



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 18 February 2015 at 10.30 am.

Present:-

County Councillor Tim Swales in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Arthur Barker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, John Clark, Richard Cooper, Sam Cross, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, John Fort BEM, Andrew Goss, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Anne Jones, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, Shelagh Marshall, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Steve Shaw-Wright, Elizabeth Shields, David Simister, Peter Sowray, Helen Swiers, 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, 12 November 2014, the having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

71. That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 12 November 2014, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman noted the apologies for absence received and welcomed Honorary Aldermen Michael Knaggs and John Marshall to the meeting. He then formally announced the death of former County Councillor John Piper who had served as a member of the authority between 1973 – 1993, he was also Chairman of the North Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The Chairman then advised of the death of former County Councillor and Honorary Alderman Betsy Hill, who served 1985 to 2005. Members of Council stood in silence to their memory.

The Chairman also informed Members that Janet Warin was recognised in the New Year Honours, she was appointed MBE in recognition of her work volunteering with the 95 Alive Project, she was also honoured for her community volunteer work.

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 appear in the Minute Book (pages 6421-6422). County Councillor John Weighell then responded to various questions.

Public Questions or Statements

Mrs Eileen Driver representing the Steering Group for the Save Stokesley Library Campaign made the following statement:

"1,695 Stokesley residents signed for their library to be a hybrid because an all-volunteer library is more vulnerable to closure and they need their library to have a sustainable future. We are campaigning because almost every local we spoke to wanted to sign the petition immediately. It was remarkable to encounter an almost unanimous quantity of strong support for the uses of the library and support for the campaign. With resounding clarity, they reject NYCC's proposals to close the library and want it to remain in County provision. Last year (2013-14) Stokesley Library:

- 41,000 visits
- 61,000 books and media loans
- 2,000 active borrowers
- 3,000 active users
- 8,000 PC sessions
- 500 Wi-Fi hours.

Taken together a staggering 125,500 reasons for the library to remain under NYCC control.

Local people are deeply concerned that NYCC is not recognising the educational, cultural, economic and social benefits that the library brings to our community. NYCC's usage figures show the largest group of users are the under 24s, closely followed by the 25-54 year olds with, by far the smallest, group being over 55s. Ironically it is this very age group that an all-volunteer library would call on to keep it running.

There is strong questioning of the County's criteria for choosing Stokesley to become a community library since we would be 18 miles from our Northallerton core library while 4 out of 5 of the proposed hybrids are much nearer. Stokesley people are extremely puzzled as to why our library has running costs of £26,000 when other comparable libraries have none. Local people feel that Stokesley is judged as needing to be closed because of high costs when only 9 years ago the previous library was sold.

The financial history of Town Close, the building where the library is located, and the costs of closure, need to be carefully considered before a decision is made. Town Close is operated under a 99 year lease and a Partnership Agreement with Broadacres Housing and Hambleton District Council. This document records that North Yorkshire County Council provided in total £1.9 million towards the building of Town Close, which is owned by Broadacres. This money was raised from the sale of the former library building in Stokesley Manor House, and from the sale of the former old persons home at Springfield House. The Council's contribution was recognised by the fact that it has rent free occupation of the new library premises. If this library was closed, the Council is effectively abandoning almost £2million is put towards this building, which, it is submitted is an unconscionable waste of public money.

The Partnership Agreement also makes it clear that if the Council wishes to walk away from the current arrangement, which is what would happen if the library is closed, it would have effectively to make good Broadacres' losses on the empty unit, which could be substantial and long term and include rates plus a share of the running costs of the building. It is submitted that the Committee should be fully informed of the likely claims by Broadacres before taking any decision which would cause closure of the library, given that the whole point of the exercise is to save money, not waste it on paying compensation.

At a public meeting an NYCC spokesperson promised us that the Communities Fund could be called upon to help financially, making it sound as though this would make an enormous cash difference. However, when questioned more closely he revealed that not only was it very small- £3 million – but that was for all council departments and that it had not been decided where the funding would be allocated. The funding was invoked to persuade us of the 'opportunity' that a volunteer run library, supported by substantial funding, would have. Then we discover that there may not be any funding at all, and if there is, it would clearly be very small. If all of the proposed Community libraries were changed to hybrids the cost to each North Yorks household (if spread evenly) would be £2.62 per annum. A small price for thousands of learning, social and cultural opportunities.

