

North Yorkshire County Council

County Council

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held remotely on 17 February 2021 commencing at 10.30 am.

PRESENT:-

County Councillor Jim Clark in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Bob Baker, Philip Barrett, David Blades, Derek Bastiman, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr MBE, Michael Chambers MBE, David Chance, Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, John Ennis, David Goode, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Hugill, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin MBE, John McCartney, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Yvonne Peacock, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Andy Solloway, Peter Sowray MBE, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell OBE, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson and Robert Windass.

County Councillor Helen Grant left the meeting at 11.15am and County Councillor Stuart Parsons left the meeting at 12:21pm due to technical problems with their IT.

ATTENDING:-

There were no members of the public participating in the meeting. This was a live broadcast remote meeting held using MS Teams. As such, the meeting was available to be viewed by the public on the Council YouTube channel - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/live-meetings>

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

165 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 November 2020

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 18 November 2020, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The vote was taken using the voting application in Microsoft Teams and the motion was declared carried with 58 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 18 November 2020, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

166 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Andrew Backhouse, Mel Hobson, Joe Plant, Callam Walsh and Geoff Webber.

167 Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Michael Harrison declared two interests: the first that a family member works for the Council's Health and Adult Services; the second that his employer is one of the companies named in the Treasury Management report. He confirmed that he had received the necessary dispensations from the Standards Committee.

168 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the Honorary Aldermen and members of the public who were watching the live broadcast meeting on the Council's YouTube site.

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

The Chairman passed on congratulations, on behalf of the Council, to Sam Clayton who was awarded an OBE and Janine Nicholson an MBE, both for their work with children and young people.

The Chairman noted the untimely death of County Councillor Richard Welch. Richard was a County Councillor for 12 years, representing the Ribblesdale Division. He was also a councillor for the Penyghent ward for Craven District Council and also a County Council appointee to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

The Chairman noted the death in December 2020 of former County Councillor Michael Pitts, who represented the Newby Division for 16 years. He was also a longstanding Scarborough Borough Councillor and served as the Mayor of Scarborough.

The Chairman noted the death in January of former County Councillor Claire Kelley, who served from 1997 to 2005. She also served as a Harrogate Borough Councillor from 1992 until 2002.

The Chairman informed Members who are school governors that they did not need to declare an interest under the Code of Conduct in the item on school admissions, as this is not a role carried out for profit or gain.

The Chairman made a number of announcements relating to work that he was doing in his role as Chairman.

169 Statement by the Leader of the Council

County Councillor Carl Les made a statement and answered questions, under Contract 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 12342 to 12344 of the Minute Book).

170 Public Questions or Statements

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

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

Revenue Budget 2021/22 (revised 11.02.21) and the Medium Term Financial Strategy Report, Capital Spending Plan and Treasury Management Strategy

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2021/22 to 2023/24, the Revenue Budget for 2021/22 and Council Tax for 2021/22

The recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of the report (pages 12348 to 12349 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

A named vote was taken by roll call and the motion declared carried with 59 for, 2 against and 4 abstentions, as follows:

For: County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Bob Baker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr MBE, Michael Chambers MBE, David Chance, Jim Clark, Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, John Ennis, Caroline Goodrick, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Hugill, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin MBE, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Andy Paraskos, Caroline Patmore, Yvonne Peacock, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Andy Solloway, Peter Sowray MBE, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell OBE, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson and Robert Windass.

Against: County Councillors John McCartney and Stuart Parsons

Abstentions: County Councillors Philip Broadbank, David Goode, Bryn Griffiths and Janet Jefferson.

Resolved -

That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2021/22 to 2023/24, the Revenue Budget for 2021/22 and Council Tax for 2021/22 be approved.

