

CABINET

3 FEBRUARY 2005

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

Councillors:	A.A. Clarke W.H. Golland R.J. Nicholson	P. Feeney I.S. Gollop R.A. Poynter
Observers:	A.J. Gillam J.M. Parr	G.J. Griffiths

128 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None were received.

129 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Poynter declared a personal prejudicial interest in the Youth Scrutiny Review arising from his position as a youth sports coach and fundraiser.

Councillor A.A. Clarke also declared a personal interest in the Youth Scrutiny Review as he was named in the report.

130 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2005.

That the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

131 YOUTH REVIEW.

(Councillor Poynter left the meeting - Councillor Gollop entered the meeting)

The Scrutiny Officer reported that the Community and Quality of Life Scrutiny Committee had agreed the recommendations submitted in the Youth Review report and these had been ratified at the Local Strategic Partnership.

Some recommendations were relevant to this Council and were contained within the report.

The Chair of the Community and Quality of Life Scrutiny Committee and the Youth Review working group, Councillor Viv McCrossen, attended Cabinet to present the final recommendations as follows:-

1. That there is action on the outstanding recommendations.
2. That consideration is given to the bid for a Youth Development Worker already submitted by the Community and Quality of Life Scrutiny Committee.
3. That consideration is given to investing resources into the areas which Gedling Borough Council leads in e.g. sports and arts development.
4. That Gedling Borough Council considers setting targets and monitoring the newly developing Youth Forum (an adult strategic partnership group with a remit to coordinate youth activities and develop partnership working for young people across the district).

RESOLVED:-

To request a report to the March meeting of the Cabinet addressing the recommendations on the Youth Review contained in the report.

(Councillor Poynter returned to the meeting)

132 SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY 2005 - 2010

The Head of Housing submitted a report giving Cabinet an overview of the key issues within the Supporting People Strategy for Nottinghamshire 2005-2010 and to advise Cabinet of the Portfolio Holder for Housing's intention to approve the strategy.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents and potential implications of the Supporting People Strategy for Nottinghamshire.

134 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor Parr asked the Housing Portfolio Holder if the Council's policy had recently changed in that younger families or individuals were now re-housed in warden-aided accommodation.

The Portfolio Holder confirmed that the Department only offered tenancies of warden aided accommodation to elderly persons.

135 RECYCLING CENTRES

The Head of Direct Services submitted a report requesting approval for a phased removal and reduction programme of recycling centres in the Borough following the introduction of the twin bin scheme

RESOLVED:

To authorise the removal of the recycling centres as proposed in this report.

136 NETHERFIELD LAGOONS

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Councillor Golland submitted a report recommending agreement for the transfer of Netherfield Lagoons site to the Gedling Conservation Trust.

RESOLVED To:

- i. Agree the transfer of Netherfield Lagoons to the Gedling Conservation Trust subject to the obtaining of Charitable Status by the Trust.
- ii. Provide a revenue grant to the Trust of £15,000 per annum, plus annual inflation based on the September R.P.I. each year, for a period of ten years.
- iii. Agree a single capital grant of £10,000 to Gedling Conservation Trust.
- iv. Ensure that, in return for grant support, public access is available to the lagoons site.

137 PROPOSALS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT 2005

The Head of Cabinet Office submitted a report informing Members of the Audit Commission's consultation on its proposals for Comprehensive Performance Assessment from 2005, concentrating on the potential impact on District Councils.

The report also established whether Members would wish to respond to the consultation and, if so, what response they would wish to make.

The Chief Executive reported that the proposals for the next Corporate Assessment in 2005 for the Council to improve their 'Good Council' rating appeared to be significantly more challenging than was at first

envisaged.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

138 FORWARD PLAN 01 MARCH 2005 - 31 JUNE 2005.

RESOLVED:

To approve the above Forward Plan as submitted.

139 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

E - Government and Member Services

- Targets for E Government
- Council audio system being investigated.
- 'Loop' system not working

Agenda - 21 Crime and Community Development.

- Gedling Crime Rates falling
- 3 PCSOs to be appointed in Arnold and Carlton.
- Funding for Football Coaching at Carlton Forum

Development & Economic Regeneration

- Shop Watch developing in Arnold and Netherfield
- Business surveys
- Local Plan meetings scheduled for Ravenshead, Calverton and Top Wighay

Leisure

- Many Leisure Schemes progressing
- Wheldon School Joint Use gym being rebuilt
- Skateboard facilities in concrete - delays with the Contractor
- Proposed skateboard parks at Newstead and Standhill Road
- Ashley Marriott leaving the Authority

Finance

- Special Budget meeting for Thursday 10 February.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

140 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

None

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm