

**CABINET
2 JUNE 2005**

Councillor I.S Gollop (Chairman)

Councillors:	V. McCrossen W.H. Golland R.A. Poynter	P. Feeney (a) R.J. Nicholson R.F. Spencer
Observers:	A.J. Gillam J.M Parr	G.G. Griffiths (a)

24 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12 MAY AND 19 MAY 2005.

RESOLVED:

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

25 STRATEGIC CORPORATE PLAN 2005/08 (INCORPORATING BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN AND PERFORMANCE INDICATOR TARGETS)

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive requesting Cabinet to consider the draft Strategic Corporate Plan 2005/08 and recommend to Council that the Plan be adopted.

The report also detailed for Cabinet the results against national and local performance indicators for 2004/05.

The report recommended to Cabinet targets for Performance Indicators for 2007/08 where these were required, for onward recommendation to Council together with changes to selected Performance Indicator targets for 2005/06 and 2006/07, again for referral to Council.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council:-

1. That the draft Strategic Corporate Plan 2005/08 be adopted.
2. That the year-end performance indicator results for 2004/05 included in Appendix B and explanations of variances attached at Appendix C be noted.

3. That the performance indicator targets for 2007/08 included in Appendix B, and amendments to performance indicator targets for 2005/06 and 2006/07, as set out in Appendix D, be agreed.

26 UPDATE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE YOUTH REVIEW

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report that updated members on the progress of implementing the recommendations arising from the Youth Review undertaken by the Community and Quality of Life Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and to appoint Councillor McCrossen as the Borough Council 'Youth Champion'.

27 POLICY TOPICS

The Deputy Chief Executive reported that the Leader of the Council had asked that a second monthly Cabinet be arranged with a view to having a more discursive approach to key issues impacting upon the Council.

Officers had identified a number of potential topics, primarily policy related, that could benefit from such an approach.

The initial list included:

- Customer Focus and impact of ICT on service delivery
- Leisure Strategies (consideration as a group to explore linkages)
- Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT)
- Partnerships
- Sustainability
- Budget
- Car Park Charging
- Decriminalised Parking Enforcement

Members were asked to agree this initial list and to identify other topics they wished to see included, along with any timing issues such as those identified for LSVT and the budget.

Agreement of an initial list would help officers plan for the relevant events including preparation of presentations and obtaining outside speakers where considered appropriate.

RESOLVED:

To approve the above list of initial topics for consideration by Cabinet over the forthcoming year with the following indicative timescales for when those topics should come before Cabinet:-

Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LVT) - July

Car Park Charging and Decriminalised Parking Enforcement - August

Leisure Strategies - September

Budget - December

28 ADOPTION OF BURIAL SPACE AUDIT

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Leisure Services recommending that the Cabinet adopt the Burial Space Audit for the Borough of Gedling.

RESOLVED:

To approve the above recommendation.

29 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor Wright asked whether a Policy Item had to be on the Cabinet agenda for a member to speak on that item.

The Chairman replied that Members could ask questions under the Cabinet agenda item, and they also had the opportunity at Council to comment on items included in Portfolio Holders progress reports.

Councillor P.G. Barnes again referred to the poor quality of the sound system in the Council Chamber. Members of the public attending a meeting of the Planning Committee were unable to follow the debate and the Planning decision made in respect of their application.

Councillor Poynter replied that it was his intention to engage an Independent Consultant to assess the pa. system in the Chamber, as the general feeling was that the current equipment was less than suitable and any proposals for a replacement system would need to be met through the Budget process.

30 ADOPTION OF ALLOTMENT STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure Services recommending that the Cabinet adopt the Allotment Strategy for the Borough of Gedling.

RESOLVED:

To approve the recommendation and adopt the allotment Strategy for the Borough of Gedling.

31 ADOPTION OF RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report of the Leisure Portfolio Holder recommending that the Cabinet adopt the Recreational Open Space Strategy for the Borough of Gedling.

This report also incorporated a short section on the Gedling Borough element of the Playing Pitch Strategy.

RESOLVED:

To adopt the Recreational Open Space Strategy for the Borough of Gedling 2004-2009.

32 CONSULTATION PROGRAMME 2005/06

The Head of Cabinet Office reported that the Council carried out consultation on a wide range of issues each year.

Good practice suggested that it was helpful to seek to co-ordinate this activity as far as possible, to ensure that related exercises were drawn together and to avoid consultation fatigue amongst consultees.

A programme had therefore been drawn together for the year ahead, through liaison with departments across the Council. A copy was submitted at Appendix A to the report

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

33 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The following progress reports on items within their purview were received from Portfolio Holders:-

Finance

1. Treasury Activity report to Council
2. Council House sales have declined.

E Government and Member Services

1. ODPM report encouraging with regard to IT
2. Investigating the Council Chamber Sound system
3. One Stop Shop progress report progressing.
4. Members Computerisation progressing.

Housing

1. Housing Stock Option survey to be signed off in July together with the Business Plan in June.

Leisure

1. Partnership - Sports and Fitness Strategy to be signed next week.
2. Youth Gym at Carlton Forum to be opened next week with Redhill to follow shortly.
3. Tenders for the proposed Standhill Recreation Area Skate Board Park progressing.
4. Awareness to complete schemes prior to year end.
5. Arnold Carnival to be held on 18/19 June.

Direct Services and Property

1. 2,556 customers signed up to 'Green Garden Waste' scheme.
2. Street washing programme progressing.
3. Hanging baskets to be installed shortly.
4. 'Twin Bin' system ongoing.
5. Recycling waste scheme on target.
6. 'Street sweeping' proposals.

Agenda 21 Crime and Community Development

1. Arnold Association of Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.
2. Edison Way meeting.
3. Anti - Social Behaviour and Crime Reduction meetings with Gedling Preservation Society.
4. Area Based Initiatives in Bonington and Valley Wards.
5. Proposals for a 'Car Free Day' next year.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

RESOLVED:

To approve the above Forward Plan.

35 CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2004/5 - CARRY FORWARDS

The Head of Finance submitted a report that sought approval to carry forward Capital and Revenue budgets from 2004/2005 as additions to the 2005/2006 budgets.

RESOLVED:

(i) To Note the agreed capital carry forwards of £408,600 included in Appendix 1 of the report, being amounts of less than £50,000 for schemes which have been committed;

(ii) To note the agreed revenue carry forwards of £126,300 shown in Appendix 3 being amounts of less than £10,000

(iii) To request Council to approve the capital carry forward of £2,659,500 as shown in Appendix 2, being amounts in excess of £50,000 and schemes below £50,000 which have not yet been committed.

(iv) To request Council to approve the revenue carry forward of £388,300 as shown in Appendix 4, being amounts in excess of £10,000.

(v) Request Council to amend the delegation arrangements in respect of Treatment of Year End Balances to allow the Head of Finance to approve capital carry forwards over £50,000 and revenue carry forwards over £10,000 in respect of contractually committed schemes.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm