

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30am on Tuesday 18 October 2011 at the
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor R Kirk (In the Chair)

Councillor B Phillips
M S Robson

Councillor T Swales
P R Wilkinson

Also in Attendance

Councillor R A Baker
K Billings
D Blades
Mrs C S Cookman
J Coulson
A W Hall

Councillor K G Hardisty
M J Prest
M Rigby
Mrs M Skilbeck
J N Smith

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor N W Huxtable)

CA.28 **FEES AND CHARGES 2012/13**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented proposals for the way in which Fees and Charges were established in future, starting with the next financial year (2012/13).

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To provide a framework for managing budgets, reviewing fees and charges and to generate income to support the Council's priorities.

THE DECISION:

That it be recommended to Council that:-

- (1) the revised 2011/12 income budgets as shown in Annex 1 be approved;
- (2) the proposed income targets for 2012/13 as shown in Annex 1 be approved subject to leisure charges being subject to a further review by the appropriate Board and any changes brought back to the next meeting of Cabinet;

- (3) a multi tiered approach to pricing be adopted where applicable for 2012/13 onwards; and
- (4) the setting of fees and charges for 2012/13 onwards be delegated to chief Officers in consultation with the appropriate Theme Board Cabinet Member.

CA.29

COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN 2011 TO 2015

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of a Council Business Plan.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the draft Council Business Plan would help the Council focus on issues which were most important to the people who lived, worked and visited the District whilst helping reduce costs by working more efficiently and sharing how services would be delivered with other councils/partners.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to approve the draft Council Business Plan, subject to the Leader's introduction being amended to refer to the Council 'Business' Plan within the last line of the second paragraph.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Leader of the Council

AGENDA ITEM NO:

**(CA.30 to CA.36)
Decisions taken under Cabinet
authority to take effect on 31 October 2011)**

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CA.30 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 13 September 2011 (CA.19 – CA.27), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.31 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor M S Robson to his first meeting as Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and expressed thanks to Councillor N D Clack as a former Member of Cabinet for the work he had undertaken as Cabinet Member for Partnerships, especially during a period of reorganisation in which he had played a significant part.

CA.32 **FUTURE PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of how internal audit services were to be provided when the partnership agreement with the North Yorkshire Audit Partnership ended on 31 March 2012.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

The provision of an Internal Audit provision helped ensure that value for money was obtained in all areas of the Council's activities and therefore supported all Corporate Priorities.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the preferred option of a merger with Veritau Ltd be supported and officers be authorised to complete all the necessary legal agreements and enter into a contract with Veritau Ltd subject to Audit and Governance Committee reviewing and being satisfied with the Terms of Reference for the subsidiary company; and
- (2) the Business Case proposes the provision of an Internal Audit Service from 1 April 2012 by means of a new company and that the Council agrees to:-
 - (i) become a founder member of the new company;
 - (ii) become a company member of the company;
 - (iii) appoints the Section 151 Officer as its Director of the company;
 - (iv) authorises the Section 151 Officer to exercise the Council's powers as a company member at general meetings of the company.

Declaration of Interest

David Simpson, joint Section 151 Officer for Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils, declared a personal interest as an officer involved with the provision of the Internal Audit service.

CA.33

IT EXPENDITURE

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought authority to incur capital expenditure of £169,403 in order to deliver the agreed IT Capital Programme 2011/12.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Purchase of new equipment would help reduce costs spent on IT.

THE DECISION:

That the expenditure set out in the report and evidenced through the attached value for money statements be approved.

CA.34 **CHANGES TO PUBLIC CONVENIENCES PROVISION**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

The report provided information on the progress made towards examining the potential of outside bodies taking on and running the public conveniences within the District. This had been one of a number of areas of budget savings agreed to be investigated at the 19 October 2010 Cabinet meeting.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To effectively manage the Council's assets and ensure the Council is in a financially secure position moving forward.

THE DECISION:

That the current position in relation to public convenience transfers be noted.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor R Kirk declared a personal interest as a Member of Great Ayton Parish Council that had considered the matter.

Councillor A W Hall declared a personal interest as a Member of Northallerton Town Council that had considered the matter.

CA.35 **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION ACTION PLANS**

Stokesley and Morton on Swale Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought endorsement of the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans for the parishes of Osmotherley, Swainby, Stokesley & Danby Wiske (including Lazenby).

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 detailed within Annex B of the report be endorsed.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor T Swales declared a personal interest as a Member of Osmotherley Parish Council and left the room during discussion and voting on this matter.

CA.36

FORWARD PLAN

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of a Forward Plan of items for the period from November 2011 – February 2012. The plan would be updated as further items arose or other amendments became necessary.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Council's constitution.

THE DECISION:

That the Forward Plan for the period November 2011 – February 2012 be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Leader of the Council