

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

Minutes of the meeting held at No. 3 Racecourse Lane, Northallerton on Tuesday, 24 September 2019 commencing at 11.00 am.

County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair. County Councillors, David Chance, Caroline Dickinson, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Patrick Mulligan, and Greg White.

Apologies: - County Councillors Gareth Dadd and Janet Sanderson.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Paul Haslam

Officers present: Stuart Carlton, Gary Fielding, Richard Flinton, Daniel Harry, Barry Khan, Daniela Reeves, Jane Le Sage, Chris Reynolds, Nigel Smith, Louise Wallace and Melanie Carr.

There was two representatives of the press in attendance.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

361. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

362. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Michael Harrison declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the Agenda (Minute No. 366 below) – Harrogate and Rural Alliance: Section 75 and alliance Agreements, as a relative of his works in Health and Adult Services at Harrogate Borough Council. He had been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee on 3 January 2019 to fully take part.

363. Questions and Statements from members of the public

There were no public questions or statements.

364. Area Constituency Committee - Feedback

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The report of the Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager, presenting information on the key issues arising from the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 6 September 2019, all of which supported the Committee's focus on ensuring the sustainability of rural communities. These included:

- Delivery of the recovery plan for Clapham School
- NYCC Digital Strategy
- The results of the public engagement on the Harrogate Congestion Study
- Consideration of key, strategic highway routes in the constituency area
- An update on Adult Social Care funding

The Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager confirmed that future Area Constituency Committee meetings would be reported on at the first available Executive meeting, to ensure the timeliness of the feedback provided.

A number of Executive members confirmed they had been present at the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee and drew attention to the NYCC Digital Strategy presentation which had provided a focus on the future sustainability of rural communities and the rural economy.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

365. Annual Report on Compliments & Complaints

Considered –

The report of the Chief Executive on complaints received from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, together with information on compliments and complaints received by the Council during the year 2018/19.

Council Councillor Greg White introduced the report highlighting the continued improvement in performance over the last 12 months. It was noted that an organisation the size of NYCC was likely to receive complaints, and the report highlighted the County Council's record of keeping the Ombudsman informed and responding proactively to the lessons learnt.

Members were pleased to note the positive feedback from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

366. The Harrogate and Rural Alliance: Section 75 and Alliance Agreements -

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director – Health & Adult Services requesting that Members approve two draft Section 75 Agreements and Alliance Agreements for HARA and

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delegate to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) approval of any necessary amendments to the Agreements to enable them to be completed.

County Councillor Michael Harrison introduced the report detailing the partnership arrangements for HARA, and the vision and ambition for their programme. He noted that the Alliance was a fine example of integrated working with health partners, one which was likely to be replicated elsewhere, and that the integrated operating model would provide a seamless service.

Louise Wallace, the Assistant Director for Health Integration confirmed that the other partners were meeting in the next week to approve the two draft Section 75 Agreements and Alliance Agreements, which might result in the need for some minor amendments to enable them to be completed.

Resolved – That:

- The two draft Section 75 Agreements and Alliance Agreements for HARA be approved
- The approval of any necessary amendments to the Agreements be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services) to enable them to be completed.

367. Future Model of Alternative Provision from September 2020

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director - Children and Young People's Service seeking approval to implement new models of alternative educational provision in specific localities, as from September 2020.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan introduced the report which detailed the issues with permanent exclusions in recent years and the steps that had been taken to develop a revised model of Alternative Provision. He confirmed the main aim of the new models of alternative educational provision was to reduce permanent exclusions and drew members' attention to the correlation between permanent exclusion and the life chances for children.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan highlighted that the approach being adopted by NYCC was in line with the Timpson Review recommendations, and in response to the consultation feedback from school leaders. In particular he drew attention to key principles on which the new models had been developed and the improved governance arrangements being introduced.

The Corporate Director for Children and Young People's Services confirmed the collaborative working arrangements in place with schools and the improved arrangements now in place in the Harrogate area.

Members confirmed they were pleased to see the fruition of the work undertaken.

Resolved –

That implementation of the new models be unanimously approved.

368. Forward Work Plan

Considered -

The Forward Plan for the period 13 September 2019 to 30 September 2020.

County Councillor David Chance asked that an item "To seek North Yorkshire County Council's participation in the government's global resettlement scheme and agreement of indicative numbers to be resettled each year" be added to the Forward Plan for the Executive's consideration on 26 November 2019.

Resolved -

That the Forward Plan be updated as requested.

The meeting concluded at 11:25 am.

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