All the criteria that the decisions on whether libraries would be hybrid or not would be based upon the size of the town. Criteria such as 'footfall'; 'business use' –meaning the number of books and services used- and the number of visitors to the town, are clearly just proportional to the size of the town. A factor such as the value to the local community is not considered. Using the NYCC financial criteria seems to be designed to prevent Stokesley becoming a hybrid. One of the personal statements called the library a "public space oasis." We support the suggestion that all of the proposed Community libraries be kept within County management and the necessary cuts be spread across all North Yorks libraries.

We do appreciate the financial constraints on the Council but, as evidenced by the accompanying 1261 petition signatures; 135 primary children's comments and 435 adult personal statements (small overlap of same people signing petition and personal responses), Stokesley people ask their Elected Representatives to keep their library within County provision and not to make it a Community library. We ask for a hybrid library model for Stokesley."

In response County Councillor Chris Metcalfe said:

"Thank you for your submission, I am delighted to see such strong support for the library from local people. It confirms our view that libraries are valued by their communities for all the reasons you mentioned in your statement.

In putting together the proposals we consulted on, officers started from the position of what could be afforded providing the widest coverage possible with the money available. The geography and demography of North Yorkshire support at least one library per district, to

support the whole network of libraries, hence the proposal for seven core libraries. In looking to make the budget go as far as possible the next option was that of Hybrid – part paid staff/part volunteer. The criteria for identifying which libraries should be proposed as hybrids was based on business levels across a wide range of criteria, and those proposed are all in the top 12 highest performing libraries. The running cost of individual libraries was not a factor in whether a library was proposed as core, hybrid or community managed.

The experience of the existing community managed libraries is that their volunteers have not necessarily been library users previously, but they, like the people of Stokesley see the wider contribution that their library makes to their local community.

The approach across the library service has long been to minimise costs, by co-locating where that is mutually beneficial, and to maximise income (within the constraints of the Public Library and Museums Act and Local Government Finance Regulations) through charging for services and exploiting opportunities for retail, as long as these do not conflict with the library's core purpose (or business). We welcome any ideas from the public of ways we can expand on this. In terms of the Hambleton District presence in the Extra Care facility, the decision to maintain their separate office is theirs.

In terms of support for groups coming forward to manage their local library, I can confirm that the Stronger Communities Team will offer considerable financial support towards the building running costs, as like you, we want libraries to be sustainable going forward.

As stated earlier, the proposals are aimed at getting the maximum for the given budget of £4.2 million, which equates to £16.37 per household across North Yorkshire. It would therefore require at least an additional £670k, using your figure of £2.62 per household per annum, to upgrade the proposed community libraries to the hybrid model.

Over the next couple of months officers will be analysing all the responses to the Library proposals. These will inform the reports which will come to the Executive to make a decision in late June/early July."

Report of the Executive Council Plan

The recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (page 6427) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and one abstention.

Resolved –

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| <p>72. a) That County Council approve the 2020 North Yorkshire Council Plan</p> <p>b) That County Council authorise the Chief Executive to make any necessary changes to the text, including reflecting decisions made by the County Council on the Medium Term Financial Strategy and updated performance data.</p> |
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The recommendations in paragraph 2 of the report (pages 6428-6430) were moved and seconded, subject to the deletion of recommendation e).

The Council voted on the first Liberal Democrat amendment regarding the Youth Service and, on a vote by name there were:

For the amendment: Margaret-Ann de Coursey-Bayley, Andrew Goss, Bryn Griffiths, Anne Jones, Stuart Parsons, Elizabeth Shields.

Against the amendment: Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Arthur Barker, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, John Fort BEM, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, Shelagh Marshall, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, Steve Shaw-Wright, Peter Sowray, Tim Swales, Helen Swiers, John Weighell, Richard Welch, James Windass and Clare Wood.

Absentions: Philip Barrett, John Blackie, John Clark, Sam Cross, Helen Grant, Peter Horton, Janet Jefferson, John Savage, David Simister.

and the amendment was lost.

The Council voted on the second Liberal Democrat amendment regarding Community Libraries and, on a vote by name there were:

For the amendment: Philip Barrett, John Blackie, Margaret-Ann de Coursey-Bayley, Andrew Goss, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Peter Horton, Anne Jones, Stuart Parsons, Elizabeth Shields.

Against the amendment: Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Arthur Barker, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, John Fort BEM, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, Shelagh Marshall, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, Steve Shaw-Wright, Peter Sowray, Tim Swales, Helen Swiers, John Weighell, Richard Welch, James Windass and Clare Wood.

Absentions: John Clark, Sam Cross, Janet Jefferson, John Savage, David Simister.

and the amendment was lost.

