

# EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

19 JUNE 2019

**PRESENT:** Councillors Smith (Chairman), Abraham, Aitken, C Bayram, L Bayram, Beaumont, Birch, Bovill, Boynton, Bryan, Burton, Chadwick, Copsey, Coultish, Davison, Dealtry, Dennis, Elvidge, Evison, Fox, Gateshill, Greenwood, Handley, Harold, Healing, Healy, Holtby, Horton, Jefferson, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Johnson, Jump, Lee, Liseter, Mathieson, Matthews, McMaster, Medini, Meredith, Nickerson, Nolan, Norman, Owen, Padden, Rogers, Rudd, Skow, Stathers, Steel, Sutton, Sykes, Temple, Tucker, A Walker, V Walker, Weeks, K West, P West, Whitehead, Whittle and Wilkinson.

Also in attendance: Press - 4  
Public - 26

The Council met at County Hall, Beverley.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gill, Green, Hammond and Sargeantson.

**2560 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS -**  
No declarations of interest were made.

**2561 MINUTES -** Moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman, and

**Resolved -** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**2562 COMMUNICATIONS -** The Chairman referred to a letter received from Mrs Harrap, addressed to all Councillors and members of staff at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, expressing thanks and appreciation for their condolences and support following the sad passing of former Councillor Richard Harrap.

**2563 MINUTES OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES -** Moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman, and

**Resolved -** That the minutes of the under-mentioned meetings be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted with the exception of Minute 6155 of The Cabinet held on 21 May 2019, Minutes 716 and 717 of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on 27 March 2019 and Minute 638 of the Health, Care and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on 2 April 2019:-

## **The Cabinet**

9 April 2019  
21 May 2019

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Sub-Committees**

Overview Management of 21 March 2019  
Children and Young People of 27 March 2019  
Health, Care and Wellbeing of 2 April and 28 May 2019

Environment and Regeneration of 29 May 2019  
Safer and Stronger Communities of 30 May 2019

**Non-Executive Committees:-**

Health and Wellbeing Board of 14 March and 30 May 2019  
Licensing of 18 March 2019  
Planning of 28 March, 18 April and 30 May 2019  
Audit of 22 March 2019  
Licensing Act 2003 of 26 March, 1 April, 1 and 29 May 2019  
Pensions of 26 April 2019

**2564 LAND TO THE SOUTH WEST OF BEVERLEY MASTERPLAN - 2019 UPDATE** - Moved by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Owen, and

That the excepted minute be received.

Moved by Councillor Healy and seconded by Councillor Nolan as an amendment –

That the excepted minute be received with regret.

**Amendment lost.**

Voting on the amendment was by way of a recorded vote as follows:-

**For:** Councillors Bovill, Boynton, Davison, Healy, Jefferson, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Johnson, Jump, Mathieson, Nolan, Norman, Padden, Sutton, A Walker and Whittle.

**Against:** Councillors Abraham, Aitken, C Bayram, L Bayram, Beaumont, Birch, Bryan, Burton, Chadwick, Copsey, Coultish, Dealtry, Dennis, Elvidge, Evison, Fox, Gateshill, Greenwood, Handley, Harold, Healing, Holtby, Horton, Lee, Lisseter, Matthews, McMaster, Medini, Meredith, Nickerson, Owen, Rogers, Rudd, Skow, Smith, Stathers, Steel, Sykes, Temple, Tucker, V Walker, Weeks, K West, P West, Whitehead and Wilkinson.

**For: 16**

**Against: 46**

**Abstentions: 0**

**Resolved** - That the excepted minute be received.

**2565 SOCIAL MEDIA REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS** - Moved by Councillor Harold, seconded by Councillor Medini, and

**Resolved** - That the excepted minute be received.

**2566 YOUNG PEOPLE AND MENTAL HEALTH** - Moved by Councillor Harold, seconded by Councillor Medini, and

**Resolved** - That the excepted minute be received.

**2567 HOLDERNESS GP MERGER** - Moved by Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor Steel, and

**Resolved** - That the excepted minute be received.

**2568 LEADER'S UPDATE** - The Leader of the Council submitted an oral report updating the Council on current issues. At the conclusion of his report Members had the opportunity to ask questions relating to the content of his update.

**2569 QUESTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 7.8(i):-**

(a) Councillor Elvidge asked the Leader to explain the recent Cabinet decision taken to support the infrastructure required for the Beverley Masterplan.

Councillor Burton replied.

Councillor Elvidge asked a supplementary question.

Councillor Burton replied.

(b) Councillor Healy asked the Leader of the Council if he would obtain assurances that this Council will learn from the mistakes made and instigate a full review of what went wrong at the recent local elections, when many voters were disenfranchised due to the delays in postal votes being sent out; resulting in a number of residents being away on holiday before their postal votes arrived, depriving them of their right to vote.

Councillor Burton replied.

Councillor Healy asked a supplementary question.

Councillor Burton replied.

