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Decisions taken under Cabinet authority to take effect on 15 December 2014

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 2nd December, 2014
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	J Noone
	D M Blades		M J Prest
	Mrs J A Griffiths		Mrs I Sanderson
	K G Hardisty		Mrs S A Shepherd
	C A Les		Mrs J Watson

CA.47 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 4 November 2014 (CA.39 – CA.43), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.48 **"MAKE A DIFFERENCE" GRANTS FUND**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

An opportunity had arisen to re-invest windfall savings back into the community and this report sought approval of a new one-off Community Grants Scheme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To support local community projects which would help improve life in neighbourhoods and which would support the work of the voluntary sector.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves:-

- (1) the new grants scheme and applies the criteria and timetable as set out in Annex A of the report; and

- (2) the scheme be funded by an allocation of £125,000 from the One-Off Fund.
- (3) that five panels or groups of Members be established by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to assess bids and report to Cabinet the recommendations.

CA.49 **BEDALE GATEWAY CAR PARK**

Bedale

The subject of the decision:

In April 2014 Cabinet considered the last in a series of reports on the possibility of providing a car park at North End, Bedale. Amongst other things, Cabinet resolved that the principle of a smaller Gateway car park be approved, that £400,000 be approved for the project and that the Auction Mart car park be disposed of to fund the remainder of the cost (Minute CA.111 refers). Following concern from local Members it was decided to undertake public consultation on the principle of providing a Gateway car park and whether either or both of the existing car parks in Bedale should be sold to part finance the new car park. The consultation took place in October and this report provided feedback on the outcome and a suggested response to the outcome.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the consultation exercise.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the Gateway Car Park project be deferred, the Capital Programme be adjusted accordingly and a further report be presented after the Relief Road has opened; and
- (2) an additional sum of £212,000 be included in the Capital Programme.

CA.50 **RURAL HOUSING ENABLING 2015-18**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval for the Council's continued participation in the North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enabler Programme from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018 which was based on a slightly amended business model to the current programme. It also sought approval for the Council to continue to act as lead employer for the sub-regional team of Rural Housing Enablers. Other Local Authorities and Registered Provider partners had confirmed their support moving forward, following the programme review which had taken place in summer 2014.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the Council's continued participation in the North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enabler Programme would help support the provision of providing local homes for local people and help sustain the vibrancy of the rural communities and contribute towards the Council's affordable housing targets.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the Council's continued participation in the North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enabling Programme post 31 March 2015, based on the amended business model be approved; and
- (2) the Council continues to act as lead employer for the sub-regional team of Rural Housing Enablers.

CA.51 **SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS - DRAFT INTERIM POLICY GUIDANCE NOTE**

All Wards outside the North York Moors National Park

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of an Interim Policy Guidance Note which had been prepared for consultation purposes to guide the Council in considering planning applications for new housing development in and around small settlements of the District's Plan area.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To enable consultation to be carried out on the draft Interim Policy Guidance Note.

THE DECISION:

That the draft Interim Policy Guidance Note on the Settlement Hierarchy and Rural Housing Development be approved for public consultation.

CA.52 **SOWERBY SPORTS VILLAGE**

Sowerby

The subject of the decision:

Through a long history of negotiations the Council had signed a Section 106 Agreement in relation to the South West Thirsk housing area which included transport

infrastructure; on-site children's play; on-site public open space; various elements relating to cycling; public art; education and off-site recreational scheme. This report related purely to the final one of these the off-site recreational scheme and set out progress with the delivery of this element which covered the transfer of 9.745 acres of land and £1.5 million.

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 progress on the Sowerby Sports Village be endorsed and the next steps be approved.

CA.53 **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.54 on the grounds that it 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.54 **LAND AT GALTRES CENTRE, EASINGWOLD**

Easingwold

The subject of the decision:

This report set out the current position regarding 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 excluding the Crabmill Lane Car Park be transferred to the Galtres Centre Management Committee for a peppercorn, subject to the clauses referred to in paragraph 4.3 of the report; and
- (2) Officers negotiate further with the Galtres Centre Management Committee over a proposed commuted sum and report back to Cabinet.

The meeting closed at 10.05 am

Leader of the Council

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