The Council voted on the third Liberal Democrat amendment regarding Public Transport and, on a vote by name there were:

For the amendment: John Clark, Margaret-Ann de Coursey-Bayley, Andrew Goss, Bryn Griffiths, Anne Jones, John Savage, Elizabeth Shields.

Against the amendment: Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Arthur Barker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, John Fort BEM, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet

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Absentions: Sam Cross, Helen Grant, David Simister.

and the amendment was lost.

The Council voted on the Liberal amendment regarding the regular review of the effectiveness of the changes set out at Appendix D – CYP2, CYP7, HAS3/4/5/7 and on a vote by name there were:

For the amendment: Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Arthur Barker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, John Clark, Richard Cooper, Sam Cross, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, John Fort BEM, Andrew Goss, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Anne Jones, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, Shelagh Marshall, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Steve Shaw-Wright, Elizabeth Shields, David Simister, Peter Sowray, Tim Swales, Helen Swiers, John Weighell, Richard Welch, James Windass and Clare Wood.

Against the amendment: none

Absentions: none

and the amendment was carried.

The Council voted on the motion as amended (with the addition of recommendation (t)) and, on a vote by name there were:

For the amendment: Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Arthur Barker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, John Clark, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, John Fort BEM, Andrew Goss, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Anne Jones, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, Shelagh Marshall, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Steve Shaw-Wright, Elizabeth Shields, Peter Sowray, Tim Swales, Helen Swiers, John Weighell, Richard Welch, James Windass and Clare Wood.

Against the amendment: Sam Cross, Stuart Parsons, David Simister.

Absentions: none

and the motion was carried.

Resolved -**73.**

- a) That the Section 25 assurance statement provided by the Corporate Director, Strategic Resources regarding the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the reserves (**paragraph 15.28**) and the risk assessment of the MTFS detailed in **Section 14** are noted.
- b) That, in accordance with Section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by Section 75 of The Localism Act 2011), a Council Tax requirement for 2015/16 of £241,795k is approved and that a Council Tax precept of this sum be issued to billing authorities in North Yorkshire (**paragraphs 5.4 and 13.2 to 13.4** and **Appendix G**)
- c) That, in accordance with Section 42B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by Section 75 of The Localism Act 2011) a basic amount (Band D equivalent) of Council Tax of £1,099.98k is approved (**paragraphs 5.4 and 13.2 to 13.4** and **Appendix G**).
- d) That a net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 of £363,511k (**paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5** and **Appendix B**) is approved, and that the financial allocations to each Directorate, net of planned savings, be as detailed in **Appendix E**.
- e) That in the event that the final Local Government Settlement results in a difference of less than £1m then the difference to be addressed by a transfer to / from the General Working Balance in line with **paragraph 4.13** with such changes being made to **Appendix E** as appropriate (not now required).
- f) That the Corporate Director – Children and Young People’s Service is authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Schools, to take the final decision on the allocation of the Schools Block (**paragraph 12.15**)
- g) That £4m is earmarked for the further roll-out of broadband in line with the Superfast North Yorkshire project and that drawdown of the funding is subject to further Executive consideration and subsequent approval (**paragraph 7.4**).
- h) That the Corporate Director - Strategic Resources is authorised to utilise up to £10m of existing General Working Balance to reduce the future recurring revenue costs of capital financing as set out in **paragraph 7.12**.
- i) That the surplus on the County Council's share of the North Yorkshire Business Rates Pool is earmarked for development schemes in line with **paragraph 13.11** and that such sums are delegated to the Corporate Director – Business & Environmental Services in the year following that in which the surplus is generated.
- j) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2016/17 to 2019/20, and its caveats, as laid out in **Section 2** and **Appendix B** is approved.
- k) That the Corporate Director – Business & Environmental Services is authorised, in consultation with the Executive Members for BES, to:-
 - i) Review the provision of household waste recycling centres across the County (**BES 8 – Appendix D**).
 - ii) Review the existing subsidy to local bus services as part of the wider review of accessibility (**BES 13 – Appendix D**).

