

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Economy Board held on 29 August 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, D Bain-Mackay (Vice Chair), C Lunn (for C Pearson), Mrs W May, W N Martin, W Norton, R Packham, R H Sweeting and R Wilson.

Officials: Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development, Accountancy Services Manager, Benefits Manager, Leader + Programme Leader, Community Link Officer and Committee Administrator.

Observer: Councillor Mrs D Davies

Public: 0

Press: 0

1066 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION

Apologies were received from Councillors C Pearson and R Sayner.

Substitute Councillor was Councillor C Lunn (for C Pearson).

1067 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None received.

1068 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Economy Board held on 13 June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

1069 CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE ECONOMY BOARD

The Chair presented Councillors with a detailed and comprehensive address which highlighted;

- Growing the economy
- Renaissance
- Recycling issues

Councillors conveyed their thanks to the Chair for his interesting and informative statement.

1070 DATE AND COMMENCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE ECONOMY BOARD

Councillors received a verbal report from the Head of Service – Planning and Economic Development. Councillors were asked to confirm the following start times and dates of future meetings of the Economy Board.

RESOLVED: That

03 October 2006	4.00pm	Be cancelled
13 November 2006	4.00pm	Be confirmed
10 January 2007	3.00pm	Be Confirmed
13 February 2007	3.00pm	Be confirmed
11 April 2007	4.00pm	Be confirmed

1071 ECONOMY BOARD 2006/2007 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT: APRIL 2006 – MAY 2006

Councillors received the report of the Head of Service - Policy and Performance updating them on the progress being made in 2005/2006 on

the corporate and statutory Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) for which they were responsible.

Councillors asked for clarification on two items contained within the report

- i) BV78a
- ii) Home working

The Chair asked that officers from the relevant sections contact Councillors direct with a response.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2006

Councillors were presented with the details of major variations between budgeted and actual expenditure for the Board for the first three months of the 2006/2007 financial year.

Councillors asked that the report be put into a simpler format, so they could balance the figures contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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STRATEGIC ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT AND SUB REGIONAL INVESTMENT PLAN

The Head of Service - Planning and Economic Development presented a report which sought to update councillors on the current position in respect of the:

- i) Production of a Strategic Economic Assessment (SEA)
- ii) review of the Sub Regional Investment Plan,
- iii) review of partner structures and the
- iv) issues which were still to be considered at a local level, sub regional and regional levels.

Following the meeting of Council held 18 July 2006, councillors were asked to approve the nomination of the Chair of the Economy Board, Councillor B Percival, as the Council's representative on the York and North Yorkshire Development Board.

RESOLVED: That;

- i) the emerging Strategic Economic Assessment be noted;**
- ii) the Chair of the Economy Board be the Council's representative on the York and North Yorkshire Development Board.**

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (CIPs) UPDATE

Councillors were asked to receive the report of the Head of Service - Planning and Economic Development on the progress being made on CIPs.

Since the launch of the CIP Action Plan Report in December 2006, the CIP Groups had continued to be extremely active in their communities, providing funding and support to community groups throughout the District. To date a total of £10,000 of CIP funding had been given to local projects; this had enabled project groups to pump prime other funding streams for a further £120,000.

A total of 45 new community projects had been identified through work with local groups and were being supported by the CIP Groups and the Community Link Officer.

Councillors expressed their thanks to officers for their continued hard work and commitment to the project, which had gone from strength to strength.

RESOLVED:

That the CIP Groups' progress be noted.

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SELBY DISTRICT URBAN RENAISSANCE PROGRAMME – PROGRESS UPDATE

The Head of Service - Planning and Economic Development, updated councillors on the progress of the Selby District Urban Renaissance Programme.

Since the last report, was been presented to the Economy Board in June 2006, progress had been made on the management of the Urban Renaissance programme and the Project Board had held its first meeting.

The Strategic Development Framework had still not been finalised. The Project Board had decided that because of the lateness of the publication of that document (originally scheduled for October 2005), it would not now be issued for consultation, but it would be made publicly available (in libraries, etc.).

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Projects in Selby and Sherburn In Elmet were moving forward.

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

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made on the Urban Renaissance Programme be noted.

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SELBY DISTRICT LEADER+ PROGRAMME UPDATE

Councillors were asked to receive the report on the progress being made by the Selby District LEADER+ programme and an assessment of the future of rural funding from 2007.

This report updated councillors on the progress of the Selby District LEADER+ programme.

The programme started in early 2003 and is set to run until the end of December 2007.

To date, the programme had brought £1,768,000 of external funding in to the District.

The programme outputs were detailed in the main report.

The paper also looked at the future of rural funding after the LEADER+ project finishes.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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BENEFITS – VISION AND STRATEGIES

Councillors were asked to receive the report of the Head of Service - Finance and Central Services, which sought the endorsement of the Benefits Service's updated vision, policies and strategies.

The Benefit Service's vision included all areas of corporate responsibility for the administration of the Government's Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit schemes, as well as the duties, which related to the investigation of fraudulent activity.

Councillors express their thanks to the Benefit Manager and his section for their continued hard work and development.

RESOLVED:

That the vision, policies and strategies relating to the Benefit Service be endorsed subject to;

RECOMMENDATION:

That the policy and resources committee be asked to approve the Vision, Policies and Strategies relating to the Benefit Service.

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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 consideration 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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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS WITH NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NYCC)

Councillors were asked to consider the report of the Head of Service - Planning and Economic Development, which provided councillors with an update on the partnership arrangements for the Economic Development Service.

The report outlined the proposals for the Economic Development Partnership arrangements with NYCC.

The partnership agreement aims to build resilience and capacity into the unit. Currently the unit is dependent on external funding to develop new initiatives and support projects of strategic importance.

Councillors raised concern on the structure and proposed reporting line and felt that the proposed structure would not fulfil councillors' requirements.

It was proposed by the Chair that due to the very short deadline attached to this report, a Task and Finish Group should be formed from the Board, who would meet and agree a way forward. The Group would then report their findings, along with other recommendations contained within the agenda to

the next meeting of Council for approval.

RECOMMENDED:

That a Task and Finish Group be established comprising of the Chair of the Economy Board, Councillor B Percival, and Councillor R Wilson, to consider the report and make recommendation to Council on 12 September 2006.

The meeting closed at 6.05pm.