

Present

Councillor J E Fletcher (In the Chair)

Councillor	D E Adamson	Councillor	H Langthorne
	R I Andrew		C A Les
	A W Barker		Mrs J Moody
	D M Blades		D S Murkett
	N D Clack		B Phillips
	Mrs C S Cookman		M J Prest
	J Coulson		M Richardson
	S P Dickins		M Rigby
	G W Ellis		M S Robson
	P Featherstone		Mrs S A Shepherd
	Mrs B S Fortune		Mrs M Skilbeck
	Mrs F M Greenwell		D H Smith
	B Griffiths		J N Smith
	Mrs J A Griffiths		P G Sowray
	A W Hall		T Swales
	J D Hugill		D A Webster
	N W Huxtable		J K Weighell
	R Kirk		P R Wilkinson

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G P Arundell, R A Baker, P G Brown, G W Dadd, P M Huntington and A Robinson)

C.37 **MINUTES**

**THE DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2011 (C.29 - C.36), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

C.38 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman thanked Members for the kind wishes he received while he was in hospital.

C.39 **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET**

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.106 – CA.108 and made a statement to the Council on the following matters:-

- Shared Services;
- Car Parking Charges;
- Council Tax;
- 10 Year Financial Strategy;
- the new Council Plan; and
- the Building Control Partnership.

A number of questions were asked based on the presentation. The main issues, which were responded to, were in relation to:

- Shared Services;
- Planning Enforcement; and
- Scrutinising the Building Control Partnership.

Councillor D S Murkett congratulated the Leader, the former Leader and the Chief Executive for their endeavours in making shared services such a success.

**THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meetings of the Cabinet be received, approved and adopted:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Minute Nos</u>
Cabinet	22 March 2011	CA.106 – CA.108

C.40

**CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS**

- (a) Councillor R Kirk, Cabinet Member for Excellence and Resources made a statement regarding the Budget for 2011/12 and Shared Services. He also thanked Members, Officers and the Cabinet for their efforts in achieving a balanced budget for this year. A question was asked regarding the ability to make Council Tax payments by cheque and cash which was responded to.
- (b) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Cabinet Member for Health made a statement regarding Performance, Thirsk All Weather Pitch, Asset Transfer, Hambleton Playbuilders and the Olympics. He also advised that the Hambleton Leisure Centre had achieved an 87% score in the recent QUEST inspection putting the Centre in the top 20 in the country. A number of questions were asked based on the presentation. The main issues, which were responded to, were in relation to:-
- a Leisure Trust;
  - the Olympics; and
  - Hambleton Forum.

Councillor D M Blades wished to express his thanks to the Lifestyle Manager for helping to secure lottery funding for the Hambleton Playbuilders at the Applegarth, Northallerton.

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A W Hall declared a personal interest as a member of the Hambleton Forum User Group currently in discussion with Hambleton District Council regarding the potential of a community asset transfer.

- (c) Councillor B Phillips, Cabinet Member for People and Sustainable Communities made a statement regarding Environmental Health, Refuse and Recycling, Customer Services and Sustainable Development. He also advised that 28 tonnes of litter had recently been collected from roadsides within the District

whilst green waste collections were suspended over the winter months. A number of questions were asked based on the presentation. The main issues, which were responded to, were in relation to:-

- Cardboard recycling;
- Concessionary fares;
- Litter
- Amenity Depots; and
- Litter awareness promotion in schools.

(d) Councillor T Swales, Cabinet Member for Places – Planning and Housing made a statement regarding the Local Development Framework, The Localism Bill, North Northallerton Masterplan, Appeals, Housing Issues and Housing Benefit Issues. A number of questions were asked based on the presentation. The main issues, which were responded to, were in relation to:-

- Localism Bill;
- Housing Benefits; and
- North Northallerton Masterplan.

#### Declaration of Interest

Councillor M J Prest declared a personal interest as a Letting Agent regarding Housing Benefits.

(e) Councillor N D Clack, Cabinet Member for Prosperity made a statement regarding Thirsk Tourist Information Point, World of James Herriot and Workspace Management. A question was asked regarding future promotion of the District through the Dales TV Programme which was responded to.

(f) Councillor Mrs B S Fortune, Cabinet Member for Safety made a statement regarding Car Park Lighting, CCTV and the Community Safety Partnership. A number of questions were asked based on the presentation. The main issues, which were responded to, were in relation to:-

- CCTV;
- Car parks lighting;
- Community Safety Partnership; and
- Night Marshall.

C.41

#### **REFERRALS FROM AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

##### **THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Minute Nos</u>
Audit and Governance Committee	30 March 2011	AG.35 – AG.36

C.42 **SUNBED (REGULATION) ACT 2010**

All Wards

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report regarding the Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 which came into force on 8 April 2011. The purpose of which was to prevent people under the age of 18 years from using sunbeds on commercial premises by making it an offence which carried a fine not exceeding £20,000.

The Act also contained powers to make regulations in relation to sunbed use, sale or hire. These included the power to ensure all sunbed use was supervised and the power to ensure that sunbed businesses provided prescribed health information to sunbed users and the requirement for securing the use of protective eyewear.

It was recommended that the responsibility for the regulation of this legislation be delegated to the Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee.

**THE DECISION:**

That all functions relating to the regulation of sunbeds be delegated to the Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee.

C.43 **CHAIRMAN'S THANKS**

The Chairman wished to thank all Members not standing for re-election, for their valuable contribution to Hambleton District Council and wished every success to those standing for re-election.

The Leader expressed his thanks to the Chairman who was also not standing for re-election, for his loyal service to Hambleton District Council.

Councillor H Langthorne thanked Members and Officers for their support for his time in office at Hambleton District Council.

The meeting closed at 3.06pm.

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Chairman of the Council