CABINET 17 NOVEMBER 2005

Councillor I.S. Gollop (Chairman)

Councillors:

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

116 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Spencer.

117 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2005.

RESOLVED;

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to St. Albans Road being included for consideration of Permit or resident only parking adjacent to Arnold Town Centre.

118 PRESENTATION BY DAVID EVANS, CABINET OFFICE, ON COMMUNITY PROFILES.

David Evans from the Cabinet Office, gave a presentation on Community Profiles.

RESOLVED:

To thank David Evans for the presentation.

119 CHILDREN ACT 2004

The Head of Housing Services gave a Presentation and submitted a report on the implications for the Authority of the Children Act 2004.

In order to ensure that the Authority complied with the act the following actions were required:-

i. Appointment of a Lead Officer within the Authority for the Safeguarding Children Agenda.

ii. Nomination of the Authority's representative on the Local Strategic Partnership Group.

iii. The undertaking of an audit of all services to assess where and how, either directly or indirectly the Authority services come into contact or deal with children.

iv. Action to ensure that services are managed safely via appropriate recruitment processes, and other policies and procedures.

v. Action to ensure that such standards are applied to all partner agencies, which deal, either directly or indirectly with children.

vi. Review of the Authority's child protection policy and reporting protocols

vii. Identification of training needs for staff and delivery of appropriate training to all relevant staff

RESOLVED:

i. That the Head of Housing Services is appointed as the Lead Officer for the Safeguarding Children Agenda.

ii. Than an action plan is developed to ensure that the required actions are achieved.

iii. That the Housing Portfolio Holder is nominated as the Council's representative on the Strategic Partnership Group.

iv. To thank Lyn Clayton for the presentation.

120 YOUTH BUDGET 2005-2006 REPORT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Consideration was given to a copy of a report of the Community Partnerships Manager on behalf of Leader of the Council requesting Cabinet approval for the proposed spending of the Youth Budget of £50,000. Details of the proposal were included in the report and were as follows:-

- i. Football Coaching Sessions;
- ii. Contribution to Youth Worker post at Netherfield LOCO Project;
- iii. Youth Arts Projects
- iv. Outreach Adventurous Activities;

The proposed projects would fall within existing performance management arrangements. Outcomes and outputs would focus on a wide range of indicators including numbers of young people involved and reductions in anti-social behaviour within the immediate area.

RESOLVED:

To agree the projects detailed in the report.

121 REPORT FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION YOUTH ACTION GROUP RESPONSE TO YOUTH MATTERS GREEN PAPER

Councillor McCrossen the Youth Champion informed Cabinet of the response made to the "Youth Matters" Green Paper by Gedling Partnership's Youth Action Group.

A response had now been compiled by the Chair of the Youth Action Group. The detail of this response was highlighted in the report to the Gedling Partnership Executive (Appendix A) for the information of Cabinet Members.

RESOLVED:

To note the response to the Green Paper.

122 AMENDMENT TO BUDGET RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BID SCORING METHODOLOGY

The Head of Finance sought approval to make an amendment to the Budget Resource Development Bid Scoring Methodology in respect of Super Output Areas and Areas Based Initiatives.

RESOLVED:

To approve the amendment of the Resource Development Bid Scoring Methodology to incorporate a weighting, as detailed in paragraph 2, for those schemes meeting the Council's priorities which are to be delivered within the most deprived areas of the Borough.

123 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2005/06 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Finance submitted a report that informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2005/06 Prudential Code Indicators, and advised Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED:

To note the Prudential Indicator Monitoring at Appendix 1 and the Treasury Activity Report at Appendix 2 to the report.

124 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT

The Head of Finance submitted a report that updated Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2005/2006 financial year. The budgets included all carried forward amounts from the 2004/2005 financial year.

After consideration it was:-

RESOLVED:

i. To approve the budget changes across the General Fund Portfolios as detailed at Appendix 1;

ii. To approve the budget changes in the Housing Revenue Account as detailed at Appendix 3;

iii. To approve the budget changes in the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 4.8 and Appendix 2;

iv. To approve the changes to Improvement Task targets as detailed in paragraph 3.10 of the report, as an amendment to the Council's agreed Budget/Service Plan.

v. To forward the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Information to the Personnel and Resources Committee;

vii. 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;

viii. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4.

ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

With the approval of the Chair, the following item was considered as a matter of urgency.

125 PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF POLICE FORCES -CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to a copy of a letter dated 11 November 2005 received from the Chief Executive of the Police Authority regarding the proposed restructuring of police forces in the East Midlands.

A copy of the reply by the Chief Executive on behalf of the Borough Council dated 18 November was submitted for Members information.

RESOLVED:

To note the correspondence and that a copy be sent to all Members.

13 DISTRICT AUDIT

The Leader of the Council reported that following the visit of the District Auditor to the Authority, it appeared that they intended to promote aspects of the Council's work nationally as examples of good practice particularly with regard to the budget resource development bid methodology and profiles, financial management arrangements and value for money projects.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm