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Decisions taken under Cabinet authority to take effect on 20 July 2015

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 7th July, 2015 at COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor P R Wilkinson Councillor N A Knapton

Mrs B S Fortune B Phillips

Also in Attendance

Councillor P Bardon Councillor D Hugill

D M Blades J Noone
Mrs C S Cookman C Patmore
S P Dickins Mrs I Sanderson
A W Hall Mrs J Watson
K G Hardisty D A Webster

CA.12 MINUTES

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 9 June 2015 (CA.1 – CA.6), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.13 BEDALE CYCLEWAY NETWORK

<u>Bedale</u>

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of various issues regarding the Bedale Cycle Network. The idea of this cycle network had been in the planning since the Bedale Renaissance Market Town Master Plan was published in March 2004. Its objective was to link where people live in Aiskew and Bedale to key institutions (such as schools, leisure centres, health provision) in the area via pedestrian and cycle routes.

Alternative options considered:

The options considered were set out in the report.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure that the plans for the cycleway and bridge are fully accessible for all.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- 1) the available capital be top sliced to provide up to £30,000 to appoint external experts to produce a detailed feasibility study; and
- 2) the content of the 2010 cycleways study be refreshed.

CA.14 MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANTS

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

In December 2014 Cabinet agreed to re-invest windfall savings back into the community and create a new one-off 'Making a Difference' community grants scheme. Applications to the fund were to be considered by elected Members from each of the 5 sub-areas and prioritised against a £25,000 budget allocation (£125,000 across all five areas). The grant scheme was launched on 27 January 2015 with a closing date of 30 April 2015. Overall 38 applications were received. 5 decision making panels made up of elected Members from each of the sub-areas convened at the beginning of June 2015, each chaired by a member of Cabinet. This report set out the recommendations of the decision making panels for consideration.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the recommendations from the panels supported the Council's priorities and adhered to the principles of the grants programme which would make a difference to the quality of life for the residents of Hambleton.

THE DECISION:

That the proposals detailed in Annex A of the report be approved.

CA.15 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report analysed the work undertaken by the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee up to 31 March 2015. An analysis of the work undertaken was attached to the report.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee's Terms of Reference to report annually to Cabinet.

THE DECISION:

That the report of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee be endorsed.

CA.16 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PLANS

Morton-on-Swale; Northallerton North and Brompton; Northallerton South; Sowerby and Topcliffe; Thirsk

The subject of the decision:

This report sought endorsement of the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans for Morton on Swale, Northallerton (refresh), Topcliffe (refresh) and Thirsk (refresh).

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Council's legal responsibility to ensure funding is used in a way consistent with the individual S106 Agreements.

THE DECISION:

That the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans in Annex B of the report be endorsed.

CA.17 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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.15 and CA.17 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.18 BEDALE GATEWAY CAR PARK

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided an update on the current position regarding the Bedale Gateway Car Park.

Alternative options considered:	
None.	
The reason for the decision:	
To take account of the current circumstances regarding the proposed Bedale Gateway Car Park.	
THE DECISION:	
That:-	
(1)	the Gateway Car Park project be commenced funded with an allocation of £612,000 from the Capital Programme; and
(2)	an assessment is made of the usage of the two existing car parks in Bedale, which can then inform a decision in respect of potential sale and redevelopment of one of these sites.
The meeting closed at 10.20 am	
Leader of the Council	