



## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 24 July, 2013 commencing at 10.30 am.

### Present:-

County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Robert Baker, Arthur Barker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, John Clark, Richard Cooper, Sam Cross, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Coursey-Bayley, Polly English, John Ennis, John Fort BEM, Andrew Goss, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Roger Harrison-Topham, Michael Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, Bill Hout, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Anne Jones, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, John McCartney, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, Tony Randerson, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Elizabeth Shields, Peter Sowray, Tim Swales, Helen Swiers, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell, Richard Welch, James Windass and Clare Wood,

### Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 15 May 2013, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and one abstention.**

### Resolved -

**13.** That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 15 May 2013, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced to the Council the death of County Councillor Margaret Hulme, who was a Member of the Council for the Selby Rural electoral division from 1991 to 1993 and 1997 to 2004 and for the South Selby electoral division from 2005 until her death and of the death of the Very Reverend Keith Jukes, Dean of Ripon, a former Chairman's Chaplain. The Council stood in silence in their memory.

The Chairman welcomed Honorary Alderman David Lloyd-Williams to the meeting and Liam Cutler, Chairman of the North Yorkshire Youth Council, and Emily Nicholas, of the UK Youth Parliament, who were in the public gallery, with James Parkes, County Council Youth Engagement Officer, to observe the meeting. He informed the Council that Liam Cutler would be addressing the Council under item 4, having given notice of a public question.

The Chairman congratulated HRH Prince William and HRH the Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their child and Lord Crathorne, the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, on the birth of his first grandchild. He also congratulated Richmond Town Council on being the first council in the country to give the freedom of the town to the British Legion. He reported the receipt of a letter from Buckingham Palace thanking the Council for its congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen on the sixtieth anniversary of her accession.

### **Statement by the Leader of the Council**

County Councillor John Weighell made a statement, under Council Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4593-4594) and responded to a question.

### **Public Questions or Statements**

Mr Liam Cutler asked the following question.

“ Good morning chairman, members,  
My name is Liam Cutler and I’m here to talk to you about the issue of youth transport. I am currently the chairman of North Yorkshire Youth Council, and lead our transport campaigns.

High prices of buses have 3 restrictions to young people; it restricts their ability to access education, employment and social opportunities. The problem is hugely escalated in North Yorkshire, given our highly rural nature, where young people can become isolated if they are unable to afford travel. In the UK Youth Parliament national ballot, 11 to 18 year olds in North Yorkshire identified transport as being the biggest issue facing them, by a considerable margin.

Over the past few years, we developed the Ride Around For One Pound and One Way One Pound campaigns. The premise of the campaigns is to lower the price of buses to just one pound at off peak times. This can represent a huge saving for young people, and provide a better alternative to the taxi of mum and dad. For example, traveling between Northallerton and Ripon before 5pm on a weekday will cost nine pounds. Travel after 5pm and this becomes two pounds, one pound there, one pound back. You don’t need a maths degree to realise this is a significant saving. During the 6 weeks holiday last summer, over 10,000 tickets were sold. Operators are currently also experiencing revenue rises of 30 to 40 percent.

The scheme currently only covers Craven, Hambleton and Richmondshire, and Scarborough and Selby from the 27<sup>th</sup>. This means that both Ryedale and Harrogate districts aren’t yet covered by the schemes, as well as Whitby, Filey and parts of Hambleton around Easingwold. The youth council are still trying to persuade operators in these areas to get ‘on board’. But we need your help.

My question is to Cllr Chris Metcalfe, transport portfolio holder. Can the North Yorkshire Youth Council expect full support from NYCC in our efforts to extend the Ride Around For £1 to Harrogate and Ryedale districts? I would also like to take this opportunity to ask councillors from areas without the scheme for your support also?

Thank you.”

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, said he was delighted to be able to respond on behalf of County Councillor Chris Metcalfe. He said:

“Liam, you have been a credit to your peers, to this authority and to North Yorkshire as a whole. We are blessed to have young people with the determination and ability to carry forward these sorts of campaigns. This Council has been pleased to be able to support this initiative since its inception. We do not currently fund any of the £1 fare discounts ourselves, but have negotiated successfully with operators. This will continue to be our position going forward. We will continue to monitor and promote the success of the scheme and encourage more operators to adopt it in the future. It may be possible to secure European funding to reduce travel costs for young people to access work, education and leisure services. We will continue to work with this. What I cannot offer, and what Liam has not asked for, is any revenue funding for the scheme from this authority, bearing in mind the financial predicaments we face today.”

### **Report of the Executive**

#### **Revenue outturn 2012/13**

Members of the Council having been provided with corrected pages A5.3 and A5.14 the recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (page 4621) were moved and seconded.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.**

#### **Resolved -**

**14.** That the unspent budgets at Corporate and Directorate level totalling £22,736k, as detailed on pages 5.12 and 5.13, be carried forward.

#### **Capital expenditure outturn and finance 2012/13**

Members of the Council having been provided with corrected page A5.27, the recommendations in paragraph 2 of the report (page 4630) were moved and seconded.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.**

#### **Resolved -**

**15.** That the net capital underspend totalling £1,303k, as set out on page 5.30 in the report, be carried forward to 2013/14.

