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Decisions taken under Cabinet authority to take effect on 20 June 2016

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 7th June, 2016 at
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,
STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor	P R Wilkinson	Councillor	B Phillips
	Mrs B S Fortune		S Watson

Also in Attendance

Councillor	D M Blades	Councillor	Ms C Palmer
	Mrs C S Cookman		C Patmore
	C A Dickinson		Mrs I Sanderson
	K G Hardisty		Mrs J Watson
	D Hugill		D A Webster
	J Noone		

An apology for absence was received from Councillor N A Knapton

CA.6 MINUTES

THE DECISION:

That the decisions of the meeting held on 15 March 2016 (CA.63 – CA.66), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

CA.7 VIBRANT MARKET TOWNS

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

One of the key themes in the Council's Economic Development Strategy is "Vibrant Market Towns". This report considered how to take forward this theme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the proposals would support the economy and help sustain vibrancy and prosperity into the future.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves:-

- (a) the draft action plans set out at Annex A of the report as a starting point for local consultation and then development; and
- (b) the appointment of:-
 - (i) a single FTE Market Town Support Officer on a three year fixed term; and
 - (ii) a graduate intern to support market town work.

CA.8 **"MAKE A DIFFERENCE" GRANTS FUND**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

Following the success of the "Make a Difference Grants Fund" in 2015-16, another opportunity had arisen to re-invest windfall savings back into the community for 2016-17. This report sought approval for a one-off Community Grants Scheme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that this fund would invest in worthy 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 2016-17 Grants Scheme and applies the criteria and timetable set out in Annex A of the report; and
- (2) that the scheme be funded by an allocation of £125,000 from the One-Off Fund.

CA.9 **ENCOURAGING PROCUREMENT FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS BY HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval of a strategy to encourage more local businesses to bid for Council contracts.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

The Council is required to ensure that every procurement it undertakes complies with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, European Union Law and its Procurement Procedure Rules and Policies.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves the revised Buy Hambleton Procurement Strategy attached as Annex A to the report.

CA.10 **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PLANS**

Bedale; Easingwold

The subject of the decision:

This report sought endorsement of the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plan for Linton on Ouse and revised Action Plans for Bedale and Alne.

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 Plan in Annex B of the report be endorsed.

CA.11 **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.12 and CA.13 on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 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.12 **BEDALE STATION HOUSE AND WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY PLC**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of a request for assistance from Bedale Station House and Wensleydale Railway PLC.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the request would support a community inclusive facility which had economic links and which also supported the Vibrant Market Towns them.

THE DECISION:

That a further rent-free period of five years for Wensleydale Railway Association in respect of Station House, Bedale be approved.

CA.13 **BUSINESS RATES - APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP RELIEF**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of an application for hardship relief.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) no hardship relief from business rates be granted; and
- (2) future requests for hardship relief be delegated to the Head of Service – Finance (s151 Officer).

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

Leader of the Council