Minutes of the meeting of the HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 26 July 2011 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

#### Present

# Councillor P G Sowray (In the Chair)

Councillor D E Adamson Councillor N A Knapton R A Baker C A Les P Bardon J Noone A W Barker Mrs C Patmore K Billings **B** Phillips D M Blades M J Prest Mrs C S Cookman M Rigby J Coulson A Robinson G W Dadd M S Robson S P Dickins C R Rooke G W Ellis Mrs S A Shepherd Mrs M Skilbeck Mrs B S Fortune Mrs F M Greenwell D H Smith B Griffiths J N Smith T Swales Mrs J A Griffiths A W Hall A P Wake K G Hardisty S Watson R W Hudson D A Webster P R Wilkinson J D Hugill N W Huxtable A W Wood R Kirk

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N D Clack and Mrs I Sanderson)

# C.7 MINUTES

# THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting and the Annual meeting held on 17 May 2011 (C.44 – C.46 and C.1 - C.6 respectively), previously circulated, be signed as correct records.

# C.8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman formally presented the Vice-Chairman of Council, Councillor Mrs B S Fortune, with her Chain of Office.

# C.9 STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.9 – CA.12 and made a statement to the Council on the following matters:-

· Weekly Bin Collections

Local Enterprise Partnership.

The Leader announced that, following a meeting with the Minister of Communities, a joint statement would be released from both the Minister's office and the District Council regarding the Council's success with Shared Services.

A number of questions were asked based on the statement. The main issues which the Leader responded to were in relation to:-

- The ongoing investigation into the fire at Todds Yard.
- · Recycling and the kerbside collection of cardboard.
- Local Enterprise Partnership, Enterprise Zone.

#### THE DECISION:

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

Body Date of Meeting Minute Nos

Cabinet 19 July 2011 CA.9 – CA.12

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor P R Wilkinson declared a personal interest in relation to Todds Yard and left the room during the discussion on this matter.

Councillor A W Barker declared a personal interest in relation to Todds Yard as a Non-Executive Director on Yorwaste and left the room during the discussion on this matter.

Councillors C A Les and G W Dadd declared personal interests in minute CA.11 as Members of North Yorkshire County Council and left the room during discussion and voting on this matter.

Councillor A W Barker declared a personal interest in minute CA.11 as Spokesperson for Education at North Yorkshire County Council and left the room during discussion and voting on this matter.

#### C.10 CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

- (a) Councillor R Kirk, Cabinet Member for Corporate Management made a statement regarding the Council Business Plan and Shared Services.
- (b) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health made a statement regarding Performance; Performance against Revenue Budget; Asset Transfer; North Yorkshire Games; Olympic Torch Relay and the inquest. Clarification on the frequency of performance updates was sought and Councillor Wilkinson advised that updates would be provided at every Council meeting.

- (c) Councillor B Phillips, Cabinet Member for Customer Services made a statement regarding the new Customer Services Business Group; Waste and Recycling; Revenues and Benefits and Customer Service.
- (d) Councillor T Swales, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning Enforcement; Appeals; the LDF Allocations; Strategy Housing Market Assessment; Empty Properties; Planning for Traveller Sites and Sustainable Development. A question relating to the legal advice provided on Bagby Airfield was asked and Councillor Swales advised that a meeting would be held and that the Council's solicitor would be present to outline the advice provided. No written advice had been received.
- (e) the Leader, Councillor N Huxtable presented the Cabinet Member for Partnerships' statement regarding Economic Development; Tourism; Parking; Public Conveniences; Joint Strategic Forum; Community Safety Partnership; CCTV and the Building Control Partnership. In the absence of Councillor N D Clack, Councillor Huxtable clarified the position in relation to the public conveniences stating that Northallerton Town Council had rejected the Council's offer but that Cabinet had agreed that negotiations would continue with Northallerton Town Council and other potential parties regarding alternative provision of the public conveniences in Northallerton. However, unless agreement was reached by 1 November 2011 there would be no alternative but to close the facility.

A question was asked regarding the future of CCTV and whether this would referred to Scrutiny for consideration. The Leader advised that Scrutiny would be involved.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors J Coulson and A W Hall declared personal interests as Members of Northallerton Town Council and left the room during discussion on this matter.

# C.11 REFERRALS FROM THE LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

## **THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

Body Date of Meeting Minute Nos

Licensing and Environmental 19 July 2011 LEP.3 – LEP.4

**Protection Committee** 

# C.12 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report which presented the Standard's Committee Annual Report for 2010/11. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr J E White, gave a short presentation on the report.

#### THE DECISION:

That the report be noted.

#### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A W Hall declared a personal interest as he had involvement with matters of the Standards Committee and left the room during discussion and voting on this matter.

# C.13 **SCRUTINY ITEMS**

All Wards

(1) <u>Terms of Reference – Policy Review – Scrutiny Committee 1</u>

The terms of reference for the forthcoming policy review on Leasing of Council Vehicles and the Task and Finish Group on Disabled Parking Facilities for Scrutiny Committee 1 were noted.

(2) Terms of Reference – Policy Review – Scrutiny Committee 2

The terms of reference for the forthcoming policy reviews on Planning Enforcement and Partnerships for Scrutiny Committee 2 were noted.

## C.14 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 – CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report which requested the appointment of a number of non-Council Members as non-voting co-optees onto Scrutiny Committee 1 to assist in undertaking the Policy Review of Leasing of Council Vehicles.

# **THE DECISION:**

That the co-option of up to 4 Richmondshire District Council Scrutiny Committee Members, to be nominated by Richmondshire District Council, on to Scrutiny Committee 1 for the duration of the Policy Review of Leasing Council Vehicles be approved.

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