- l) That the Corporate Director – Health and Adult Services is authorised, in consultation with the Executive Members for HAS, to implement measures in order to deliver Targeted Prevention activity as set out in **HAS 1 to 1.3 of Appendix D**.
- m) That the Corporate Director – Children and Young People’s Services is authorised, in consultation with the Executive Members for CYPS, to:-
- (i) Consider the responses of ongoing consultations regarding discretionary home to school transport provision and proposed school admission arrangements and clothing grants and to review the services as appropriate (**CYPS 5 – Appendix D**).
 - (ii) nature of placement provision to meet local needs (**CYPS 7 – Appendix D**).
 - (iii) Review staffing structures with respect to the current consultation of our strategy for meeting the social care needs of disabled children (**CYPS 8 – Appendix D**).
 - (iv) In the context of the new model for preventative services, to continue to locally review the nature of existing universal children’s services provision (**CYPS 1 – Appendix D**).
- n) That any outcomes requiring changes following **Recommendations k), l) and m)** above be brought back to the Executive to consider and, where changes are recommended to the existing major policy framework, then such matters to be considered by full County Council.
- o) That the arrangements under which additional funds are allocated each year in respect of Adult Social Care and the Waste Strategy are approved and continue to be reviewed at least annually (**paragraphs 6.4 and 12.1**)
- p) That the existing policy target for the minimum level of the General Working Balance is retained at a minimum of 2% of net revenue budget supplemented with a cash sum of £20m for 2015/16 in line with **paragraph 15.22 and Appendix M**.
- q) That the attached pay policy statement (**Appendix I**) covering the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 (**paragraphs 13.16 to 13.20**) is approved.
- r) That County Council note the delegation arrangements referred to in **Section 16** that authorise the Corporate Directors to implement the Budget proposals contained in this report for their respective service areas and for the Chief Executive in those areas where there are cross-Council proposals.
- s) That County Council have regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty (identified in **paragraphs 15.2 to 15.9**) in approving the Budget proposals contained in this report.
- t) That the savings proposals identified in Appendix D as CYPS2, CYPS7, HAS3/4/5 and HAS7 are subject to a regular review (at least twice each year) of their effectiveness, including the extent to which those impacted are kept safe. Such reviews to be carried out by the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The impact upon operational activity and budget savings as identified by this review should then be actively considered as part of the Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy for future years.

Capital Plan

The recommendations in paragraph 3 of the report (page 6431) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

- 74.** That the Quarter 3 2014/15 Capital Plan, as summarised in Appendices 3A to E, in Booklet Two, is adopted.

Treasury Management 2015/16

The recommendations in paragraph 4 of the report (page 6432) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

- 75.**
- (a) that the Treasury Management Policy Statement as attached as **Appendix 4A** (in Booklet Two);
 - (b) the Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2015/16 as detailed in **Appendix 4B** (in Booklet Two) and in particular;
 - (i) an authorised limit for external debt of £398.7m in 2015/16;
 - (ii) an operation boundary for external debt of £378.7m in 2015/16;
 - (iii) a borrowing limit on fixed interest rate exposure of 60% to 100% of outstanding principal sums and a limit on variable interest rate exposure of 0% to 40% of outstanding principal sums;
 - (iv) borrowing from the money market for capital purposes is to be limited to 30% of external debt outstanding at any one point in time;
 - (v) an investment limit on fixed interest rate exposure of 0% to 30% of outstanding principal sums and a limit on variable interest rate exposure of 70% to 100% of outstanding principal sums;
 - (vi) a limit of £20m of the total cash sums available for investment (both in house and externally managed) to be invested in Non Specified Investments over 364 days;
 - (vii) a 10% cap on capital financing costs as a proportion of the annual Net

Revenue Budget

- (viii) a Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy for debt repayment to be charged to Revenue in 2014/15 as set out in **Section 11 of Appendix 4B** (in Booklet Two);
- (ix) the Corporate Director - Strategic Resources to report to the County Council if and when necessary during the year on any changes to this Strategy arising from the use of operational leasing, PFI or other innovative methods of funding not previously approved by the County Council;
- (c) that the Audit Committee be invited to review **Appendices 4A and 4B** (in Booklet Two) referred to in (a) and (b) above and submit any proposals to the Executive for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Revision of Prudential Indicators

The recommendations in paragraph 4 of the report (page 6434) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

- 76.** .
- a) That the updated Prudential Indicators for 2015/16 to 2017/18 as set out in **Appendix 5** (Booklet Two) are approved
 - b) That an Authorised Limit for External Debt of £398.7m in 2015/16 under Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 (paragraph 3.4) is approved.

Asset Management Plan: Local Policy Statement

The recommendations in paragraph 5 of the report (page 6436) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

- 77.** That the proposed asset Management Plan: Local Policy Statement is approved.

Establishing a Pension Board

The recommendations in paragraph 6 of the report (page 6437) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

78.

- a) That approval is given to the establishment of a Pension Board
- b) That the Terms of Reference at Appendix 7 are approved
- c) That one County Councillor is nominated to serve on the Pension Board – the appointment to be made under item 10 of the Executive Report.

