

North Yorkshire County Council

County Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 20th July, 2022 commencing at 10.30 am.

County Councillor Margaret Atkinson in the Chair and County Councillors Chris Aldred, Joy Andrews, Karl Arthur, Alyson Baker, Derek Bastiman, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Lindsay Burr MBE, David Chance, Liz Colling, Mark Crane, Sam Cross, Gareth Dadd, Melanie Davis, Caroline Dickinson, Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, Bridget Fortune, Kevin Foster, Richard Foster, Sam Gibbs, Hannah Gostlow, Bryn Griffiths, Tim Grogan, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, George Jabbour, David Jeffels, Tom Jones, Mike Jordan, Nigel Knapton, Peter Lacey, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, John Mann, Pat Marsh, Steve Mason, Rich Maw, John McCartney, Heather Moorhouse, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock, Clive Pearson, Heather Phillips, Jack Proud, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Subash Sharma, Steve Shaw-Wright, Monika Slater, Andy Solloway, David Staveley, Neil Swannick, Malcolm Taylor, Angus Thompson, Phil Trumper, Matt Walker, Arnold Warneken, Steve Watson, David Webster, John Weighell OBE, Greg White, Dave Whitfield, Annabel Wilkinson, Peter Wilkinson, Andrew Williams and Robert Windass.

Apologies: Phillip Barrett, Barbara Brodigan, John Cattanach, Caroline Goodrick, Janet Jefferson, Bob Packham, Kirsty Poskitt, John Ritchie, Mike Schofield and Roberta Swiers.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

17 Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 18 May 2022

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 18 May 2022, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 78 for, one against and one abstention.

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council on 18 May 2022, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Philip Barrett, Barbara Brodigan, John Cattanach, Caroline Goodrick, Janet Jefferson, Bob Packham, Kirsty Poskitt, John Ritchie, Mike Schofield and Roberta Swiers.

19 Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Michael Harrison declared an interest regarding Item 7 on the agenda, the Q4 Performance and Finance Monitoring Report, as his employer is referenced in the finance report.

20 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the Honorary Aldermen and members of the public and press who were present.

The Chairman informed Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting.

The Chairman informed Members that Item 9 had been included in the agenda for the meeting in error, having previously been approved at the County Council meeting on 18 May 2022. As such, it would not be discussed today.

The death of former County Councillor Ralph Andrew was noted. Ralph was a county councillor from 1985 to 1993.

The death of former County Councillor Pat Marsburg was noted. Pat was a county councillor from 2005 to 2013 and also a Scarborough Borough Councillor and Mayor.

A minute's silence was held in memory of both former county councillors.

Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), gave an overview of the way in which the Council's Constitution specifies how Notices of Motion are dealt with. This related to Item 12 on the agenda.

The Chairman informed Members that she was minded to refer the two Motions, as outlined in Item 12 on the agenda, to the Executive for consideration and then referral back to the meeting of the County Council on 16 November 2022.

County Councillor Andy Brown proposed a motion that the matter being debated at the meeting of the County Council, rather than being referred to the Executive and then considered by Council at a later date.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd spoke against the motion.

A named vote was taken by roll call and the motion declared defeated with 22 for, 53 against and 5 abstentions, as follows:

For: County Councillors Chris Aldred, Joy Andrews, Philip Broadbank, Andy Brown, Lindsay Burr MBE, Sam Cross, Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, Kevin Foster, Hannah Gostlow, Bryn Griffiths, Peter Lacey, Pat Marsh, Steve Mason, John McCartney, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Monika Slater, Andy Solloway, Matt Walker, Arnold Warneken, Dave Whitfield.

Against: County Councillors Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Alyson Baker, Derek Bastiman, Eric Broadbent, Nick Brown, David Chance, Liz Colling, Mark Crane, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Keane Duncan, Bridget Fortune, Richard Foster, Sam Gibbs, Tim Grogan, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, George Jabbour, David Jeffels, Tom Jones, Mike Jordan, Nigel Knapton, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, John Mann, Heather Moorhouse, Simon Myers, Andy Paraskos, Yvonne Peacock, Clive Pearson, Heather Phillips, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Subash Sharma, Steve Shaw-Wright, David Staveley, Neil Swannick, Malcolm Taylor, Angus Thompson, Phil Trumper, Steve Watson, David Webster, John Weighell OBE, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson, Peter Wilkinson, Andrew Williams and Robert Windass.

