

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Economy Board held on 13 June 2006, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 4.00pm.

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Present: Councillor B Percival in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs J Ashton, Mrs D Davies (for R Wilson), N Martin, D McSherry, W Norton, R Sayner and R Packham.

Officials: Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development, Principal Economic Development Officer, Benefits Manager, Accountancy Services Manager and Committee Administrator.

Also present Denise DoddsYork-England.com, Paul Whitaker and Julie Bleaidale – North Yorkshire County Council

Public: 0

Press: 0

860 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION

Apologies were received from Councillors R H Sweeting and R Wilson.

Substitute Member was Councillor Mrs D Davies.

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861 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None received.

862 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Economy Board held on 28 February 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

863 CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE ECONOMY BOARD

The Chair welcomed Councillor W May back to the board, following her recent absence.

The Chair gave his address to the Economy Board which covered issues as follows;

- **Growing the Economy**
- **Interesting current planning applications and recent consents**
- **Taking advantage of the bypass**
- **Community investment building**
- **The benefit service**

864 PUBLIC SESSION

865 WORK PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMY BOARD

Members received the report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development on the 2006/07 Work Programme.

In April 2005 the Board considered a Work Programme which covered the following topics: -

- Review of the SPAs
- Results of the Staff survey and action plan
- Review of the Economic Development Strategy and improvement plan

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- Renaissance
- State of the Area Address
- Review progress of the Sub Regional Improvement Plan
- Benefits Take Up
- Workforce development strategy

The report before Members summarises the progress on each topic and includes a suggested Work Programme for 2006/07.

RESOLVED:

That the Work Programme for the Economy Board for 2006/2007 be noted;

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Work Programme for the Economy Board for 2006/2007 be approved at a future meeting of Council.

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ECONOMY BOARD 2005/2006 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT:
APRIL 2005 – MARCH 2006 & 2006/2007 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
REPORT: APRIL 2006

Members received the report of the Head of Policy and Performance which would assist Members in focussing on priority areas and managing the performance of the Council by updating the Economy Board on the progress that is being made in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 for the corporate and statutory Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) for which they are responsible.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA) ECONOMY
DEVELOPMENT

Members were asked to consider the report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development.

The report was to seek Members approval to the Service Performance Agreement for 2006/07 for the Economic Development unit.

The Chair proposed an amendment to the recommendation under Improvements that;

Advice and comment for the development of the existing employment land policies be provided

Advice and influence on growing the economy across the District be provided

Recognise that the city region of Leeds would have a significant influence on the future of the District, establish the influence that would best suit the District area and to promote acceptance of those issues by the city region developers

RESOLVED:

That the Service Performance Agreement (Economic Development) subject to the amendment be approved.

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SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA) BUILDING CONTROL

Members were asked to consider the report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development.

The purpose of the report was to seek Members approval to the service performance agreement for 2006/07 for the Building Control Partnership.

RESOLVED:

That the Service Performance Agreement (Building Control) be approved.

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SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA) BENEFITS SECTION

The purpose of the report was to seek Members approval to the service performance agreement for 2006/07 for the Benefits Section.

The Chair on behalf of the Board expressed his thanks to the staff within the Benefits section for their continued hard work and achievements.

RESOLVED:

That the Service Performance Agreement (Benefits Section) be approved.

GOOD JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Members received a verbal presentation from Denise Dodds of york-england.com on the Good Jobs for Local People report.

In November 2005 Members were presented with a report titled Good jobs for local people. Members noted the report and asked that further consultation be under taken with colleagues, partners and stakeholders and that the findings be referred to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Because of the staff reductions within the Economic Development Unit, the Council employed york-england.com to carry out a consultation exercise on their behalf. This consultation took place during April and May 2006. The report before Members provided details of the findings.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the findings be published and fed into the Community Economic Development Strategy followed by a recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee to finalise their development and adopt an appropriate policy that recognises the aspirations that were set out in the report presented to the Economy Board in November 2005**
- ii) that during the development of the Policy that appropriate milestones and targets be set that local distinctiveness is identified and enhanced**

SELBY DISTRICT URBAN RENAISSANCE PROGRAMME – PROGRESS UPDATE AND TOWNS TEAM EXECUTIVE CONSTITUTION

Members received the report, which updated them on the progress of the Renaissance Programme.