Capital Five Year Spending Plan and the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22

These items were taken as one. The recommendation regarding the Capital Five Year Spending Plan at paragraph 3.2 of the report (page 12349 to 12350 of the Minute Book) and the recommendation regarding the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 at paragraph 3.3 of the report (page 12350 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken using the voting application in Microsoft Teams. The motion was declared carried, with 58 for, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

Resolved -

That the Capital Five Year Spending Plan and the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 be approved.

Council Plan 2021-2025 (Revised 11.02.21)

The recommendation at paragraph 3.4 of the report (page 12350 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken using the voting application in Microsoft Teams. The motion was declared carried, with 61 for, none against and 1 abstention.

Resolved -

That the draft Council Plan be approved and the Chief Executive be authorised to make any necessary changes to the text, including reflecting decision made on the budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy and the updated performance data.

Admissions Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the school year 2022/23

The recommendations at paragraph 3.5 of the report (page 12351 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken using the voting application in Microsoft Teams. The motion was declared carried with 61 for, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That:

- (a) the proposed admission policy for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed admission policy for nursery and primary schools, school with nursery classes and pre-reception classes Appendices 1 and 2 of the report (pages 12615 to 12620 of the Minute Book);
- (b) the proposed co-ordinated admission arrangements as set out in Appendix 3 of the report (pages 12621 to 12646 of the Minute Book);
- (c) the proposed In-Year Fair Access Protocol as set out in Appendix 4 of the report (pages 12647 to 12660 of the Minute Book); and
- (d) the proposed published admission numbers (PAN's) for community and voluntary controlled schools as show in Appendices 5 (primary) and 6 (secondary) (pages 12661 to 12674 of the Minute Book);

be approved.

Appointments to committees and other bodies

The recommendation at paragraph 3.6 and the report (page 12351 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken using the voting application in Microsoft Teams. The motion was declared carried with 59 for, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That:

County Councillor Stephanie Duckett be confirmed a Member of the Looked After Children Members Group.

172 To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances and make a decision on them

The recommendations at paragraph 5.1 at page 334 (page 12677 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

The vote was taken using the voting application in Microsoft Teams. The motion was declared carried, with 62 for, none against and no abstentions.

(Note that at the meeting the votes in favour was originally stated as 62 but upon review of the votes cast, the correct number was found to be 61 in favour.)

Resolved -

That the County Council approved:

- (a) That the current Members' Allowances Scheme be retained for the 2021/22 financial year.
- (b) That, if there are any increases in the travel and subsistence rates payable to staff, a similar increase be made to the rates in the Members' Allowances Scheme, to come into effect at the same time.

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

The written statements of the Executive Members and Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees having previously been circulated were noted.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, 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 12688 to 12690).

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access, 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 12692 to 12693).

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Stronger Communities, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12694 to 12697).

County Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and Adult Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12698 to 12699).

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson, Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12700 to 12702).

County Councillor Andrew Lee, 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 12704 to 12705).

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Library, Customer and Community Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12706 to 12710).

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12712 to 12713).

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12714 to 12715).

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 were noted.

County Councillor John Ennis, Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee, answered questions.

174 Report of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Notice of Motion on Sky Lanterns

The recommendation at paragraph 5.0 of the report (page 12735 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken using the voting application in Microsoft Teams. The motion was declared carried, with 60 for, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

To:-

- 1) Promote the restriction of the release of all types of helium-filled balloon and sky lantern on property and land owned by the Council. This includes those that are made from bamboo or claim to be biodegradable.
- 2) Ask all Parish and Town Councils within North Yorkshire to pass a similar motion, to ban the release of sky lanterns on Parish or Town Council land.
- 3) Incorporate the ban into all future residential tenancy and land lease agreements.
- 4) Proactively engage with businesses, landowners, schools, residential homes, council tenants, social housing providers, charities and community groups, to raise awareness of safer and more environmentally friendly alternatives that people can celebrate with, through promotion and campaigns.
- 5) Work with the County's MPs to ensure that the issue is considered by Parliament.

175 Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion were received within the deadline.

176 Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting closed at 1pm.