Abstaining: County Councillors Melanie Davis, Stephanie Duckett, Rich Maw, Jack Proud and Tony Randerson.

Resolved -

That the two Motions, as outlined in Item 12 on the agenda, be referred to the Executive for consideration and then referred back to the meeting of the County Council on 16 November 2022.

21 Statement by the Leader of the Council

County Councillor Carl Les made a statement and answered questions, under Council Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the County Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 13734 to 13734 of the Minute Book).

22 Public Questions or Statements

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

23 To consider the report and recommendations of the Executive and make decisions on them

Quarter 4 Performance and Finance Monitoring Report

The recommendation at paragraph 3.2 of the report (page 13738 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously with 80 for, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That the recommendation be noted.

Proposed Changes to Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements during the period July 2022 to March 2023 and other (minor) changes to the Constitution

The recommendation at paragraph 3.3 of the report (page 13739 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously with 80 for, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That the proposed changes to overview and scrutiny arrangements and the amendments to the Constitution set out in the report and appendices be adopted.

Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy

It was noted that this item was included in the Statement to County Council by County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services.

Council Tax Discounts and Premiums Policy

The recommendation at paragraph 3.5 of the report (page 13740 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 79 for, none against and one abstention.

Resolved -

That the proposed Policies for the North Yorkshire Council's Council Tax discounts, premiums and additional revenue from 1 April 2023 be adopted.

Non Domestic Rating Discretionary Rate Reliefs and Hardship Policies

The recommendation at paragraph 3.6 of the report (pages 13741 to 13742 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously with 80 for, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That the proposed Non Domestic Rating Discretionary Rate Reliefs and Hardship Policies from 1 April 2023 be adopted.

24 Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

The recommendations at page 28 (page 13745 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously, with 80 for, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That the appointments to committees and Outside Bodies be approved.

25 Approval of Revised Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy

This item was not discussed as it had been included in the agenda for the meeting in error, having previously been approved at the County Council meeting on 18 May 2022.

26 Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2021/22

Resolved -

The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22, at pages 79 to 86 in the Main Agenda, be noted.

27 Statements of Executive Members, in the order set out below, followed by the Statements of the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

(a) Executive Member for Finance, Assets and Resources and Special Projects - County Councillor Gareth Dadd

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13804 to 13806).

(b) Executive Member for Open to Business - County Councillor Derek Bastiman

County Councillor Derek Bastiman, Executive Member for Open to Business, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously

been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13808 to 13809).

(c) Executive Member for Corporate Services - County Councillor David Chance

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Corporate Services, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13810 to 13815).

(d) Executive Member for Highways and Transportation - County Councillor Keane Duncan

County Councillor Keane Duncan, Executive Member for Highways and Transportation, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13816 to 13817).

(e) Executive Member for Health and Adult Services - County Councillor Michael Harrison

County Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and Adult Services, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13818 to 13820).

(f) Executive Member for Planning for Growth - County Councillor Simon Myers

County Councillor Simon Myers, Executive Member for Planning for Growth, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (page 13822).

(g) Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services - County Councillor Janet Sanderson

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services, made a statement and answered questions, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13824 to 13827).

(h) Executive Member for Working in Localities - County Councillor Greg White

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Working in localities, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13828 to 13833).

(i) Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills - County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson

County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson, Executive Member for Education and Skills, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13834 to 13837).

(j) Scrutiny Board (Chairman: County Councillor Karin Sedgwick)

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees having previously been circulated, and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 13838 to 13850), were noted.

The Chairmen of the Scrutiny of Health Committee, Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Transport Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee answered questions.

28 Notices of Motion

The Motions were moved and seconded without comment and referred to the Executive.

29 Use of special urgency procedures since the last meeting of County Council - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

The report on the Use of Special Urgency Procedures since the last meeting of the County Council in July was considered and the recommendation at section 10.1 of the report (page 13854 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

Resolved –

That the report on the Use of Special Urgency Procedures since the last meeting of the County Council in July 2022, be noted.

30 Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting concluded at 1.45 pm.