

STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

18 SEPTEMBER 2012

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

I am delighted to confirm that Mr Justin Ives commenced as Director of Resources on 1 September 2012. I am looking forward to working with him as he settles into this role. This appointment means that all the Directorship posts have been filled and therefore enables duties to be allocated in an efficient and effective way.

HOUSING BENEFITS

There continues to be an increase in the number of new or changed claims being received by the Council. At the moment this is not causing any pressure on budgets but this is an area of uncertainty in the current economic climate therefore careful monitoring is taking place.

LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

Hambleton District Council along with all the other District Local Authorities in the North Yorkshire Area are consulting with the other Precepting Bodies regarding the changes that will come into force on 1 April 2013. Each Billing Authority must approve their individual schemes by 31 January otherwise the Government will implement their own scheme. Hambleton District Council are working towards being able to bring a scheme for the approval of the Council before the January 2013 deadline.

Councillor Ron Kirk

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources