

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

Minutes of the meeting held at No. 3 Racecourse Lane, Northallerton on Tuesday, 17 December 2019 commencing at 11.00 am.

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor Paul Haslem

Officers present: Jo Boutflower, David Bowe, Stuart Carlton, Gary Fielding, Richard Flinton, Barry Khan, Jane Le Sage, Richard Webb, and Melanie Carr.

There was one representative of the press in attendance.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

392. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Public and Private Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

393. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

394. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved –

That on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006, members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 9 – the private Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 26 November 2019.

395. Questions and Statements from members of the public

There were no public questions or statements.

396. Area Constituency Committee Feedback

Considered -

Report of the Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager, presenting information on the key issues arising from the Harrogate & Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee on 7 November 2019, the Selby & Ainsty Area Constituency Committee on 8 November 2019 and the Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee on 20 November 2019.

A number of Executive members confirmed they had been present at those meetings. County Councillor Don Mackenzie noted the suggestions arising from the meeting of the Harrogate and Knaresborough County Councillor Gareth Dadd drew attention to minutes from the meeting of the Selby & Ainsty Area Constituency Committee and expressed his disappointment at the comments made in regard to the perceived lack of information provided to residents and Councillors on the proposal for a special free school at Osgodby, particularly as the issue had previously been raised at a meeting of County Council and it had been evidenced that the relevant information had been shared appropriately. County Councillor Andrew Lee confirmed that this had been reiterated at the Area Constituency Committee meeting.

Resolved -

That the updates be noted.

397. Trading Standards Enforcement Policy

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director for Business & Environmental Services seeking authorisation for a revised Trading Standards Service Enforcement Policy.

County Councillor Andrew Lee introduced the report highlighting the sterling work carried out by the Trading Standards team, and the number of successful prosecutions achieved on behalf of residents and businesses. He also drew attention to the criteria applied when deciding whether to investigate a complaint or report of non-compliance, and Jo Bouflower, Head of Business & Consumer Services confirmed that the policy was in line with the code of practice and national guidelines

County Councillor Gareth Dadd was pleased to note the Services' positive approach of providing appropriate guidance to the high number of SMEs across North Yorkshire, rather than it taking an over-zealous approach to enforcement.

Members noted the revisions to the Policy as detailed in the report and the excellent level of service provided by the Trading Standards team, and

Resolved – That:

- i. The revised policy be approved for immediate use by the Service, and published on the County Council's website
- ii. The policy be reviewed again in three years to ensure it remained fit for purpose

398. Medical Education Service – Proposal for Alternative Model

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director for Children & Young People's Services seeking approval for a revised model of Medical Education Service (MES) to ensure a more flexible

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delivery of education for those children and young people who were unable to access education as a consequence of their medical needs.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan introduced the report highlighting:

- The current offer averaged only 5 hours of tuition a week per child / young person;
- The average number of children and young people currently in receipt of medical tuition;
- The rationale behind the proposed changes;
- The increased range of options the revised Model could provide, enabling the delivery of a bespoke package of medical tuition for each recipient;
- The robust financial modelling undertaken which had confirmed that the new service model could be delivered within the existing budget resource;
- The detailed consultation that had taken place and the positive feedback from the pilot.

Jane Le Sage, Assistant Director for Inclusion confirmed that the cost of the AV1 robotic technology had been included in the budget costings.

Members noted that as the take up of the digital option grew, schools would likely start to explore the other benefits it could deliver. For example, enabling a child in seclusion to participate fully in the lessons of the day.

It was noted that access to broadband would be required if the digital option was taken up. Where that was not already in place, there would be an associated cost to a family. However, it was confirmed that that would be taken in consideration as the appropriate blend of options was being designed to best suit a child's needs.

Resolved –

That the proposed new model for the Medical Education Services be approved and implemented as from September 2020.

399. Forward Work Plan

Considered -

The Forward Plan for the period 9 December 2019 to 30 November 2020.

Resolved -

That the Forward Plan be noted.

The meeting concluded at 11:22 pm.

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