School Admission Arrangements 2016/17

The recommendations in paragraph 7 of the report (page 6439-6440) were moved and seconded. County Councillor Arthur Barker introducing the report highlighted a correction to the published admission number (PAN) for St John's Church of England Primary School Knaresborough, Appendix 8 p179 - DfE reference 3903, which should be 45 and not 50.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

79. That the following Admission Arrangements are approved:

- - i) the proposed admission policy for community and voluntary controlled schools; and
 - ii) the proposed admissions policy for nursery schools, schools with nursery and pre-reception classes, appendices 1 & 2.
- the proposed published admission numbers [PAN's] for community and voluntary controlled schools as show in appendices 4 [primary] – noting the correction of the PAN for St John's Church of England Primary School Knaresborough to 45 - and 5 [secondary]
- the proposed co-ordinated admission arrangements which include in year co-ordination, the In Year fair Access Protocol and Managed Moves Protocol, [Appendices Section 8 – 3, 3a and 3b]
- the proposed changes to the catchment area of Eskdale School
- the proposed changes to the North Yorkshire Selection Scheme, including the discontinuance of Selection Reviews
 - (i) Two sets of tests each comprising one VR and one NVR test, using

historic bank of NY questions.

- (ii) Testing on two consecutive Saturdays.
 - (iii) Central test venue [grammar schools].
 - (iv) Discontinuance of familiarisation test.
 - (v) Discontinuance of selection reviews.
- the proposed discontinuance of School Clothing Allowances

North Yorkshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The recommendations in paragraph 8 of the report (page 6442) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

80. That the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is approved.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The recommendations in paragraph 9 of the report (page 6442) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

81.

- (a) That County Councillor Cliff Trotter is nominated to serve on the Harrogate District Community Safety Local Delivery Team.
- (b) That County Councillor Michael Heseltine is nominated to serve on the Richmondshire District Community Safety Local Delivery Team.
- (c) That County Councillor Andy Solloway is nominated to serve on the Craven District Community Safety Local Delivery Team.
- (d) That County Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright is nominated to serve on the Selby District Community Safety Local Delivery Team.
- (e) That County Councillor Val Arnold is nominated to serve on the Ryedale District Community Safety Local Delivery Team.

- (f) That County Councillor Heather Moorhouse is nominated to serve on the Hambleton District Community Safety Local Delivery Team.
- (g) That one County Councillor is nominated to serve on the Pension Board from April 2015.
- (h) That County Council's Constitution is updated to remove Malton School Endowment from the Outside Body list.
- (i) That the Chairman of the County Council's Audit Committee be appointed serve on the Pension Board.

Report of the Chief Executive and Independent Panel on Members' Remunerations

The recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (page 6940) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved –

- 82.** That the County Council approves:
- (a) a Scheme of Allowances (as attached at **Annex B(i)**) for 2015/16
 - (b) a Scheme of Approved Duties (as attached at **Annex B(ii)**) for 2015/16

Statements of Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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 6981-6986) and responded to questions.

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 6987-6988) and responded to questions.

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 6989-6990). He also highlighted a written update regarding City Farms which had been circulated to all present.

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 6991-7002) and responded to questions.

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 7003-7006) and responded to questions.

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 7007-7010) 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 7011-7012) and responded to questions.

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (pages 7013-7030) having previously been circulated, and responded to questions.

Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

The Chairman of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, County Councillor John Fort BEM, responded to a question under Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

Motion - The economic, social and environmental benefits that would be delivered by electrification of the Leeds-Harrogate-York line

The Motion was moved by County Councillor Michael Harrison and seconded by County Councillor Richard Cooper

"North Yorkshire County Council:

- (i) notes the economic, social and environmental benefits that would be delivered by electrification of the Leeds-Harrogate-York line, as set out in the Leeds-Harrogate-York Rail line Improvements Outline Transport Business Case, and calls upon the Department of Transport and Network Rail to make this a priority;
- (ii) invites the Chief Executive to continue to work with York City Council and other interested stakeholders such as local Members of Parliament, Harrogate Borough Council and local Chambers of Commerce in order to make representations to the Department of Transport, Network Rail and others particularly the Electrification Task Force, to secure these benefits for the people of Harrogate and York;
- (iii) notes that York City Council and Harrogate Borough Council have already approved similar motions lobbying relevant parties to support electrification of this line".

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried with none against and no abstentions.

The meeting concluded at 13:50 pm.