

EXECUTIVE

A meeting of the Executive was held on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

PRESENT: Mayor A Preston (The Mayor) (Chair) and Councillors D Davison, A High, C Hobson, D McCabe, M Smiles and A Waters

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Councillors J Rathmell and J Thompson

OFFICERS: C Benjamin, C Breheny, R Horniman, C Lunn, S Reynolds and I Wright

20/101 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at this point in the meeting.

20/102 **ADVICE OF MONITORING OFFICER - CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION (NUNTHORPE GRANGE FARM - DISPOSAL)**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report for the Executive's consideration. The purpose of the report was to provide details of the advice that had been given to the Overview and Scrutiny Board, on 29 January 2021, at its Call-in meeting regarding the Executive decision that had been taken in respect of Nunthorpe Grange Farm.

The Monitoring Officer had been requested by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board to advise whether the decision in respect of Nunthorpe Grange Farm, which had been taken by the Executive on 24 November 2020, 'materially departed from the Budget and Policy Framework'.

The findings and conclusions of the Monitoring Officer were outlined, in detail, in the submitted report, and a verbal summary was provided to the Executive Members.

The advice stated that the Executive decision had not been a departure from the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

ORDERED

That the information contained in the report be noted.

20/103 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - CALL-IN REFERRAL**

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board submitted a report for the Executive's consideration. Following the Overview and Scrutiny Board Call-in meetings, held on 18 December 2020 and 29 January 2021, the Board had agreed to refer the Executive's decision of 24 November 2020 (Nunthorpe Grange Farm - Disposal - Church Lane) back for reconsideration.

The Board had determined that the decision taken required reconsideration on the grounds that there had been a lack of consultation and the Executive had received inadequate information on which to base its decision.

To assist the Executive, the Board proposed:

1. That alternative uses for the site be explored, such as community uses, that would be of benefit to a greater number of residents within the area by not restricting use for/to a particular purpose/group.
2. That further consideration be given as to whether best value for money had been achieved, or whether enhanced consultation and an open tender exercise could generate additional interest/alternative proposals.

The Executive Members considered and subsequently voted upon the recommendations.

ORDERED

1. That the recommendations put forward by the Overview and Scrutiny Board be noted but not endorsed.
2. That the initial decision taken by the Executive on 24 November 2020, i.e. to dispose of the Nunthorpe Grange Farm site, be implemented with immediate effect.
3. That a written response be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Board, outlining the reasons for the Executive's decision.

REASONS

As per the Council's Scrutiny Call-in protocol, the Executive was required to have regard of any recommendations made as part of a Call-in meeting.