Minutes of the meeting of the HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL held at 2.35pm on Tuesday 13 December 2011 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor P G Sowray (In the Chair)

Councillor D E Adamson Councillor C A Les P Bardon J Noone A W Barker Mrs C Patmore K Billings B Phillips D M Blades M Rigby Mrs C S Cookman A Robinson J Coulson M S Robson G W Dadd C R Rooke S P Dickins Mrs I Sanderson G W Ellis 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 T Swales A W Hall A P Wake K G Hardistv S Watson J D Hugill D A Webster N W Huxtable P R Wilkinson A W Wood R Kirk N A Knapton

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R A Baker, R W Hudson and M J Prest)

C.20 MINUTES

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2011 (C.15 - C.18), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

C.21 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Peter Simpson, Chief Executive announced that Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils had jointly received the Customer Service Excellence Award with full compliance.

C.22 STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET

The Leader made a statement to the Council regarding the Shared Services Peer Review. A question relating to the future impact of shared services on staffing was asked and responded to.

The Deputy Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.28 – CA.29. The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.37 – CA.38 and CA.46.

THE DECISION:

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

<u>Body</u>	Date of Meeting	Minute Nos
Cabinet	18 October 2011	CA.28 – CA.29
Cabinet	29 November 2011	CA.37 – CA.38
Cabinet	13 December 2011	CA.46

C.23 CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

- (a) Councillor R Kirk, Cabinet Member for Corporate Management made a statement regarding the Financial Outlook, Staffing and Awards. He requested that staff be sincerely thanked for responding to the challenges that had arisen.
- (b) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health made a statement regarding Asset Transfer; Olympic Torch Relay; Disabled pool hoist at Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre; Yorkshire and Humberside Local Government "Making a Difference" Awards; Rookie Lifeguards; Adidas Terrex Coast to Coast Challenge; Hambleton Sports Awards; Licensing; Pest Control and Environmental Health Services. A question relating to the future of commercial pest control was asked and responded to.
- (c) Councillor B Phillips, Cabinet Member for Customer Services made a statement regarding Customer Services; Communications; Waste and Recycling and Revenue and Benefits. A question relating to the charges for the removal of bulky waste was asked and responded to.
- (d) Councillor M Robson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning made a statement regarding Bagby Airfield Enforcement; Neighbourhood Planning, Huby; York LDF Core Strategy; Community Infrastructure Levy; Shared Housing Service and Homelessness. A question relating to housing allocation targets was asked and responded to.
- (e) Councillor T Swales, Cabinet Member for Partnerships made a statement regarding the World of James Herriot; Christmas Parking; CCTV; Toilets and Hambleton Forum; Managed Workspace and Building Control. Questions relating to CCTV and Christmas car parking charges were asked and responded to. Councillor J Coulson questioned whether the figures provided at the Northallerton Area Forum in relation to revenue from Off Street Parking Charges included parking breaches, Councillor Swales agreed to provide a written response.

C.24 **YORKSHIRE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Mrs C Patmore, the Council representative on the Yorkshire Energy Partnership, presented a report detailing the structure and activities of the Partnership specifically those relevant to Hambleton.

C.25 REFERRALS FROM THE 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:-

Body Date of Meeting Minute Nos

Audit and Governance Committee 26 October 2011 AG.19 – AG.21

C.26 CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

All Wards

The Chief Executive asked Council to approve changes to membership of the Planning Committee, Scrutiny Committee 1 and the Audit and Governance Committee.

THE DECISION

That:-

- (1) Councillor N D Clack replaces Councillor M S Robson on Scrutiny Committee 1;
- (2) Councillor D H Smith replaces Councillor T Swales on the Planning Committee; and
- (3) Councillor Mrs B S Fortune replaces Councillor K Billings on the Audit and Governance Committee.

C.27 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

All Wards

The Chief Executive asked Council to consider filling the vacancies and confirm Member representation of Outside Bodies.

THE DECISION

That:-

- (1) Councillor R A Baker be nominated as the Member representative onto the Internal Drainage Boards;
- (2) Councillor N A Knapton be nominated as the Member representative onto Rural Action Yorkshire:
- (3) Councillor Mrs M Skilbeck be nominated as the Member representative onto Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee;

- (4) the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health be confirmed as the Member representative onto the York and North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association; and
- (5) the appointments to the remainder of the outside bodies with existing vacancies will be submitted to each relevant area forum for nominations be noted.

C.28 <u>MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES</u>

All Wards

The Assistant Director asked Council to consider the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the level of allowances payable to Members for the financial year 2012/13.

Members considered that the withdrawal of the allowance paid to the Vice Chairman of Council should be reviewed and that the proposal to establish a joint Independent Remuneration Panel with Richmondshire District Council should be reconsidered for 2015.

THE DECISION:

That:

- (1) the basic and special responsibility allowances as recommended and detailed in Annex B of the report be approved subject to asking the Panel to reconsider withdrawal of the allowance paid to the Vice Chairman of Council and defer the establishment of a joint Independent Remuneration Panel with Richmondshire District Council until 2015; and
- (2) the allowances be adopted with effect from 1 April 2012.

The meeting closed at 3.15	īpm.
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Chairman of the Council	