



Agenda

Meeting: Executive

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

Date: Tuesday 7th May 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. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 April 2024**

(Pages 5 - 10)

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **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 |
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5. Public Participation

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice to Elizabeth Jackson, Principal Democratic Services Officer, elizabeth.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk and supplied the text by midday on Wednesday 1 May 2024, 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.

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.

6. Review of Maximum Hackney Carriage Fares (Pages 11 - 28)

Recommendation

To approve the publication of the proposed variation to the Council's Hackney Carriage Table of Fares as set out in Appendix D (with or without modifications), subject to further consideration in the event of any objections being received.

7. Proposal to close St Hilda's Ampleforth Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School (Pages 29 - 116)

Recommendations

- Statutory proposals and notices be published on 22 May 2024 proposing to cease to maintain St Hilda's Church of England VC Primary School with effect from 31 August 2024.
- The proposals include that, in the event of closure, the catchment area currently served by St Hilda's Church of England VC School will be split between Terrington CE VA Primary School, Helmsley Community Primary School and Husthwaite CE. The parishes of Gilling East, Grimstone, Cawton and Coulton would become part of the catchment area for Terrington Church of England. The parishes of Oswaldkirk and Stonegrave would become part of the catchment area for Helmsley Community Primary School. The parishes of Byland with Wass and Ampleforth would become part of the catchment area for Husthwaite Church of England
- The Executive schedule taking a final decision on these proposals on 16 July 2024.

8. Adoption of the "Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale National Landscape (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) Supplementary Planning Document (Pages 117 - 164)

Recommendations

- That the Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty SPD is adopted, to be used as a material consideration in planning decisions within the

Nidderdale AONB area.

- ii) That the Head of Planning Policy and Place be authorised to make minor amendments and graphical improvements ahead of adoption.

9. Creation of new audit company – Veritau Assurance Limited (Pages 165 - 192)

Recommendations

- i) approve the Business Case at Appendix A
- ii) approve the implementation of a new jointly owned company, in accordance with the details set out in the Business Case at Appendix A;
- iii) approve the setting up of a company limited by guarantee;
- iv) delegate to the Chief Executive (as Shareholder Representative) the approval of any dividend payment by Veritau Limited and authorise the Chief Executive (as Shareholder Representative) to sign any relevant shareholder resolutions in relation to a dividend;
- v) approve the investment of a “subscription fee” in NewCo;
- vi) delegate the approval of the articles, the company name, the members agreement and any other governance documents associated with new company to Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic Services;
- vii) delegate the Council entering into all other agreements and documents necessary for the establishment of the new company to the Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic Services;
- viii) delegate to the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services to progress and conclude the working arrangements of NewCo including the method of the provision of support services, staffing and secondment arrangements between NewCo and Veritau Limited;
- ix) delegate all other necessary steps to secure the implementation of the proposed Option to the Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic Services;
- x) delegate to the Chief Executive (as Shareholder Representative) the appointment of the directors of NewCo on behalf of the Council; and
- xi) agree that the appointed officers to the board of directors of the company on behalf of the Council will be entitled to indemnity in accordance with the Council’s Indemnity Policy for Members and Employees.

10. Area Constituency Committee Feedback Report (Pages 193 - 202)

Recommendation

The Executive is asked to note the report and consider any matters arising from the work of the Area Constituency Committees detailed above, that merit further scrutiny, review or investigation at a county level.

11. Forward Plan (Pages 203 - 222)

12. Any Other Items

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

13. Date of Next Meeting - 21 May 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.

Contact Details:

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