

At a Meeting of the Corporate Board of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Tuesday, 10 July 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Yvonne Peacock (Chairman).
Councillors Linda Curran DL, Tony Duff, Helen Grant, Lawrence Grose, Richard Ormston (as substitute for Angus Thompson), Ian Threlfall, Ian Scott and Jimmy Wilson-Petch.

Officers: Tony Clark (Chief Executive), Callum McKeon (Corporate Director (Strategy & Regulatory)), Sian Moore (Corporate Director (Resources)), Brian Bottle (Revenue, Benefits and Customer Services Manager) and Katie Cullum (Democratic Services Manager).

Apologies: Councillors Angie Dale, Bill Glover and Angus Thompson.

CB09/18 * Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2018 be signed and approved as an accurate record.

CB10/18 * Public Speaking and Question Time

There were no public questions or statements submitted for consideration at the meeting.

CB11/18 * Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

CB12/18 ♦ Treasury Management Outturn Report 2017/18

Further to Minute CB36/17 (14 November 2017), Senior Management Team submitted a written report presenting a summary of the treasury management activities for 2017/18 in line with the Treasury Management Code of Practice.

The management report set out the Council's strategy and performance over the previous financial year with regard to investment and borrowing.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that the Treasury Management Report for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

CB13/18 ♦ Equalities and Diversity Annual Report and Objectives

Further to Minute CB14/17 (11 July 2017), Senior Management Team submitted a written report presenting the Equalities and Diversity Annual report for 2017/18 and the draft Equalities Action Plan to meet the 2018/19 equalities objectives.

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As part of the consultation, the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 at its meeting on 21 June had reviewed the draft objectives, annual report and action plan. Scrutiny Committee supported the work on equalities and diversity, including the inclusion of Councillors Thompson and Glover as members of the Corporate Equalities and Diversity Group. It had also requested an additional action under theme 2, objective 6 to establish a link with the Council and The Beacon and Phoenix House at Catterick Garrison to support their work with veterans.

- Resolved:**
- (a) That the performance of the Council in relation to Equalities and Diversity as set out in the Annual Report for 2017/18 be noted.
 - (b) That the Corporate Director (Resources) be granted delegated authority to make minor amendments to the 2017/18 Annual Report and 2018/19 Action Plan as follows:
 - (i) Equalities report to reflect current protected characteristics terminology.
 - (ii) Additional action under theme 2, objective 6 as set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report as recommended by Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1.
 - (iii) To add a reference to businesses as well as the community within the Dementia action plan.
 - (c) ♦ That it be recommended to Council that the draft objectives for Equalities and Diversity for 2018/19 as amended, as set out in Annex 5 of Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

CB14/18 ♦ Business Rate Discretionary Reliefs

Senior Management Team submitted a written report which sought adoption of an overarching policy for Business Rate Discretionary Reliefs. The draft policy would bring together a number of individual policies relating to the various types of discretionary rate relief available to business ratepayers.

With reference to applications for hardship relief, the Board supported a potential change to the Council's Constitution, which currently required all applications for hardship relief to be dealt with by the Appeals Panel, to a remit for determining appeals against decisions taken under delegated authority.

- Resolved:** That it be recommended to Council that the consolidated National Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) Discretionary Rate Relief Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved for adoption.

CB15/18 Attracting and Retaining Families and Younger People to Richmondshire and the Yorkshire Dales

Senior Management Team submitted a written report on proposals to progress joint partner work to develop and implement initiatives to encourage families and younger people to either set up home or work in rural areas of

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the District to ensure the sustainability of local facilities such as schools, health care, shops and businesses.

Paragraph 5.5 of the report detailed the Council's current projects to support and deliver the identified objectives to tackle the decline in population numbers, particularly younger families and people of working age.

Members would receive progress on the work proposed with the Counties, Districts and the National Park to produce an agreed action plan through the Members' Bulletin.

- Resolved:**
- (a) That the proposal to develop an action plan to attract and retain more young families and younger people to live and work in the rural parts of the District and wider Yorkshire Dales be noted.
 - (b) That the action plan setting out the projects that Richmondshire District Council and partners will develop and deliver be brought to a future meeting of Corporate Board for approval.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.12 pm.

(CB15/18)

**Decision taken under Corporate Board
Authority to take effect on 20 July 2018**

(CB12/18 – CB13/18 and CB14/18)

**Decisions to be ratified by
Full Council on 24 July 2018**

*** These decisions are not subject to call-in**

◆ These decisions are subject to ratification by Council.