

Agenda

Meeting: Executive

To: Councillors Carl Les (Chairman), Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Keane Duncan, Michael Harrison, Simon Myers, Janet Sanderson, Greg White and Annabel Wilkinson.

Date: Tuesday, 5th July 2022

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD

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Business

1. Introductions

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 June 2022 (Pages 5 - 12)

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Public Questions and Statements

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice to Melanie Carr of Democratic and Scrutiny Services and supplied the text (contact details below) by midday on Thursday 30 June 2022, three working days before the day of the meeting. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:-

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);

- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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5. Re-procurement or In-sourcing of Shared Lives Scheme (Pages 13 - 20)

Recommendation:

The Executive is asked to note the contents of the report, and to approve the procurement of the Shared Lives Scheme for North Yorkshire, in line with good practice as set out in the report.

6. Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy (Pages 21 - 54)

Recommendation:

The Executive is asked to recommend to County Council that the refreshed “Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy - We care because you matter” be formally approved

7. Highways Levelling Up Fund Bid - submission and acceptance (To Follow)

8. Carbon Reduction and Climate Change Update (To Follow)

Recommendation: The Executive are asked to note the report

9. Council Tax Discounts & Premiums Policy (Pages 55 - 64)

Recommendations: The Executive are asked to recommend that Full Council approve:

- i. Policies for the North Yorkshire Council’s Council Tax discounts from 1 April 2023, as detailed in the report;
- ii. Policies for the North Yorkshire Council’s Council Tax premiums from 1 April 2023, as detailed in the report;
- iii. that the additional revenue generated from the changes to premiums and discounts in 2023/24 be ring-fenced to support the Council Tax Reduction scheme;
- iv. that the following additional Council Tax premiums be applied from 1 April 2024, subject to the required legislation being in place:
 - 100% premium for properties which have been empty and unfurnished for more than 12 months;
 - 100% premium for second homes

10. Non Domestic Rating Discretionary Rate Reliefs & Hardship Policies (Pages 65 - 78)

Recommendations: The Executive are asked to consider the contents of the report and recommend that Full Council approve:

- (i) Discretionary relief which is defined by legislation and borne by the Council and Government under the Business Rates Retention provision:
 - that all businesses and organisations who apply for discretionary relief with effect from 1 April 2023 be assessed for eligibility in accordance with the legislation, and that relief be awarded in line with the key criteria and points based scheme detailed in paragraphs 3.4 to 3.11;
 - that the approval of the scoring mechanism to be used within the assessment of the reliefs be delegated to the Council’s designated S151 Officer, having full regard to individual cases and the corporate aims and objectives of the Council;
 - that the authority to grant the relief be delegated to designated Revenues Managers under a scheme of delegation.
- (ii) Localism relief that:

- that the Council adopts the policy attached at Appendix B and awards Localism reliefs in accordance with that policy.
 - that the authority to grant relief under the localism provisions be delegated to the Council's S151 Officer.
- (iii) Discretionary reliefs wholly defined by the Government and reimbursed by the Government under a S31 Grant:
- that the Council adopts all S31 Government funded discretionary reliefs in accordance with any guidance issued.
 - that the Council's S151 Officer be delegated the authority to amend any such approach to ensure that any relief granted is in line with the intentions of the Government and is compatible with the Council's objectives.
- (iv) Hardship relief:
- that the Council adopts the Hardship Relief policy attached at Appendix C and considers reducing or remitting any non-domestic rate in accordance with that policy.
 - that the authority to grant relief under the hardship provisions be delegated to the Council's S151 Officer.

- 11. Area Constituency Committee Feedback Report (Pages 79 - 82)**
 Recommendation: That the Executive notes the report and considers any matters arising from the work of the Area Constituency Committees, that merits further scrutiny, review or investigation at a county-level.
- 12. Forward Plan (Pages 83 - 100)**
- 13. Other business which the Leader agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances**

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