(c) Councillor Johnson referred to the Rathlin Energy drill site at West Newton and asked the Leader why, given the large number of vehicle transits, (approximately 2450 HGV movements during the construction of just one well when there is the potential for six) the Council did not consider the level of pollution which is affecting air quality and having a detrimental effect on the communities through which the vehicles are passing.

Councillor Stathers replied.

**2570 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT** - Councillor Abraham, the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education submitted an oral report on matters within the remit of her portfolio. At the conclusion of the report, Members had the opportunity to ask questions relating to the content of her report.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**2571 CLIMATE CHANGE** - Moved by Councillor A Walker, seconded by Councillor Johnson,

That this Council notes:

In 2018, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned that we had just 12 years to make the necessary changes to limit a rise in global temperatures to 1.5C. Failure to act will see a marked increase in sea levels and flooding, extreme and abrupt changes to weather patterns, crop failures, extinction of plant, insect and animal species and global economic disruption and crisis.

At the Global Climate Talks in Poland last December, the UK along with over 200 nations agreed action on Climate Change with a much greater role strongly implied for Local and Regional Authorities like the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

We therefore resolve to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency and publicise this to the people of the East Riding of Yorkshire to raise awareness and support the public to take effective action.
2. Acknowledge that “business as usual” in the face of this emergency is not an option.
3. Request that Cabinet initiate a full environmental audit of East Riding of Yorkshire Council to measure its carbon footprint, identify hotspots and commit to being carbon neutral by the year 2030.
4. To set up a Councillor Working Party including the appropriate Portfolio Holder with a remit to:
  - a. Commission and oversee the environmental audit.
  - b. Identify practical measures to reduce emissions and the Council’s carbon footprint.
  - c. Encourage action in the wider community, businesses and other key organisations e.g. NHS and educational institutions.
  - d. Report to Full Council within six months with an action plan to address the emergency and incorporating proposals on the investment implications of this proposed activity.
5. The Council to consider environmental impact as part of every new policy.
6. The Council to seek to collaborate with other local and regional authorities on emission reduction projects.
7. The Leader of the Council to write to the Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry requesting that national policy is urgently developed to reflect the seriousness of the current emergency and to release funds to local authorities that would allow them to take the necessary measures at local level.”

Moved by Councillor Matthews and seconded by Councillor Stathers as an amendment -

That this Council:

Welcomes the latest Annual Environmental Management Statement (EMS) as approved by Cabinet on 11 June.

Recognises that the External Surveillance Audit carried out in January 2019 concluded that this EMS was effective and in line with the requirements of the ISO14001:2015 Standard and fully supports the ongoing work of the sustainable development team.

Welcomes and continues to work and collaborate with other local and regional authorities on carbon reduction projects and asks the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress.

Instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry, supporting the recently announced National Policy to commit to net zero greenhouse gases by 2050 and to request a release of funds to local authorities that could allow them to take the necessary measures at local level.

**Amendment carried.**

Voting on the amendment was by way of a recorded vote as follows:-

**For:** Councillors Abraham, Aitken, C Bayram, L Bayram, Beaumont, Birch, Bryan, Burton, Chadwick, Copsey, Coultish, Dennis, Elvidge, Evison, Fox, Gateshill, Greenwood, Handley, Harold, Healing, Holtby, Horton, Jefferson, B Jeffreys, Jump, Lee, Lisseter, Mathieson, Matthews, McMaster, Medini, Meredith, Nickerson, Owen, Rogers, Rudd, Skow, Smith, Stathers, Steel, Sykes, Temple, Tucker, V Walker, Weeks, K West, P West, Whitehead, Whittle and Wilkinson.

**Against:** Councillors Bovill, Boynton, Davison, Dealtry, Healy, Johnson, Nolan, Norman, Padden, Sutton and A Walker.

**For: 50**

**Against: 11**

**Abstentions: 0**

**Substantive motion carried.**

**Resolved -** That this Council:

- (a) welcomes the latest Annual Environmental Management Statement (EMS) as approved by Cabinet on 11 June;
- (b) recognises that the External Surveillance Audit carried out in January 2019 concluded that this EMS was effective and in line with the requirements of the ISO14001:2015 Standard and fully supports the ongoing work of the sustainable development team;
- (c) welcomes and continues to work and collaborate with other local and regional authorities on carbon reduction projects and asks the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress, and
- (d) instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry, supporting the recently announced National Policy to commit to net zero greenhouse gases by 2050 and to request a release of funds to Local Authorities that could allow them to take the necessary measures at local level.

**2572 HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF BRIDLINGTON-** Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Healy,

That this Council notes with concern and regret the reduced access to health care services for the residents of Bridlington. In particular it notes:

- a. The continuing running down of Bridlington Hospital services, necessitating local residents to travel miles away for serious and urgent medical treatment.
- b. The reduced access to GP services.
- c. The decline in public transport services in Bridlington and the difficulties of getting to Scarborough or York Hospitals, particularly at certain times of the year.
- d. The relevant Committee is instructed to undertake an urgent review of health care services in Bridlington, along with other relevant stakeholders and partners, to identify what is needed for the residents of Bridlington.

