

## **Agenda**

**Meeting: Executive**

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

**Date: Tuesday 19th March 2024**

**Time: 11.00 am**

**Venue: The Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD**

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### **Business**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Exclusion of the Public**

Members are recommended to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of each of the items of business listed in Column 1 of the following table on the grounds that they each involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) specified in column 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information)(Variation) Order 2006:-

Item number on the agenda	Paragraph Number
11	3 and 5

#### 4. **Public Participation**

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- 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.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Leader who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak.

#### 5. **Housing Strategy 2024 to 2029 Recommendations** **(Pages 5 - 108)**

The recommendations for Executive are as follows:

- i) Consider the detailed consultation that was undertaken on the draft Housing Strategy, along with the analysis of the feedback and the consequent revised Housing Strategy 2024 to 2029.
- ii) Bring forward a report to Full Council recommending the adoption of the North Yorkshire Housing Strategy 2024 to 2029.

#### 6. **Network North: Phase 3 Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding Proposal Recommendations** **(Pages 109 - 134)**

The Executive is asked to consider the information in this report and:

- i) approve the submission of BSIP3 proposals to the Department for Transport by 28 March 2024
- ii) authorise the Corporate Director - Environment, in conjunction with the Corporate Director - Resources, to accept the BSIP3 grant from Department for Transport subject to agreeing appropriate terms.

#### 7. **Delivering Better Value in SEND – Acceptance of Grant Allocation from the Department for Education RECOMMENDATIONS** **(Pages 135 - 154)**

- i) To request approval from the Executive to authorise the acceptance for grant funding of £1,000,000.
- ii) To request approval from the Executive that the authorisation of the grant Memorandum of Understanding should be delegated to the Corporate Director, Resources in conjunction with the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services.

**8. Department for Education (DfE) Grant - Financial Support for Local Authorities Supporting Maintained Schools in Financial Difficulty Recommendations (Pages 155 - 164)**

Executive are asked:

- a. To note the contents of this report
- b. To approve local authority acceptance of the Department for Education Grant funding of £972,188 in respect of Financial Support for Local Authorities Supporting Maintained Schools in Financial Difficulty.
- c. To approve the distribution of the additional funding support to maintained schools currently in a financial deficit, that meet the proposed eligibility criteria, based on the following methodology (Option 1):

Maintained Nursery Schools	£25,000 per school
Primary Schools (under 200 pupils)*	£25,000 per school
Primary Schools (200 pupils and over)	£50,000 per school
Secondary Schools	£100,000 per school
Special Schools	£50,000 per school

\*Primary schools under 200 pupils, with a forecast deficit balance of £100k or more as at 31 March 2024 to receive an additional funding allocation of £25,000.

- d. To approve that a condition of acceptance of additional funding by any school will require a school resource management review to be undertaken where a review has not been completed since April 2021.

**9. Boroughbridge High School, Boroughbridge – Proposal to remove Sixth Form Provision RECOMMENDATIONS (Pages 165 - 212)**

- i) Statutory proposals and notices be published on 4 April 2024 proposing to change the age range of Boroughbridge High School, by ceasing sixth form provision, with effect from 31 August 2024.
- ii) The Executive (or the Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills if there are no objections during the representation period) schedule taking a final decision on these proposals on 18 June 2024.

**10. Fountains Earth, Lofthouse CE Endowed Primary School – School Closure Proposal Recommendations (Pages 213 - 348)**

(a) That having undertaken the required preliminary checks, the Executive resolve that the issues listed above in section 9 have been satisfied and there can be a determination of the proposals.

(b) That the following proposal be determined:

- i) To cease to maintain Fountains Earth, Lofthouse CE Endowed Primary School with effect from 31 March 2024.
- ii) To extend the catchment area of St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary School, Pateley Bridge with effect from 1 April 2024 to include the area currently served by Fountains Earth, Lofthouse CE Endowed Primary School.

**11. Provision of Internal Audit, Counter Fraud and Related Governance Services Recommendation (Pages 349 - 354)**

- i) That the Executive approve a proposed 3-year contract with Veritau with effect from 1 April 2024.

**12. Forward Plan (Pages 355 - 368)**

**13. Any Other Items**

Any other items which the Leader agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

**14. Date of Next Meeting - 16 April 2024**

**Members are reminded that in order to expedite business at the meeting and enable Officers to adapt their presentations to address areas causing difficulty, they are encouraged to contact Officers prior to the meeting with questions on technical issues in reports.**

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