

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30am on Tuesday 11 September 2012 at
the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

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Councillor R Kirk
B Phillips
M S Robson

Councillor T Swales
P R Wilkinson

Also in Attendance

Councillor K Billings
D M Blades
Mrs C S Cookman
Mrs B S Fortune
B Griffiths
Mrs J A Griffiths

Councillor J Noone
M Rigby
Mrs I Sanderson
Mrs M Skilbeck
D H Smith

CA.18

ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2011/12

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented a summary of the treasury management activities for the last financial year 2011/12 in line with the Treasury Management Code of Practice.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Treasury Management Code of Practice and the Council's Constitution.

THE DECISION:

It is recommended to Council that, subject to any comments from the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee, the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2011/12 be approved.

The meeting closed at

Leader of the Council

AGENDA ITEM NO:

**(CA.19 to CA.29)
Decisions taken under Cabinet
authority to take effect on 24 September 2012)**

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CA.19 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 17 July 2012 (CA.10 – CA.17), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.20 **COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2012/13 – QUARTER 1**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided an update on the budgetary position of the Council (Revenue, Capital and Reserve Funds) at the end of June 2012 and reported progress on performance against the Council Business Plan.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To reflect changing priorities whilst maintaining the overall integrity of the financial strategy.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the adjustments to the revenue budget outlook referred to in section 3 of the report be approved;
- (2) the grant referred to in section 4 of the report be paid into the Service Improvement Reserve;
- (3) the position on the capital programme referred to in section 6 of the report be noted and the detailed adjustments be approved; and
- (4) the Portfolio Holders and Directors review the anticipated completion dates for capital expenditure to ensure efficient and effective early completion and to bring back to Cabinet realistic completion dates.

CA.21

THE WORLD OF JAMES HERRIOT – ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL

Thirsk Ward

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval to allocate £37,440 to the Herriot Country Tourism Group. The capital would be used to support a reduction in operating costs for The World of James Herriot through the installation of solar panels and for improved income through the better use of technology.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To enable the World of James Herriot to install an effective means of energy saving which would reduce the operating costs of the centre.

THE DECISION:

To approve a grant of £37,440 financed from the Capital Programme for the installation of solar panels at The World of James Herriot and for the development of technology to increase visitor numbers, subject to the required planning consent.

CA.22

CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval for the inclusion of Hambleton District Council managed off-street car parks in a Civil Parking Enforcement designation order for North Yorkshire and the inclusion of the District Council in a proposed County-wide Civil Parking Enforcement operation model.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the provisions available under the Traffic Management Act 2004 regarding the operation of Civil Parking Enforcement.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) in principle the inclusion of Hambleton managed off-street car parks in the Civil Parking Enforcement designation order;
- (2) in principle the inclusion of the District Council in the proposed County-wide Civil Parking Enforcement operation model for a period of three years, subject to the Director of Corporate Services in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder being satisfied that arrangements are in place to ensure adequate enforcement in District Council car parks and that the District Council would not lose financially from the arrangement over that period;
- (3) the entering into of preliminary negotiations with North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council in seeking a mutually acceptable Service Level Agreement to ensure adequate monitoring and control capability by Hambleton District Council in financial and enforcement matters for off-street parking;
- (4) the entering into of preliminary discussions and programming with North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council in terms of the scope and details of likely staff transfer arrangements.

CA.23

ENFORCEMENT SERVICE REVIEW

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report reviewed the resources available to the Enforcement Service to ensure that the Service was able to operate effectively.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure that there was adequate resources to ensure the Service was able to operate effectively.

THE DECISION:

That funding for an additional 1.0fte Enforcement Officer be approved and an Enforcement Strategy to guide service priorities be prepared.

CA.24

NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATIONS AT HUBY AND APPLETON WISKE

Rudy, Huby and Sutton Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report asked Cabinet to agree the designation of Neighbourhood Areas for Huby Parish and Appleton Wiske Parish. If it decides not to support either of the applications it must give reasons and publicise this decision.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the provisions under the Localism Act 2011 regarding Neighbourhood Planning.

THE DECISION:

That the designations of Neighbourhood Areas for Huby parish and Appleton Wiske parish be agreed and the necessary information be publicised.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor T Swales declared a personal interest as a Member of North Yorkshire County Council as Appleton Wiske is within his ward.

CA.25

ARTICLE 4 DIRECTIONS – SOLAR PANELS

Thirsk, Sowerby & Stokesley Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report explained the scope and purpose of the Direction and sought authorisation to make four Directions at Thirsk & Sowerby, East Thirsk, Sowerby and Stokesley.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended in 2008, 2010 and 2011.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the four Article 4(1) Directions – Thirsk & Sowerby, East Thirsk, Sowerby and Stokesley be made to remove permitted development rights for the provision of solar PV or solar thermal equipment on domestic properties;

- (2) the occupiers and owners of dwellinghouses in the area covered by the Direction be notified and representations invited; and
- (3) the Direction be confirmed unless representations are received which would need to be considered at a future meeting of Cabinet.

CA.26

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE – SNAPE

Bedale Ward

The subject of the decision:

This report explored the options for the future management of Snape Recreation Ground.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure that mechanisms for the future management of the Open Space is in place.

THE DECISION:

That Option C in paragraph 2.1 of the report will be explored with Snape Parish Council and delegation will be given to the Chief Executive to make a decision in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Leisure and Health.

CA.27

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION ACTION PLANS

Easingwold, Northallerton and Thirsk Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought endorsement of the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans for Brompton, Easingwold, Huby, Newton on Ouse, Raskelf, Romanby, Sowerby and Thirsk.

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 attached at Annex B of the report be endorsed.

CA.28

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS WITH RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report updates Cabinet on progress in completing Service Level Agreements with Richmondshire District Council as part of the ongoing review of Shared Services.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To give certainty to the provision of services to the community and to members of staff involved in providing those services.

THE DECISION:

That all Service Level Agreements should be agreed within 60 days of today's date or the date of their issue if later.

CA.29

TIMING OF MEETINGS

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report asked Cabinet to consider the start time of its meetings.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure meetings are accessible.

THE DECISION:

That meetings of Cabinet continue to take place at 9.30am.

CA.30

FORWARD PLAN

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of a Forward Plan of items for the period from August – November 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 August – November 2012 be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 10.45am

Leader of the Council