Since the last report to Economy Board in February 2006 progress had been made on the management of the Urban Renaissance programme and a number of issues were being addressed both internally and with Yorkshire Forward.

URBED, Yorkshire Forward's consultants have still not produced the version of the Strategic Development Framework, which would be used for community consultation.

Projects in Selby and Sherburn were moving forward.

The Energy and Water themes were generating a great deal of interest from external bodies (both public and private).

Members were concerned that this important area was not progressed and felt that a Project Board should be formed.

The Chair agreed and asked for a nomination from the floor for a Member from the opposing groups to sit on the Board with himself.

A nomination was received for Councillor R Packham and on being put to the vote was carried.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the progress being made on the renaissance programme be noted;**
- ii) That an Urban Renaissance Project Board comprising the Renaissance Champion, Chair of the Economy Board and a member nominated by the largest opposing group and appropriate Senior Officers and a Project Team from within and without the Selby District Council be set up to facilitate the driving through of the delivery of the Renaissance projects originating from the public and private sectors**
- iii) That resources both human and financial be investigated to develop the 'Café Society' Concept and that a report be brought to a future meeting of Economy Board.**

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WHEELS 2 WORK

Members received the report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development, which informed them with regard to the discussions, which had taken place between RYECAT and Selby District Council.

RESOLVED:

That the transfer of ownership of the 15 mopeds to RYECAT be approved.

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FUNDING BID PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NYCC LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE AT SELBY

The Head of Service introduced Mrs Julie Blaisdale, from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) to the Committee.

NYCC's Library and Information Service currently provides a Visitor Information Centre (VIC) at Selby.

Provision of this service had been undertaken in partnership with Selby

DC through Leader and Grant funding which initially set up costs and ongoing revenue to provide the service up to December 2005.

The provision of the centre, and extended services/opening hours had made a significant impact and take up from both local residents and visitors over the 2 years that it has been in operation: At the same time, the Library and Information Centre had seen increases in visitors/use of library facilities as a result.

In conclusion the Centre and its provision of enhanced access to services had benefited a diverse range of local users and visitors to Selby. There were however, ongoing resource issues that need to be addressed in order to sustain its ongoing provision.

The Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development addressed Members, the budgets held by the Economy Board had been checked and it had been established that the Service could not be supported via those budgets.

The Chair informed Members that if they were minded to refer this to the Policy and Resources Committee that greater detail on the cost breakdown from NYCC would be required, therefore requested that the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development obtain the necessary information.

RECOMMENDED:

- i) That the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to approve a supplementary revenue estimate of £7,500 to support the provision of the Visitor Information Centre upto December 2006 only, subject to the cost breakdown from NYCC**
- ii) That further work be undertaken by NYCC to assess the benefits and rationale for continued Visitor Information Centre provision and that following the outcome of this work, a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Economy Board.**

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SELBY DISTRICT LEADER+ RESPONSE TO DEFRA CONSULTATION ON 'RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND 2007 – 2013'

Members received the report which informed them of DEFRA's proposals for the delivery of rural funding post-2006 and to seek their endorsement of the response made by the Selby District LEADER+ Local Action Group

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to DEFRA's consultation document.

DEFRA were proposing changes to the delivery of rural funding post-2006. These proposals were contained in their consultation document "*Rural Development Programme for England 2007 – 2013*".

The Selby District LEADER+ Local Action Group had made a formal response to DEFRA on this consultation document

RESOLVED:

That the Local Action Group response be endorsed

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PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 in view of the nature of the business to be transacted the meeting be not open to the Press and public during discussion of the following items as there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT
(Exempt Information No 3)

Members received the report of the Head of Services for Planning and Economic Development, which would update Members on the progress of the Task and Finish group, to support the way forward to carry out the recommendations of that group.

Members and officers reviewed the accommodation, the ownership, the cost of maintenance and its contribution to the local economy and environmental and social impact on the area.

A way forward had, been proposed by the group for approval by the Economy Board.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the findings of the Asset Management Review Task and Finish Group be approved;**
- ii) That the way forward as identified in paragraph 6.9 of the Officers report be approved.**

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

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