

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 11.30am on Tuesday 21 February 2012 at
the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor N W Huxtable (In the Chair)

Councillor R Kirk
B Phillips
M S Robson

Councillor T Swales
P R Wilkinson

Also in Attendance

Councillor R A Baker
P Bardon
K Billings
D M Blades
Mrs C S Cookman
Mrs B S Fortune
B Griffiths

Councillor Mrs J A Griffiths
A W Hall
K G Hardisty
J Noone
M Rigby
Mrs M Skilbeck

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PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE WORLD OF JAMES HERRIOT

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval to transfer The World of James Herriot from a Council managed service to a new company with community interest and with a particular focus on tourism.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To agree the future operation of the World of James Herriot.

THE DECISION:

That Council be asked to:-

- (1) transfer the operation of The World of James Herriot to The World of James Herriot Limited with effect from 1 April 2012;
- (2) provide a start up grant of £97,000 for The World of James Herriot Limited and this be funded from the Service Improvement Reserve; and

- (3) lease the Council's property at The World of James Herriot to The World of James Herriot Limited for a 20 year period at a peppercorn.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor K Hardisty declared a personal interest as Mr Wight is a long term friend.

Councillor A W Hall declared a personal interest as he is involved with the Flavours of Herriot Country.

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POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

In agreement with the Leader, this report was tabled as an urgent item. Peter Simpson, the Chief Executive, was on paid leave of absence and would not be carrying out any functions as Chief Executive of the Council. This report recommended interim arrangements for the management of Hambleton District Council in the absence of the Chief Executive.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied with the proposed course of action regarding the interim arrangements for the management of Hambleton District Council.

THE DECISION:

That Council be asked to:-

- (1) approve the arrangement for Peter Simpson, Chief Executive, as described in 5.1 of the report; and
- (2) appoint Phil Morton, Deputy Chief Executive, as Acting Chief Executive until further notice on such terms and conditions as to be agreed by the Leader.

Phil Morton, Deputy Chief Executive, absented himself and was not present during discussion or voting on this matter.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

Leader of the Council