### Revenue Budget 2013/14 and Medium Term Financial Strategy

The recommendations in paragraph 3 of the report (page 4642) were moved and seconded.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with eight against and no abstentions.**

#### Resolved -

- 16.**
- (a) That the revised net Revenue Budget for 2013/14 and 2014/15 MTFS be allocated to each Directorate, net of savings as detailed in Appendix 3.
  - (b) That the Corporate Director, Health and Adult Services be authorised to begin a consultation exercise on Fair Access to Care Standard as set out in the report, which could potentially realise savings of £1,400k.
  - (c) That the Corporate Director, Health and Adult Services be authorised to begin a consultation exercise on the Fairer Contributions Policy as set out in the report, which could potentially realise savings of £740k.
  - (d) That the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services be authorised to begin a consultation exercise on public transport subsidy as set out in the report, which could potentially realise savings of £1,100k.
  - (e) That the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services be authorised to begin a consultation exercise on the disposal of construction and demolition material, including soil and rubble waste as set out in the report, which could potentially realise savings of £240k.
  - (f) That the Corporate Director, Children and Young Person's Service be authorised to begin a consultation exercise on Post 16 Transport arrangements as set out in the report, which could potentially realise savings of £400k.

and that in each case the outcome of the consultation and any proposals in relation to savings affecting these services following that process be reported back to the Executive for approval.

**County Councillors John Blackie, John Clark, Sam Cross, Helen Grant, Peter Horton, Janet Jefferson, Stuart Parsons and John Savage asked that it be recorded in the minutes that they voted against the motion.**

### **Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2013-14**

The recommendations in paragraph 4 of the report (page 4643) were moved and seconded.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

**17.** That the Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan 2013-14, a copy of which was attached to the report as Appendix 4, be approved.

### **Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

The recommendations in paragraph 5 of the report (page 4643) were moved and seconded, together with the schedule of nominations on pages 181 to 186 of the agenda, subject to the deletion of the name on County Councillor Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley as a substitute member on the Pension Fund Committee, and to the following additional nominations:

County Councillors Eric Broadbent and John Ritchie as first and second substitutes respectively for the Labour group on the (Home to School Transport) Appeals Committee; County Councillor John Ennis to replace County Councillor Jean Butterfield on the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee; County Councillor David Blades to replace County Councillor Chris Pearson as first substitute for the Conservative group on the Scrutiny of Health Committee and that John Robinson be appointed to the Independent Members' Remuneration Panel.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

**18.**

That the seats for co-opted members on Area Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Committees set out in Appendix 5 are approved and that those nominated for appointment to Committees set out in that Appendix are appointed, subject to the deletion of the name on County Councillor Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley as a substitute member on the Pension Fund Committee.

That County Councillors Eric Broadbent and John Ritchie are appointed as first and second substitutes respectively for the Labour group on the (Home to School Transport) Appeals Committee; County Councillor John Ennis is appointed in place of County Councillor Jean Butterfield on the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee; County Councillor David Blades is appointed in place of County Councillor Chris Pearson as first substitute for the Conservative group on the Scrutiny of Health Committee and that John Robinson is appointed to the Independent Members' Remuneration Panel.

## Audit Committee

### Local Code of Corporate Governance

The recommendations in paragraph 6 of the report (page 4791) were moved and seconded.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.**

#### Resolved -

**19.** That the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance, as set out in the Appendix to the report, is approved.

### Statements of Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor Carl Les, the Executive Member for Central and financial services including assets, IT and procurement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4809-4811) and responded to a written question from County Councillor Elizabeth Shields relating to Members' car parking.

County Councillor Tony Hall, the Executive Member for Children's services, special education needs youth justice, youth service and adult learning made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4815-4817). He drew the attention of members to the display outside the Council Chamber relating to corporate parenting. He responded to questions, agreeing to address one question, which related to an individual case, outside the meeting.

County Councillor Arthur Barker, the Executive Member for Schools, 16-19 year old education and early years' provision made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4819-4820). He added to his statement by referring to Settle College and Selby High School which had qualified to be in the top 20% of schools in England by improving their GCSE results, year on year from 2009 to 2012, by at least 17 points overall. He responded to questions, including a written question from County Councillor Bryn Griffiths relating to Stokesley Primary School. He asked County Councillor John Clark to provide his further questions in writing, so that he could then be specific in his written response .

County Councillor Clare Wood, the Executive Member for Adult social care and health integration made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4821-4822) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, the Executive Member for Highways and planning services made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4823-4825) and responded to questions, including a written question from County Councillor John Blackie relating to subsidence on the road between Reeth and Richmond. He assured County Councillor Andrew Goss that he would receive a response to his question.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, on behalf of County Councillor Chris Metcalfe, the Executive Member for Rural Services, waste disposal, public passenger transport, trading standards, economic development and library services presented a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4829-4835), together with a supplementary statement. He responded to questions, assuring County Councillor Robert Packham that he would receive a response to his question.

County Councillor Don MacKenzie, the Executive Member for Public health and prevention made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 4837-4838) and responded to a question.

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (pages 4839-4872) having previously been circulated, the Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee added to his statement.

### **Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions**

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

### **Motion – Skipton to Harrogate Bus Service**

The Chairman said that he believed it would be appropriate to debate this motion on the day, rather than referring it to the Executive for consideration and report back.

County Councillor Polly English moved and County Councillor Margaret Ann de Courcey-Bayley seconded

“Council notes that –

Recently, the Skipton to Harrogate bus service (X59) has been withdrawn from service. The bus formed a direct link between the two towns and adjacent villages.

The service was cancelled because it was “uneconomical”.

As a result, there is now no direct route between Skipton and Harrogate - two of the County's major service centres. Indeed the only available route now open to residents is via Otley, meaning all journeys have to cross the North Yorkshire County Boundary.

This now leads to a journey time in excess of four hours.

1) That Council resolves to use all its influence to directly implement/reinstate a Skipton to Harrogate (rtn) bus service on a daily basis to serve the residents of Craven and Harrogate as a matter of urgency.

**The Council divided and, on a show of hands, there were fifteen for the motion and more against and the motion was declared not carried.**

**Resolved -**

**20.** That the motion on the Skipton to Harrogate bus service is not supported.

The meeting concluded at 13.20