

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Economy Board held on 13 November 2006 in Committee Room 3, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 4.00pm.

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Present: Councillor B Percival in the Chair.

Councillors: D Bain-Mackay (Vice Chair), Mrs W May, W N Martin, W Norton, R Packham, C Pearson and R Wilson.

Officials: Head of Service - Planning and Economic Development, Principal Economic Development Officer, Head of Economic Development (North Yorkshire County Council), Assistant Economic Development Officer and Democratic Services Officer.

1214 **Apologies For Absence and Notice of Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillor R H Sweeting, Mrs J Ashton and Mrs R Sayner.

Substitute Councillor was Councillor J Mackman (for Councillor Mrs Sayner).

1215 **Disclosure Of Interest**

None received.

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Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Economy Board held on 29 August 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

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Chair's Address To The Economy Board

The Chair gave his address to councillors which covered the following issues:

- identifying and prioritising key deliverables
- the need to establish local distinctiveness to retain the character and autonomy of the District
- developing the central area of Sherburn into a village square
- the importance of improvements to the road access onto the A1 and A1/M1 link
- the possibility of a two-day canal festival in September 2007
- an update on the boulevard society
- the Selby Ambassadors' dinner hosted by York England

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Economy Board 2006/2007 Performance Indicator Report: April 2006 – September 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 discussed the BV9 and BV10 performance indicators and requested that forecasted year-end figures for these be presented at a future meeting of Economy Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

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Budget Monitoring to 30 September 2006

The Head of Service - Finance and Central Services submitted a report setting out details of variations in the Committee's budget for the first six months of the financial year 2006/07.

Information was given relating to the forecast outturn for full year expenditure, the reasons for major variations and changes to the original budget approved by this Committee. Officers would continue to monitor the budget and report to the Committee on a regular basis.

Resolved:

That the report be noted and the action taken by officers be endorsed.

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Sub-Regional Investment Planning

The Principal Economic Development Officer updated councillors on the current position of the Sub-Regional Investment Plan.

Councillors discussed the proposed key interventions and spatial focus for both the sub-region as a whole and for Selby District in particular. The key interventions and spatial focus for Selby District were identified as:

Interventions

- Exploiting science and innovation
- Stimulating and supporting enterprise and enterprising culture
- Ensuring a connected sub-region

Spatial focus

- York and its hinterland
- City Region of Leeds

Resolved that:

(i) the progress on the Strategic Economic Assessment and Sub-Regional Investment Plan be noted; and

(ii) the interventions and spatial focus listed above be endorsed as Selby District Council priorities

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Leeds City Region

The Principal Economic Development Officer updated councillors on discussions that had taken place between Selby District Council and the other ten authorities involved in the Leeds City Region (LCR). Councillors were also informed of the current arrangements for supporting city region working.

Councillors discussed the priorities that had already been identified and looked at the thematic work groups that had been set up. Broadly, these comprise transport connectivity, innovation, skills agenda, business infrastructure, quality of life and growth sectors and clusters. Because of resource constraints, it was decided that Selby District Council should concentrate on the following key thematic areas:

- innovation
- connectivity
- growth sectors and clusters

Resolved that:

(i) the report be noted; and that

(ii) the key thematic areas listed above be endorsed as Selby District Council priorities

1222

Draft Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2007 – 2012

In May 2006 the Economy Board agreed with officers a Service Performance Agreement (SPA) for 2006/07. As part of the SPA, officers agreed to review the strategy and discuss with councillors and members of the Local Strategic Partnership the Community Economic Development strategy.

The strategy proposes five themes for 2007 – 2012:

- Developing an environment for businesses
- Raising the image of the area
- Regenerating our three market towns
- Greater community influence
- Enhance skills and improve access to employment

Subject to funding, the strategy would also include the theme of improving connectivity.

Councillors then discussed the importance of developing the Selby District as a centre for innovation and science, encompassing science parks, clean fuel and hi-tech jobs. They also considered the *iSelby* logo as appropriate branding for the District.

Resolved that:

(i) the proposed Community Economic Development Strategy be endorsed as a consultation document; and

(ii) the *iSelby* logo be endorsed

1223

Selby District Urban Renaissance Programme – Progress Update

Councillors were updated on the ten priority projects that were agreed at a meeting on 5 October 2006 of the Town Team's Executive. These priority projects are those which Town Teams and Selby District Council Renaissance staff will concentrate on delivering.

Resolved:

That councillors note the report.

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European Regional Development Fund/Assisted Areas

The Head of Economic Development (North Yorkshire County Council) updated councillors on the current position in respect to the operational programme of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Assisted Areas through Selective Finance for Investment (SFI).

Government Office and Yorkshire Forward have drafted an Operational Programme setting out the regional priorities for the delivery of the next round of the ERDF. Selby District will be eligible for assistance under this programme.

Central Government is proposing to reduce the area of the country in which businesses qualify for special financial assistance. In Selby District, the number of qualifying wards will be reduced from 18 to one (Whitley ward).

Resolved that:

(i) the progress on the Operational Programme of the European Regional Development Fund be noted;

(ii) the Government submission regarding Assisted Areas Review be noted.

1225 **Private Session**

After discussion, the Chair decided to take the following private report into public session.

1226 **Employment Land Update**

The Principal Economic Development Officer provided councillors with an update on the key employment sites/proposals along the bypass.

In addition, councillors were informed of a request to contribute a sum of £1,000 towards a flood risk assessment at Olympia /Washington Park.

The report provided an update on the potential employment sites in the District and the need to commission an employment land study.

The Chair then requested that the meeting be moved into private session.

1227 **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 paragraphs 7 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

1228 **Employment Land Update**

The Chair updated councillors on the current position of specific areas of employment land in the District.

The meeting then moved into public session.

Resolved that:

- (i) the current position regarding employment land be noted;**
- (ii) a contribution of £1,000 be made towards a flood risk assessment covering the Olympia Park concept plan area; and**
- (iii) costs and terms of reference for commissioning an Employment Land Survey be brought to the next meeting of the Economy Board**

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Times of Future Meetings of Economy Board

Councillors considered moving the starting time of Economy Board to 3.00pm from 4.00pm.

Resolved

That the next three meetings of Economy Board commence at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.