# Selby District Council



# Minutes

Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	1 December 2011
Present:	Councillors M Crane (Chair), Mrs G Ivey C Lunn and J Mackman
Apologies for Absence:	C Metcalfe
Officers present:	Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director (S151), Managing Director, Business Manager (ES), Lead Officer Finance Policy Officer (HG) and Democratic Services Manager.
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NOTE: Only minute number 69 is subject to call in. The deadline for call-in is 5pm 13 December 2011. Decisions not called in may be implemented on 16 December 2011.

# 63. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

# 64. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings on 3 and 24 November 2011 were submitted. With regard to the minutes of the 24 November 2011, Councillor Mackman suggested a minor amendment to minute 62 (Selby District Council Core Strategy). Recommendation (ii) should read: (ii) To ask the Council's Consultants to provide evidence of the sustainability of housing growth on a range of 450 to 465 dwellings per annum over the plan period.

This amendment was agreed. Subject to the above amendment, the minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 65. SDC Core Strategy – Key Decision

Councillor John Mackman presented report E/11/43. The report provided further information from the Council's Consultants regarding the sustainability of housing growth on a range of 450 to 465 dwellings per year over the Plan period.

The Executive also discussed the recommendations made by Policy Review Committee at its meeting on the 24 November 2011. The Executive noted the view of Policy Review Committee that changes should be approved by the Executive rather than an individual councillor but resolved to amend their recommendation to read:

'To authorise the Lead Executive Councillor for Place Shaping, after consultation with the Managing Director, Access Selby, to agree any minor or consequential amendments to the Core Strategy necessary to reflect the principle issues determined by the Executive in relation to overall housing numbers, deliverability of development in Tadcaster and Green Belt Policy.'

The Executive discussed the recommendation from Policy Review Committee regarding the shortfall of housing at Tadcaster. The Executive reaffirmed their view that indicating Plan A as their preferred option for delivering the Core Strategy in Tadcaster was the most appropriate course of action and it was agreed that the recommendation would remain as originally approved by the Executive.

Councillor Mackman highlighted the information received from the Council's Consultants requested by the Executive at its previous meeting. The information was in respect of the sustainability of housing growth on a range of 450 to 465 dwellings per year over the Plan period. The Executive were satisfied that the information received provided a strong case for the level of housing growth to be set at an average of 450 dwellings per annum over the Plan period.

Councillor Mackman raised the issue of phasing the level of housing growth to take account of the current economic climate. He suggested that phasing should be as below:

- 6 years at 400 dwellings per annum
- 5 years at 460 dwellings per annum
- 5 years at 500 dwellings per annum

The Executive approved the phasing as suggested.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) To note the supplementary information from the Council's Consultants:
- (ii) To amend recommendation (iii) as approved at the Executive meeting on the 24 November 2011 to read:

'To authorise the Lead Executive Councillor for Place Shaping, after consultation with the Managing Director, Access Selby, to agree any minor or consequential amendments to the Core Strategy necessary to reflect the principle issues determined by the Executive in relation to overall housing numbers, deliverability of development in Tadcaster and Green Belt Policy.'

#### **Recommended to Council:**

- (iii) To approve the figure of an average of 450 dwellings per annum as the sustainable level of housing growth over the Plan period;
- (iv) To agree the phasing of sustainable housing growth as follows;
  - 6 years at 400 dwellings per annum
  - 5 years at 460 dwellings per annum
  - 5 years at 500 dwellings per annum
- (v) To determine any Proposed Changes to the Core Strategy as proposed in accordance with (ii) above.

## 66. Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan – Key Decision

Councillor Cliff Lunn presented report E/11/44 which gave the Executive detailed information on the draft revenue budget and capital programme for 2012/13 to 2014/15. The budget had been established against a back drop of significant financial constraints and future volatility arising from the continuing economic uncertainty, the Government's 'Resource Review', and the reform of the Housing Subsidy System (self-financing).

The Executive discussed the financial impact of the Council Tax freeze and the Government grant which would be available to offset the resulting shortfall in funding. Councillor Lunn explained that it was likely that the grant would only be available for one year.

The Executive Director S151 responded to questions regarding the future budgets of both Access Selby and The Core, details were also provided of the Council's partnership arrangements.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) To endorse the planned actions of the Access Selby Board to address their savings requirements;
- (ii) To identify savings to meet the required savings targets from 2013/14;

#### **Recommended to Council:**

- (iii) To approve, subject to comments from the Policy Review Committee, the draft budgets and bids;
- (iv) To vary the Medium Term Financial Strategy and approve a draw down of revenue balances to support a Council Tax freeze and defer the need for further savings in 2012/13.

#### Reasons for decision:

To ensure the Executive's budget proposals are fully funded for 2012/13.

#### 67. Selby District Council's response to the Boundary Commission for England's (BCE) Parliamentary Constituency Review

Councillor Mark Crane presented report E/11/45 to the Executive which detailed the Parliamentary boundary changes and views of Policy Review Committee to help the Executive formulate their response.

Councillor Crane highlighted that the constituency boundaries within North Yorkshire would meet the new legislative requirements without the need for change. The proposed changes in North Yorkshire, which adversely affected Selby District, were as a result of the need to help West Yorkshire constituencies meet the legislative requirements.

#### **Resolved:**

# To approve appendix B in the report as the Council's response to the Consultation.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure the Council formulates an appropriate response to the consultation.

#### 68. Private Session

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the Press and Public during discussion of the

following item as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraphs 4 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

## 69. CCTV Provision – Key Decision

Councillor Gillian Ivey presented report E/11/46 which made a final recommendation on the procurement of the Council's CCTV provision and barrier control at Market Place, Selby.

The Executive agreed that any decommissioned cameras would be removed as would any associated street furniture.

## **Resolved:**

- (i) To procure the Council's CCTV Provision and Barrier Control through the open market
- (ii) To remove any decommissioned cameras and associated street furniture.

Reasons for decision:

Procuring the system on the open market would maximise the opportunity to get the best price for monitoring and maintenance of the district's CCTV system and operation of the Selby Market Place barrier control.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm