

North Yorkshire County Council

County Council

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held at The Golden Lion, Northallerton on 13 November 2019 commencing at 10.30 am.

PRESENT:-

County Councillor Jim Clark in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Bob Baker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, David Blades, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Michael Chambers MBE, David Chance, Liz Colling, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, John Ennis, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, Mel Hobson, David Hugill, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin MBE, John McCartney, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Yvonne Peacock, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Joe Plant, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Andy Solloway, Peter Sowray, Helen Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, Callam Walsh, John Weighell OBE, Richard Welch, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson and Robert Windass.

APOLOGIES:-

County Councillors: Lindsey Burr MBE, Richard Cooper, David Goode, Roberta Swiers and Geoff Webber.

ATTENDING:-

Honorary Aldermen: John Fort BEM.

A member of the press was present. There were no members of the public.

106. Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 24 July 2019, having been printed and circulated, are 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 -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 24 July 2019, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

107. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted.

108. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

109. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Yvonne Peacock to her first County Council meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the Honorary Aldermen who were in the public gallery.

The Chairman acknowledged the sad and untimely death of former County Councillor Caroline Seymour. Caroline served as a County Councillor from 1989 until 2013 and was the County Council Chairman in 2010/11.

County Councillor Bryn Griffiths paid tribute to former County Councillor Caroline Seymour. A minute's silence was held.

The Chairman informed Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting.

110. Statement by the Leader

County Councillor Carl Les made a statement and answered questions, under Contract Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the County Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 11456 to 11458 of the Minute Book).

County Councillor Carl Les welcomed County Councillor Yvonne Peacock her first meeting of the County Council since her election to the Upper Dales seat in October 2019.

County Councillor Carl Les noted that County Councillors Andrew Lee and Mike Jordan were standing in the Parliamentary Elections on 12 December 2019 and wished them luck.

111. Public Questions or Statements

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

112. Allocations Committee

The recommendation in the report (page 11462 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That the following changes be made:

Scrutiny and Audit

- County Councillor Stuart Parsons to come off Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- County Councillor Yvonne Peacock to be appointed to the vacancy on the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Cllr Andrew Jenkinson to be appointed to the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (the committee that he was on when a Conservative Councillor)

Ordinary Committee

- County Councillor Andrew Jenkinson declined to take up the appointment to the Appeals Committee (Home to School Transport) and nominated County Councillor Stephanie Duckett in his place.

113. Report of the Executive

Quarterly Performance and Budget Monitoring

The section of the quarterly performance and budget monitoring report at paragraph 3.1 of the report (page 11466 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That revised Prudential Indicators for the period 2019/20 to 2021/22 as detailed on page 82 and pages 85 to 93 of the report be approved.

Annual Report of the North Yorkshire Pension Board

The recommendation at paragraph 3.2 of the report (page 11467 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That the Annual Report of the Pension Board for 2018/19, as Administering Authority for North Yorkshire Pension Board, be noted.

North Yorkshire Pension Board - Amendment to Terms of Reference

The recommendation at paragraph 3.3 (page 11467 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That the amended Terms of Reference for North Yorkshire Pension Board be approved.

Report on the Establishment of a Statutory Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for West Yorkshire and Harrogate to Review Changes to NHS Vascular Services

The recommendation at paragraph 3.4 (page 11467 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That the County Council appoints, jointly with other authorities, and becomes a member of the North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Mandatory Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

114. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The recommendation at paragraph 3 of the report (page 11468 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That the following be re-appointed to the North Yorkshire Pension Board of David Portlock - Independent Chair; Gordon Gresty (retired member) - Scheme Member Representative; Louise Branford-White (Hambleton District Council) - Employer Representative and County Councillor Bob Baker - North Yorkshire County Council representative.

Nominations by Group Secretaries

The following nominations to committees and Outside Bodies were made by Group Secretaries:

County Councillor Stuart Parsons to be appointed to the Standards Committee, the Pension Fund Committee and the Chief Officers Appointments and Disciplinary Committee.

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

115. Standards Committee

The recommendation (page 11470 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That the Annual Report of the Standards Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

116. Audit Committee

The recommendation (page 11476 of the Minute Book) was 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 -

That the Annual Report of the Audit Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

117. Statements of Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor Andrew Lee, Executive Member for Open to Business, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11486 to 11487).

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Library, Customer and Community Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11488 to 11490), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11492 and 11493).

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11494 to 11495).

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11496 to 11497), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11498 to 11500), and responded to questions.

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Stronger Communities, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11502 to 11504).

County Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and Adult Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11506 to 11507).

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson, Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously

been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11508 to 11510), and responded to questions.

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees having previously been circulated, and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 11512 to 11528) were noted.

118. Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion were received within the deadline.

Two Notices of Motion that had been put to Council on 24 July 2019 and referred to overview and scrutiny were considered.

(a) Brierley Homes

A Notice of Motion was put to County Council on 24 July 2019 by County Councillor Geoff Webber, seconded by County Councillor Bryn Griffiths, proposing:

“That this Council allocates 20% of the net profit made by Brierley Homes to a fund specifically to support the provision of social housing.”

A statement written by County Councillor Geoff Webber, who was unable to attend the meeting, was circulated and read out by County Councillor Bryn Griffiths.

The motion, as originally moved at the meeting of County Council on 24 July 2019, was considered.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared defeated, with 58 against, 8 in favour and 1abstention.

(b) Contributions to a Flood and Coastal Protection Scheme

A Notice of Motion was put to County Council on 24 July 2019 by County Councillor Derek Bastiman, seconded by County Councillor David Jeffels, proposing:

“That the Government ensures that where their assets and infrastructure will be protected by a flood and coastal protection scheme all Utility companies are required to make a proportionate and appropriate mandatory level of financial contribution towards that particular scheme, and subject to the costs of any contribution not being borne by the Utilities customers.”

The motion, as originally moved at the meeting of County Council on 24 July 2019, was considered.

An amendment was moved and seconded, in line with the recommendations of the report from the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (page 11539 of the Minute Book).

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

119. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

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