

**CABINET MEETING
4 NOVEMBER 2004**

Present: Councillor R. F. Spencer (Chairman)
Councillors: A A Clarke
Feeney (a)
Gollop (a)
Golland
Nicholson
Poynter

Observers: Councillors Gillam, Griffiths and Parr

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Feeney and Gollop.

82. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2004, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83. PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2004/05 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Finance informed members of the performance monitoring of the 2004/05 Prudential Code Indicators and advised members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

It was reported that the Local Government Act 2003 had introduced the new prudential framework for Local Authority Capital Investment. The key objectives of the Prudential Code were detailed in the report and in order to demonstrate that local authorities had fulfilled these objectives, the Prudential Code detailed the indicators that must be set and monitored. The indicators were designed to support and record local decision-making and not to be comparative performance indicators.

A number of events and treasury management decisions which impact upon the Prudential Indicators had been taken since the indicators had been set in February 2004, including the early redemption of external borrowing to enable retention of Housing capital receipts and consequently the ability to delay additional borrowing in 2004/05. It was therefore proposed that the relevant indicators be revised to ensure that they reflected the current treasury position and capital programming financing plans. The revised indicators continued to reflect a position that was both affordable and prudent.

Appendix A of the report detailed the Prudential Indicator monitoring position as at 30 September 2004.

Attached at Appendix B was the Treasury Activity Report for the quarter ended September 2004 in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy.

After consideration it was:-

RESOLVED: To approve the revised set of Prudential Indicators as detailed in Appendix A of the report for consideration by Council on 15 December 2004.

Appendix A

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2004/05

		<u>Approved Indicator</u>	<u>Projected Outturn</u>	<u>Revised Indicator</u>
<u>(1) ESTIMATES</u>				
<u>Affordability</u>				
(1) Ratio of Financing Costs to Net revenue Stream:				
(a) Non HRA	%	1.471	1.57	1.57
(b) HRA	%	(2.180)	1.70	1.70
(2) Incremental Impact of Capital Investment decisions on:				
(a) Council Tax (Non HRA)	£	0.10	3.48	3.48
(b) Rents (HRA)	£	0.21	0.00	0.00
	£			
(3) Capital Expenditure				
(a) Non HRA	£	3,269,000	5,038,300	5,038,300
(b) HRA	£	3,463,000	3,901,700	3,901,700
	£	<u>6,732,000</u>	<u>8,940,000</u>	<u>8,940,000</u>
(4) Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)				
(a) Non HRA	£	11,728,000	10,858,000	10,858,000
(b) HRA	£	<u>(4,491,000)</u>	<u>(5,510,000)</u>	<u>(5,510,000)</u>
	£	<u>7,237,000</u>	<u>5,348,000</u>	<u>5,348,000</u>

<u>(2) LIMITS</u>		<u>Approved</u>	<u>Position @</u>	<u>Revised</u>
		<u>Limit</u>	<u>30 Sept</u>	<u>Limit</u>
<u>Affordability</u>				
(1) Authorised Limit for External Debt	£	8,000,000	0	8,000,000
(2) Operational Boundary for External Debt	£	7,000,000	0	7,000,000
<u>Prudence</u>				
(1) Net external Borrowing plus CFR	£	7,348,000	(6,050,000)	7,348,000
(2) Upper Limit on Fixed Interest Rate Exposure	%	100.00	40.50	200.00
<i><u>Additional Indicators:</u></i>				
(a) Investment Only	%	n/a	40.50	100.00
(b) Borrowing Only	%	n/a	n/a	100.00
(3) Upper Limit on Variable Rate Interest Exposure	%	25.00	59.50	(200.00)
<i><u>Additional Indicators:</u></i>				
(a) Investment Only	%	n/a	59.50	100.00
(b) Borrowing Only	%	n/a	n/a	50.00
(4) Upper limits for the maturity structure of borrowings (Lower Limit is Nil)				
Under 1 Year	%	20	0	20
1 Year to 5 Years	%	20	0	20
2 Years to 5 Years	%	20	0	20
5 Years to 10 Years	%	20	0	20
Over 10 Years	%	100	0	100
(5) Upper limit for principal sums invested for periods over 364 days		2,000,000	0	2,000,000

84. **QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of Senior Management Team updating Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2004/2005 financial year. The budgets included all amounts carried forward from the 2003/2004 financial year.

The report sought Cabinet approval where required for budget changes outlined in the report at Appendices 1, 2 and 3 and of the position against Key Tasks and Performance Indicators in the 2004/2005 Plan.

The report also sought Cabinet approval for changes to improvement Task targets as set out in Section 3 and detailed at Appendix 4 the virements approved during the quarter ended September 2004.

After consideration it was:-

- RESOLVED:
1. To approve the budget changes across the General Fund Portfolios as detailed at Appendix 1.
 2. To approve the capital budget changes and financing as set out in paragraph 4.8 and Appendix 2.
 3. To approve the budget changes in the Housing Revenue Account as detailed at Appendix 3.
 4. To approve the changes to Improvement Task targets as detailed in paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the report, as an amendment to the Council's agreed Budget/Service Plan.
 5. To forward the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Information to the Personnel and Resources Committee.
 6. To include details of budget and performance monitoring in a quarterly performance digest, for circulation to all members and for publication on the Council's website and intranet.
 7. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4.

85. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT ACTION AREA TRAFFIC STUDY FOR ARNOLD TOWN CENTRE

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Centres Manager on behalf of the Cabinet Office informing members of the proposals to improve Arnold Town Centre's transport and infrastructure following the first round of consultations conducted by Nottinghamshire County Council's Environment Department.

Nottinghamshire County Council had now completed the first round of a

comprehensive public consultation, analysed responses and designed alternative proposals based on the results. They were now conducting the second round of consultations to gather public views on the suitability of the alternative scheme suggested. Submitted at Appendix A to the report was a schedule of exhibitions in Arnold.

Results of the initial consultation were detailed in the report.

After consideration it was:-

- RESOLVED:
1. To note the report.
 2. To support further partnership working with Nottinghamshire County Council on consultation and related activity to ensure that the results are the most suitable to the benefit of all stakeholders involved.

86. FORWARD PLAN 1 DECEMBER 2004 – 31 MARCH 2005

RESOLVED: To approve the Forward Plan as submitted.

87. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS PROGRESS REPORTS

E-Government and Member Services Portfolio

- Electronic Committee Administration System progressing
- Document Scanning
- Revenue and Benefits Electronic System
- Leisure-flex
- E Citizen Day – April 2005

Housing

- Update on Housing Revenue Account delays
- Housing Bill changes
- Stock options consultation to be completed by end of November 2004
- Extra Care Units phased transfer January to March 2005

Direct Services and Property Portfolio

- Christmas waste disposal opening days – consultation
- Service-Team – change of Contractor

Leisure

- Gedling Leisure Card
- Proposed expansion of Leisure Suite at Richard Herrod to replace squash courts
- Availability of burial land – villages
- Letter from Councillor Parr regarding lack of use facilities for Kings Church in Arnold
- Increased youth provision at Killisick
- Delays in youth provision at Gedling Comprehensive School
- Letter from Mark Glover regarding establishing a charitable trust for Netherfield Lagoons

Finance

- Revenue & Benefits System working arrangements with Broxtowe, Newark and Sherwood and Ashfield Councils.
- Rate Support Grant settlement expected by end of November 2004

RESOLVED: To note the information.

WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

88. COUNCIL MEETING - LOCAL PLAN

The Chief Executive informed members that following the reconsideration of the Draft Local Plan in the light of the Inspector's report and the report of the Panel looking at the Joint Structure Plan, consideration was being given to calling a special meeting of the Council on Wednesday 22 December 2004 in order to consider any proposed changes to the Draft Plan.

89. INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

The Chief Executive reported that the Council had now been awarded IIP accreditation and he had been consulting with the 'Steps Group' to assess how the award could be celebrated. A suggestion had been made that an event could be held at the Millennium Suite for all staff in a few weeks time.

A further recommendation was that the offices should close at lunchtime on Christmas Eve, 24 December to award staff half a days holiday in recognition of the IIP accreditation.

After consideration it was:-

RESOLVED: That the Council Offices close at lunch time on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2004

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.