators for which the Committee were responsible.

She informed councillors of the most recent figures for customer services.

Councillors commented on the increased demands placed on staff at Access Selby as a result of the recent bad weather.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

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Referrals from Other Boards and Committees

Economy Board 12 January 2010

Minute 507 Industrial units Rent review

Councillors considered a recommendation concerning the implementation of reduced rents for commercial units.

Resolved:

That the recommendation be approved

Social Board 13 January 2010

Minute 515 Housing Assistance Policy

Councillors considered a recommendation regarding the adoption of a revised Housing Assistance Policy.

Recommended to Council:

That the Private Housing Assistance Policy 2010-11 be approved.

Minute 516 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan

Councillors considered recommendations concerning the adoption of the plan.

Resolved:

That the recommendations be approved.

Minute 517 Housing Rents and Miscellaneous Charges

Councillors considered a recommendation regarding the level of hostel heating and lighting charges.

Resolved:

That the recommendation be approved.

Minute 522 Concessionary Fares scheme.

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Councillors considered recommendations regarding the adoption of an updated Participation Agreement.

Recommended to Council:

That the updated Participation Agreement be approved.

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Discretionary Rate Relief Panel

Councillors considered the minutes of the Discretionary Rate Relief Panel held on 1 December 2009.

Resolved:

That the minutes be received.

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Private Session

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the Press and public during consideration of the following items as there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Land Transactions in Selby

The Development Manager updated councillors on the progress made since the last meeting on the development of property in Ousegate, Selby. Agreement had been reached with the landowner on steps which would safeguard the Council's position.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 4:39 pm.