Moved by Councillor Owen and seconded by Councillor Aitken as an amendment -

That this Council:

Notes the ongoing Scarborough Hospital's Acute Services review and its possible impact on Bridlington hospital and services;

Notes with interest the imminent introduction of Primary Care Networks and their potential impact on improving GP and Primary Care Services across the East Riding from which Bridlington should benefit;

Notes that the CCG are currently working on their new Strategic Priorities and asks that Overview and Scrutiny continue to monitor the services and the Health and Wellbeing Board continue to be updated at the strategic level, especially in light of the strategic initiatives being undertaken by the Humber, Coast and Vale STP.

**Amendment carried.**

Voting on the amendment was by way of a recorded vote as follows:-

**For:** Councillors Abraham, Aitken, C Bayram, L Bayram, Beaumont, Birch, Bryan, Burton, Chadwick, Copsey, Coultish, Dennis, Elvidge, Evison, Fox, Gateshill, Greenwood, Handley, Harold, Healing, Holtby, Horton, Jefferson, Lee, Lisseter, Mathieson, Matthews, McMaster, Medini, Meredith, Nickerson, Owen, Rogers, Rudd, Skow, Smith, Stathers, Steel, Sykes, Temple, Tucker, V Walker, Weeks, K West, P West, Whitehead, Whittle and Wilkinson.

**Against:** Councillors Bovill, Boynton, Davison, Dealtry, Healy, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Johnson, Jump, Nolan, Norman, Padden, Sutton and A Walker.

**For: 48**

**Against: 14**

**Abstentions: 0**

**Substantive motion carried.**

**Resolved - That this Council:**

- (a) notes the ongoing Scarborough Hospital's Acute Services review and its possible impact on Bridlington hospital and services;
- (b) notes with interest the imminent introduction of Primary Care Networks and their potential impact on improving GP and Primary Care Services across the East Riding from which Bridlington should benefit, and
- (c) notes that the CCG are currently working on their new Strategic Priorities and asks that Overview and Scrutiny continue to monitor the services and the Health and Wellbeing Board continue to be updated at the strategic level, especially in light of the strategic initiatives being undertaken by the Humber, Coast and Vale STP.

**2573 BREXIT - THE PEOPLE'S VOTE** - Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Johnson,

That this Council notes that:

- a. Recent opinion polls indicate that there has been a swing in favour of a 'People's Vote' on the final Brexit deal.
- b. The Government's own impact assessments show that the UK is likely to be worse off in every scenario after Brexit.
- c. There will be severe damage to our international relationships, reduced influence with other states, and the complete loss of say and control over the rules of the European Single Market and Customs Union, the largest market in the world.
- d. There are many non-UK EU nationals living in East Riding who are concerned about the impact of Brexit on their lives, and that their current rights may not be fully protected.
- e. That the Government has totally mismanaged the Brexit negotiations. The deal reached by them has managed to alienate both supporters and opponents of Brexit.
- f. The NHS is experiencing severe problems in recruiting nurses and doctors since the decision was made to leave the European Union, and this is having a real negative impact on the health of our residents.
- g. Inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for our poorest residents, further squeezing their living standards.
- h. There will be a negative impact on our established mutually beneficial partnerships and links with European cities and towns.

The Council therefore:

- a. Believes that the people should have the opportunity to vote on the final deal, including the option to remain in the EU.
- b. Formally adds its voice to those calling for a public 'People's Vote' on the final Brexit deal.

- c. Asks the Leader of the Council to write to MPs in Hull and East Yorkshire area expressing these views and asking them to support a 'People's Vote'.

Moved by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Owen, and

**Resolved** - That the vote be taken.

On being put to the vote the original motion was lost.

**Motion lost.**

**2574 SEWAGE DISCHARGES** - Moved by Councillor Evison, seconded by Councillor Owen, and

**Resolved** - That this Council:

- (a) acknowledges that new legislation to control small sewage discharges from septic tanks, to be introduced by Defra in January 2020, will have potential impact on many rural properties in the East Riding. General Binding Rules will require households who have septic tanks that discharge into watercourses to invest in new packet treatment works which meet the new conditions, and
- (b) that as a matter of urgency the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee receive a report on how many private and Council owned properties will be affected and what support and information is available to assist households in meeting the new legislation.

**2575 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN** - The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report asking the Council to consider adopting the practice for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen of East Riding of Yorkshire as a way of honouring past Councillors who have given long and distinguished service to East Riding of Yorkshire Council and its residents.

Moved by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Owen, and

**Resolved** - That the Council approves:

- (a) that eminent service given by past Councillors be recognised by allowing them to be proposed for the title of 'Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman of East Riding of Yorkshire', further to section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972;
- (b) that the Protocol for the Appointment of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen set out in the report be approved, and
- (c) that the insignia to be presented upon Appointment of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen be approved as set out in the report.