

At a Meeting of the Corporate Board of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond on Tuesday, 15 November 2022 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Angie Dale (Chairman)  
Councillors Helen Grant, Kevin Foster, Richard Good, William Heslop, Richard Ormston, Yvonne Peacock, Ian Threlfall, Philip Wicks and Jimmy Wilson-Petch (as substitute for Ian Threlfall).

**Officers:** Tony Clark (Chief Executive), Colin Dales (Corporate Director - Operations), Callum McKeon (Corporate Director - Strategy and Regulatory), Sian Moore (Corporate Director - Resources) and Katie Cullum (Democratic Services Manager).

**In Attendance:** 1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillor Ian Threlfall

**CB23/22 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2022 be signed and approved as an accurate record.

**CB24/22 Public Speaking and Question Time**

There were no public questions or statements submitted for consideration at the meeting.

**CB25/22 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Philip Wicks declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Minute CB28/22 as a Member of Richmond Town Council.

Councillors Angie Dale and Helen Grant declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Minute CB28/22 as Members of Colburn Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Yvonne Peacock declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Minute CB28/22 as a Director of the Upper Dales Community Partnership

Councillor Richard Good declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Minute CB28/22 as a Director of Hudson House Ltd.

**CB26/22 Performance and Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Quarter 2**

Further to Minute CB20/22 (11 October 2022), Senior Management Team presented the Council's performance against key service

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performance indicators, the Council's Business Plan and details of the financial position as at the end of September 2022.

- Resolved:**
- (a) That the financial performance in Quarter 2 be noted.
  - (b) That the position on performance against the Council Plan reported in Appendices 1 to 4 of the report be noted.
  - (c) That the amendments to the Capital Plan as set out in Paragraph 8 of the report and detailed in Appendices 1 to 4 be noted.

**CB27/22      ♦ Richmond Swimming Pool and Richmondshire Leisure Trust - Request for additional Funding**

Further to Minute CB06/22 (14 June 2022), Senior Management Team submitted a written report on progress regarding the governance and relationship between the District Council and Richmondshire Leisure Trust (RLT) and to consider a request for additional funding.

The Board acknowledged the loss of income and increased costs associated with the revised completion date of the Pool improvement works and the impact of increased energy costs estimated to be up to £100,000 and which would impact significantly on the RLT's annual budget and current level of reserves.

Concerns were raised regarding the request for additional funding given the current support levels equating to 4.86% of the District Council's revenue budget for 2022/23, the RLT's current business planning and the impact of this pressure in 2023/24 for the new North Yorkshire Council.

The Corporate Director of Resources advised that the proposal for additional support to the RLT had been raised with North Yorkshire County Council in line with the required s24 notice financial controls.

The report proposed that if additional funding was approved, a cap should be set on the total cost to the Council, and that the funding should be limited to increased energy costs for Richmond Swimming Pool.

The Board proposed that a request be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to conduct a joint review of the Richmondshire Leisure Trust operation and management of the Richmond Swimming Pool.

That it be recommended to Council:

- Resolved:**
- (a) That the current levels of support provided to Richmondshire Leisure Trust be noted.
  - (b) That additional funding of up to £20,000 to cover further lost income from the closure of the pool be approved.

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- (c) That additional funding to support the Richmondshire Leisure Trust fund energy costs for Richmond Swimming Pool be approved on the following basis:

Following the submission of energy usage figures, funding for January, February and March 2023 up to a maximum of £25,000 per month once the pool has reopened after the capital works have been completed and a reimbursement based on the difference between the old energy (gas and electric) contracts and new energy contracts terms. This to be funded from the Council Taxpayers Reserve.

- (d) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Internal and External) be requested to add to their work programmes a joint review of the operation and management of the Richmondshire Leisure Trust.

**CB28/22 Richmondshire Warm Spaces Fund**

Senior Management Team submitted a written report which sought approval for financial support towards a District Council response to the cost-of-living crisis and increased health risks of winter.

The Corporate Director of Strategy and Regulatory reported that a simple application process would be implemented and a draft criterion for applications would be circulated via the Members Bulletin.

The Board welcomed the initiative and proposed the maximum amount of funding available of £71,000 split equally between each partnership area.

**Resolved:** That the use of £71,000 from the Area Partnership underspend as financial support towards the establishment of 'Warm Spaces' across the District, split equally across the 5 area partnerships as set out in the report be approved.

**CB29/22 Treasury Management Strategy - Mid Year Review Report 2022/23**

Further to Minute CB63/21 (15 February 2022), Senior Management Team submitted a written report presenting the treasury management performance for the first half of 2022/23.

**Resolved:** That the treasury management performance for the first half of 2022/23 be noted.

**CB30/22 ♦ Equalities and Diversity Annual Report and Objectives**

Further to Minute CB28/20 (10 November 2020), Senior Management Team submitted a written report seeking approval of the Council's annual report including draft objectives and associated action plan for Equalities and Diversity (for 2021/22 and 2022/23) and an update on how the Council had performed in delivering its statutory equality duty

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between April 2020 and March 2022.

- Resolved:**
- (a) That the performance of the Council in relation to Equalities and Diversity as set out in the Annual report for 2020/21 and 2021/22 be noted.
  - (b) That it be recommended to Council that the objectives for Equalities and Diversity for 2021/22 into 2022/23 be approved.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.38 pm.

**(CB26/22), (CB28/22) and (CB29/22)**  
**Decisions taken under Corporate Board**  
**Authority to take effect on 25 November 2022**

**(CB27/22) and (CB30/22(b))**  
**◆ Decisions to be ratified by Full Council on 6 December 2022**