

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30am on Tuesday 18 March 2014 at the
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor M S Robson (In the Chair)

Councillor N Knapton
B Phillips

Councillor Mrs S Shepherd
P R Wilkinson

Also in Attendance

Councillor P Bardon
Mrs C S Cookman
J Coulson
Mrs B S Fortune
B Griffiths
Mrs J Griffiths
K G Hardisty
J Noone

Councillor Mrs C Patmore
M J Prest
M Rigby
Mrs I Sanderson
T Swales
A Wake
Mrs J Watson
D Webster

CA.90

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME SCHEME PROPOSAL FORMS 2014/15 AND
ADDITIONAL SCHEMES IN 2013/14**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of the Capital Programme Scheme proposal forms 2014/15 and additional schemes in 2013/14.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that this would be an efficient use of Council resources and demonstrated value for money in the implementation of the individual schemes.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council:-

- (1) the capital programme 2014/15 be increased by £141,000 to £2,126,350;
- (2) the capital programme scheme proposal forms 2014/15 detailed in Annex A1-A22 be approved for implementation in 2014/15;

- (3) the capital programme schemes in 2013/14 detailed at paragraph 1.4 of the report and further detail in Annex B1 be approved for implementation in the current financial year 2013/14; and
- (4) the Prudential and Treasury Indicators attached at Annex C of the report be approved.

CA.91

DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report submitted for consideration a policy for the determination of the allocation of Discretionary Rate Relief to retail business premises.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that it was prudent for the Council to have a policy for the award of this discount.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council:-

- (1) the Retail Relief for Business Rates Policy in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance with the following exclusions:-
 - (a) any ratepayer that occupies 50 or more premises in England and Wales; and
 - (b) Charity shops in receipt of 80% Mandatory Business Rate Relief.
- (2) approval of Discretionary Business Rate Relief be delegated to Officers in line with this policy.

CA.92

HAMBLETON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

All Wards outside North York Moors National Park

The subject of the decision:

This report set out a timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan/Local Development Framework (LDF) documents.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council the Local Development Scheme for publication.

CA.93

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

THE DECISION:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business at minute nos CA.94 and CA.95 on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Cabinet was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

CA.94

LAND ACQUISITION

Sowerby Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval to acquire land to create a Sports Village in Sowerby that was linked to the South West Thirsk allocated development site.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the acquisition of the land would help the Council deliver its priority to support the community and voluntary sector to provide high quality sports facilities and activities for people of all ages.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet agrees and recommends to Council to progress the acquisition of piece of land off Gravel Hole Lane in Sowerby as shown in the plan at Appendix 1 of the report.

CA.95

MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report considered the introduction of a Deputy Chief Executive and a revised pay policy.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the current position regarding the implementation of a new management structure.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends that Council endorses:-

- (1) the revised pay policy at Annex 1;
- (2) the decision of the Leader shown in paragraph 1.4 of the report;
- (3) the introduction of a Deputy Chief Executive designation be agreed with an additional salary payment of £5,000; and
- (4) that political proportionality be suspended and an interview panel is arranged consisting of 3 Conservative Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member and 1 Independent Member – nominations to be submitted by group leaders to the Chief Executive.

Declaration of Interest

The Chief Executive answered questions relating to the post of Deputy Chief Executive then withdrew from the meeting prior to further discussions and the vote taking place.

The meeting closed at 10.45am

Leader of the Council