



QUARTERLY MEETING

9 November, 2016

Please note change of venue for this meeting

**Hambleton District Council
Civic Centre
Stone Cross
Northallerton
DL6 2UU**

**Summons, Agenda, Minutes
and Reports**

QUESTIONS

Council Procedure Rules 2.4 and 10 set out the procedures for asking questions at the County Council Meeting.

2.4 REPORTS, STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- (a) Any reports of the Executive or committees shall, whenever possible, be printed and circulated to Members of the Council before the meetings at which they are to be considered.
- (b) The Leader of the Council may make a statement to the Council on any matters relevant to the Council and any portfolio holder (including the Leader if he/she holds a portfolio) or Chairman of any overview and scrutiny committee may make a statement to the Council on any matters relevant to that portfolio or the work of that overview and scrutiny committee. Members of the Council may, without notice, ask the Member who made the statement questions arising from matters raised in that statement or may ask any questions on matters in that portfolio not mentioned in the statement, but unless notice has been given by 10 am the previous day the person to whom the question has been put may respond in writing, with a copy being placed in Members' Group Rooms. The provisions of Council Procedure Rule 10 (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall apply to questions under this Council Procedure Rule.
- (c) No Member shall speak more than once or for more than two minutes on any statement made by the Leader or a portfolio holder or Chairman of the Scrutiny Board or of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, except that one representative of each Group may speak for 5 minutes when responding to the statement made by the Leader. The Leader or portfolio holder or Chairman of the Scrutiny Board or of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee making the statement is not limited in the time allowed to make the statement or limited in time or frequency of speaking when responding to questions.

10. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

- (a) In addition to his/her right under Council Procedure Rule 2.4 to ask questions of the Leader or a portfolio holder or Chairman of an overview and scrutiny committee or in any report, a Member may ask the Chairman of any committee, other than an overview and scrutiny committee, any questions relating to the business of the Council or may ask the Chairman or nominated member of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, the North York Moors National Park Authority or the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, a question on the discharge of the functions of such Authority.
- (b) Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer.
- (c) With the consent of the Chairman of the Council, the Member who has asked a question may ask a supplementary question arising out of the reply.
- (d) Where the information asked for in a question is contained in any of the Council's publications, it shall be deemed a sufficient reply if the publication containing the information is indicated.
- (e) Where the reply to any question cannot conveniently be given orally, it shall be deemed a sufficient reply if the answer is supplied to the Member asking the question as soon as reasonably possible and copies shall at the same time be placed in the Members' Group Rooms.
- (f) The Chairman shall call on Members to ask questions under this Council Procedure Rule in the order of respondent set out below and, within that order, in the order in which notice of questions was given to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Service) by noon the previous day. In the absence of prior notice having been given, Members must inform the Chairman of their wish to ask a question and these will be called in the order received, but after questions of which prior notice was given.
- (g) The time limit for questions under this Council Procedure Rule for each respondent will be 5 minutes. Once the time allocated for any respondent has expired at any meeting, the Chairman shall not permit any further questions to be asked of that respondent under this Council Procedure Rule but, if a question or response has been started it may be completed, irrespective of the time limit, as may any response to any question being asked when the time limit is reached.

Order of questions

- (i) to the Chairman of the Standards Committee;
- (ii) to the Chairman of an Area Committee;
- (iii) to the Chairman of any other of the Council's committees;
- (iv) to the Chairman or other representative of:-
 - North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority
 - North York Moors National Park Authority
 - Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the County Council to be held at Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU on **Wednesday, 9 November 2016 at 10.30 am**, at which time the business listed below will be transacted.

Recording is allowed at County Council, committee and sub-committee meetings which are open to the public, please give due regard to the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at public meetings, a copy of which is available to download below. Anyone wishing to record is asked to contact, prior to the start of the meeting, the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) whose details are shown at item 4 of this Agenda. We ask that any recording is clearly visible to anyone at the meeting and that it is non-disruptive. <http://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk>

BUSINESS

1. To move that the **Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 20 July 2016** having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
(Pages 8 to 12)
2. **Chairman's Announcements** - Any correspondence, communication or other business brought forward by the direction of the Chairman of the Council.
3. **A Statement by the Leader of the Council**
(Pages 13 to 14)
4. **Public Questions or Statements**

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice and forwarded the text to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) – email: barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk or in writing to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD by **midday on Friday, 4 November 2016**, three working days before the day of the meeting. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak

5. To consider the **report and recommendations of the Executive** and make decisions on them.

Executive Report only (Pages 15 to 19)

- Revenue Budget - Annex 1 (Pages 20 to 33)
 - Prudential Indicators – Annex 2 (Pages 34 to 62)
 - Constitution Amendments 2016 - Annex 3 (Pages 63 to 81)
 - Appointment of External Auditors - Annex 4 (Pages 82 to 87)
 - Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies (Pages 18 to 19)
6. To consider the **report and recommendations of the Audit Committee** and make decisions on them.
- Annual Report (Pages 88 to 96)
7. To consider the **report and recommendations of the Standards Committee** and make decisions on them.
- Annual Report (Pages 97 to 00)
8. **Statements of Executive Members**, in the order set out below, **followed by Statements by the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

Executive Members:

(Pages 101 to 123)

- (a) Highways, road safety, access to the countryside (including Broadband, mobile phone coverage) public transport (Portfolio holder: County Councillor Don Mackenzie)
- (b) Waste Services, Library and Information Services, economic development, rail strategy, trading standards (Portfolio holder: County Councillor Chris Metcalfe).
- (c) Central services specifically Finance and HR issues (Portfolio holder: County Councillor Gareth Dadd).
- (d) Children and Young People's Services responsibilities for schools and early years. (Portfolio holder: County Councillor Arthur Barker).
- (e) Adult social care and health integration (Portfolio holder: Clare Wood)
- (f) Stronger communities, public health, Legal and Democratic Services and the role of area committees. (Portfolio holder: County Councillor David Chance).
- (g) Children and Young People's Services with responsibility for foster and adoption, children's social care and prevention (Portfolio holder: Janet Sanderson)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen:

(Pages 124 to 139)

- (h) Scrutiny Board (Chairman: County Councillor Elizabeth Casling).
- (i) Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Patrick Mulligan).
- (j) Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Derek Bastiman).
- (k) Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Andrew Backhouse).
- (l) Scrutiny of Health Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Jim Clark).
- (m) Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Janet Jefferson).

Members of the Council may, without notice, ask the Member who made the statement questions arising from matters raised in that statement or may ask any questions on matters in that portfolio not mentioned in the statement, but **unless notice has been given by 10 am on 8 November 2016**, the person to whom the question has been put may respond in writing, and this is then circulated to all Members.

9. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

10. **Motion 1** – NHS acute services across the Tees Valley, South Durham and the northern part of North Yorkshire are currently being reviewed as part of "The Better Health Programme". The Review includes:

- 24 / 7 Accident and Emergency (A&E) services
- 24 / 7 Consultant-led Maternity services
- 24 / 7 Consultant-led Paediatric services

These services are accessed at the Darlington Memorial Hospital by North Yorkshire residents in the north of the County, and the 24 / 7 Consultant-led maternity and paediatric services at the hospital were specifically committed by the NHS as an important alternative provision when the similar services were downgraded at The Friarage Hospital in 2014.

North Yorkshire County Council:

- calls upon the Better Health Programme review to take into account the needs of its residents and communities, many of them rural in nature, that rely upon these critical care services remaining at the Darlington Memorial Hospital
- and expects the review to honour the commitment to maintain them at the Darlington Memorial Hospital in line with the assurances given to residents in the County during the review of services provided at the Friarage Hospital in 2014.

Proposed by County Councillor Carl Les
Seconded by County Councillor John Blackie

11. **Motion 2** – North Yorkshire County Council welcomes the government’s initiative to reduce the cost of Parliament whilst ensuring fairness of representation across the UK. It is important that the current arrangements for constituency boundaries in North Yorkshire be maintained as these present boundaries reflect strong community identities, effective transport links, recognised school catchment areas and important topographical features such as rivers, moors and hills.

North Yorkshire County Council:

- calls on the Boundary Commission to recognise the important influence of on strong community identities, effective transport links, recognised school catchment areas and important topographical features such as rivers, moors and hills on boundaries and maintain the present ones.

Proposed by County Councillor Richard Cooper

Seconded by County Councillor Robert Windass

12. **Motion 3** – The Government has failed to provide any evidence that grammar schools are the solution to improve the education for the majority of children. Neither is there any evidence that grammar schools provide a route for poor, academically able children to achieve better life chances. Existing evidence does, however, show that pupil selection discriminates against the poorest children. This policy will not benefit the majority of children, but will benefit a chosen few, mainly from wealthier families. Evidence shows pupil selection lowers the attainment of the children who do not get into grammar schools. Nor will this policy improve parental choice, because it won’t give the majority of parents any more choice than they have already. Further selection will do nothing to stop ‘selection by house price’, nor will it eradicate child poverty. Grammar schools have never been a vehicle for social mobility.

North Yorkshire County Council:

- calls on the Government to recognise that this is a total distraction from addressing the most pressing crises facing schools – the shortage of school places, recruiting enough qualified teachers, and cuts to school budgets.

Proposed by County Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright

To be seconded by County Councillor Eric Broadbent

13. **Motion 4** – North Yorkshire County Council notes that 121 Pharmacies in North Yorkshire offer a range of services such as dispensing prescriptions, disposal of unwanted medicines and supporting self-care. Pharmacies play an important role in promoting wellbeing such as healthy eating, smoking cessation, exercise, flu vaccination, sexual health, falls supervised consumption and more. Advice and support services are also available to care homes

North Yorkshire County Council is greatly concerned about Government imposed threats to pharmacies as a result of cuts in the budget of £170m nationally to take effect from October 2016. This is a 6% cut in cash terms but could effectively mean a cut of 12% during the financial year which could potentially close up to a quarter of pharmacies, with an increased focus on warehousing dispensary and online services. Service cuts in pharmacies put more residents at risk as well as putting pressure on GPs and on hospital services and therefore increasing NHS costs. A fully funded community pharmacy service is cost effective and is in the interest of patients and carers.

North Yorkshire County Council:

- agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Health, NHS England and Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby, Harrogate and Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group detailing the concerns and demanding an immediate reversal of these proposals.

Proposed by County Councillor David Billing
Seconded by County Councillor Eric Broadbent

RICHARD FLINTON
Chief Executive Officer

County Hall
NORTHALLERTON
1 November 2016

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