

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
HARROGATE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, HARROGATE
ON 4 JULY 2007
(FROM 5.30 PM TO 6.35 PM)**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Trotter in the Chair). Councillors Anthony Alton, Mrs Atkinson, Bayliss, Philip Broadbank, Brown, Jean Burdett, Jean Butterfield, Chapman, Clark, Cooper, de Courcey-Bayley, Fawcett, Fox, Galloway, Dr Gardner, Goss, Grange, Harrison, Hawkins, Elwyn Hinchcliffe, Horton, Bill Hoult, Andrew Jones, Anne Jones, Pat Jones, Lightfoot, John Lockhart, Don MacKenzie, Pat Marsh, Reg Marsh, Pauline McHardy, Bob Nash, Newby, Parkes, Parnaby, Peter Phillips, Rothwell, Simms, Theakston, Ward, Webber, Andrew Williams, Willis and Willoughby.

13/07 - **PRAYER:** The Reverend Gordon Lister led Members in prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

14/07 - **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jayne Brotherton, Ellington, Hawke, Chris Lewis, Charlie Powell, Wilson and Wren.

15/07 - **URGENT BUSINESS:** There was no such business to consider.

16/07 - **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** The following declarations were made:-

Councillor Cooper – A personal interest in any relevant items appearing on the Council agenda associated with the Harrogate International Centre and the use of its premises by his employer for conference purposes.

Councillor Alton – A prejudicial interest in respect of the Harrogate District Core Strategy and who, therefore, left the Chamber during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Elwyn Hinchcliffe – A personal interest in respect of the Harrogate District Core Strategy on the basis of his membership of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Councillor Bill Hoult – A personal interest in respect of the Harrogate District Core Strategy on the basis of his North Yorkshire County Council membership of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Councillor Grange – A personal interest in respect of the Harrogate District Core Strategy on the basis of his membership of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Councillor Simms - A personal interest in respect of the Harrogate District Core Strategy on the basis of his membership of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Councillor Mrs Atkinson - A personal interest in respect of the Harrogate District Core Strategy on the basis of her membership of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Councillor Willis – Two personal interests on the basis of his work as a free-lance journalist and the location of his home, which overlooks areas of, land which could potentially be affected by the Harrogate District Core strategy.

17/07 - **MINUTES:**

Moved by Councillor Dr Gardner Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 21 May 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(44 Members voted for the motion and there was one abstention).

18/07 - **EXEMPT INFORMATION:** There were no exempt information items.

19/07 - **THE ROYAL HALL RESTORATION – CONCLUDING AN ENHANCED SCHEME:** The Leader, Councillor Mike Gardner, referred to the recommendations arising out of the earlier Cabinet Meeting (held prior to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council) in relation to proposals to further enhance the Royal Hall restoration scheme by rebuilding the front steps to the entrance of the Royal Hall.

Moved by Councillor Mike Gardner Seconded by Councillor Mrs de Courcey-Bayley

and **RESOLVED:**

That (1) the good progress on the scheme to date be noted:

 (2) the Council congratulate the Royal Hall Restoration Trust on the outstanding achievements in fund raising; and

 (3) that additional funding of £120,000 be allocated to the Royal Hall Scheme from HBC Capital Funds to enable the front steps to be completed.

(40 Members voted the motion and there were 5 abstentions)

20/07 **THE HARROGATE DISTRICT CORE STRATEGY:** Prior to the consideration of the Harrogate District Core Strategy the Chief Executive advised that in respect of the deliberations of both the District Development Committee and Cabinet under Policy HLP1 - Affordable Housing Provision – Single dwelling developments - the operation of the Policy was an issue yet to be addressed by supplementary planning guidance which would be subject to the usual consultation before any decision by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport. On that

basis the views of both the District Development Committee and Cabinet were not available for the Council to consider at this meeting.

The Chief Executive also took the opportunity to remind Members that upon reaching a vote on this item for those members voting in favour of adopting the Core Strategy, this did not necessarily indicate support for all the proposals contained within the framework itself. Council Members had been provided with a copy of a schedule of proposed amendments to the Core Strategy Development Plan document made by Cabinet on the 21 June 2007, three notified amendments to Policy SG1 of the Core Strategy and officer comments on those proposed amendments.

Moved by Councillor Don Mackenzie Seconded by Councillor Mike Gardner

That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 21 June 2007 and the Harrogate District Core Strategy be approved.

As an amendment it was: -

Moved by Councillor Hoult Seconded by Councillor Willoughby

“That the first bullet point in Policy SG1 be amended to read “extensions to the existing built up areas of West Harrogate and ~~East Knaresborough~~” and “That in Policy SG1 the percentage of new houses to be allocated to Knaresborough be reduced to 10% from 14% with adjustments to the allocations for Harrogate and Ripon to 50% and 10% respectively”.

On a vote being taken 13 Members voted in favour of the amendment, 22 against and there were 8 abstentions. The amendment therefore fell.

As a further amendment it was: -

Moved by Councillor Webber Seconded by Councillor Chapman

“That the bullet point in Policy SG1 detailing extensions to both areas and referred to recommendation (1), be amended to read “West and South Harrogate”.

On a vote being taken 19 Members voted in favour of the amendment, 21 against and there were 2 abstentions. The amendment therefore fell.

On a vote being taken on the substantive motion 40 Members voted for the motion and there was 1 against. The Minutes of Cabinet of 21 June 2007 and Harrogate District Core Strategy Plan document were approved.