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Decisions taken under Cabinet authority to take effect on 31 March 2014

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 18th March, 2014 at
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,
STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor	P R Wilkinson N Knapton	Councillor	B Phillips Mrs S Shepherd
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Also in Attendance

Councillor	P Bardon Mrs C S Cookman J Coulson Mrs B S Fortune B Griffiths Mrs J A 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 A Webster
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CA.96 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 11 February 2014 (CA.78 – CA.89), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.97 **POLICY REVIEW - PAPERLESS WORKING WITHIN THE COUNCIL**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the final report from the Scrutiny Committee 1 on the introduction of paperless working within the Council for consideration. Cabinet commended the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee and officers involved in carrying out the review.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the findings of Scrutiny Committee 1.

THE DECISION:

That the introduction of paperless working within the Council be supported subject to:

- (1) the introduction being undertaken in a staged approach;
- (2) adequate back up being in place in the event of system failure;
- (3) the review of the website ensuring that it can facilitate paperless working for Members;
- (4) adequate training being provided in a phased manner;
- (5) the provision of hard copies being maintained on a request basis;
- (6) consideration being given to the use of a screen to relay the agenda at meetings;
and
- (7) Town/Parish Councils being supported to operate as they decide.

CA.98 **LIVING WAGE**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided information on the Living Wage Campaign. It advised on issues to be considered in deciding whether to adopt the Living Wage and also set out an alternative initiative that the Council might introduce to help the Council's lowest paid staff.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that this decision would demonstrate the Council's commitment to helping lower paid employees.

THE DECISION:

That, subject to negotiation with the union, the Council introduce a local living wage pay scheme from 1 April 2014 which increases the salaries of low paid employees by reference to the national Living Wage, the details to be determined by the Chief Executive.

CA.99 **MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

Stillington; White Horse

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration and adoption of the revised Management Plan for the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

The existing Management Plan ran from 2009-2014 and a new plan had to be in place and adopted by the three constituent local planning authorities (Hambleton, Ryedale and North Yorkshire) and submitted to Defra by 1 April 2014.

THE DECISION:

That the Management Plan for the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty be approved and adopted.

CA.100 **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PLANS**

Northallerton, Romanby and Sowerby

The subject of the decision:

This report sought endorsement of the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans for Northallerton, Romanby and Sowerby.

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.101 **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.102 and CA.103 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.102 **BEDALE GATEWAY CAR PARK**

Bedale

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of further information in relation to the development of Bedale Gateway Car Park.

Alternative options considered:

Cabinet considered deferring the decision for further discussions with the Ward Members.

The reason for the decision:

Concern was raised regarding the proposals and Cabinet was satisfied that deferring the decision for further discussions with the Ward Members would be in the interests of moving the project forward.

THE DECISION:

That consideration of the proposals be deferred to enable further discussions to take place with the Ward Members and a report be submitted to the meeting of Cabinet in April 2014.

CA.103 **LAND AT GALTRES CENTRE, EASINGWOLD**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided information in relation to the disposal of land at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the disposal of the land at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold was in the interests of the social, economic or environmental wellbeing of the area.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) in principle the land hatched on the attached plan to the report be transferred to the Galtres Centre Management Committee for a peppercorn, subject to the clauses referred to in paragraph 4.2 of the report; and
- (2) Officers begin negotiations with the Galtres Centre Management Committee and report back to Cabinet.

Declaration of Interest

Prior to discussion of the above item, Councillor N Knapton declared a pecuniary interest as he maintains the Galtres Centre IT equipment and left the room.

The meeting closed at 10.45 am

Leader of the Council

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