

CABINET

Thursday, 12th January, 2006

Councillor I.S. Gollop (Chairman)

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

144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Parr.

145 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2005.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

146 FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2006-20011

The Head of Finance recommended to Cabinet, the adoption of the Financial Strategy 2006-2011 submitted at Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED:

To approve the adoption of the financial strategy 2006-2011 at Appendix 1 to the report.

147 DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS TO BE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSULTATION

The Head of Finance submitted a report that detailed the likely General Fund base budget for 2006/07 based on provisional settlement figures, the likely position in respect of capital financing, and assumed changes to the base budget in respect of inflation, pay award etc.

There was potential for growth in the Revenue Budget, and new schemes for Capital Expenditure were identified.

The specific aims of the report were to identify Members expectations in respect of new revenue and capital schemes and to seek comment on the key tasks for the year 2006/07.

RESOLVED:

i. That Cabinet approve the above budget items for 2006/07 for forwarding to Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

ii. To include Resource Development Bid (DR6)- Street washer at £10,000 in the schemes scoring in excess of 25 points.

148 REVIEW OF THE EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN TO 2026 – OPTIONS FOR CHANGE OCTOBER 2005

Consideration was given to a report on the review of the East Midlands Regional Plan to 2026 – Options for change October 2005.

RESOLVED:

That the Borough Council submit the above report as the Council's response to the East Midlands Regional Assembly consultation on the review of the East Midlands Regional Plan to 2026.

149 GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT APRIL 2004-MARCH 2005

Consideration was given to a copy of the Annual Monitoring Report that covered the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 and set out in detail how progress was being made on the elements of the Local Development Framework currently in production.

RESOLVED:

To approve the report.

150 OPEN SPACE AT MAIDENS DALE, ARNOLD

The Head of Housing submitted a report proposing that the capital receipt received from the sale of the land at Maidens Dale, Arnold be utilised for the provision of Affordable Housing.

RESOLVED:

That the proceeds from the sale of land at Maidens Dale, Arnold be utilised for the delivery of Decent Homes within the Public or Private Sector.

151 CALVERTON LEISURE CENTRE – USAGE REPORT

The Head of Leisure Services submitted a report that informed members of the effect on usage at Calverton Leisure Centre following the decision in May 2005 to reduce the opening hours.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

152 FORWARD PLAN 1 FEBRUARY TO 31 MAY 2006

RESOLVED:

To approve the above Forward Plan.

153 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Finance

- i. Council Tax collection on target.
- ii. IBS system is being developed for February 'roll out'.
- iii. New payroll system now on line.
- iv. Local Government Chronicle financial strategy awards in March - Finance in line for award.

E Government and Member Services

- i. 'Valid system' still problematic.
- ii. 'Agresso' system developing
- iii. IDEA representatives looking at Council's procurement strategy.
- iv. IT systems 'catch up'

Housing

- i. Reduction in temporary tenancies - £15,000 received from GOEM
- ii. Private Sector Access Grants to be introduced.

- iii. Housing Stock Options
- iv. Responsive Planned Maintenance ongoing.
- v. Carlton Mill site - framework meeting.

Leisure

- i. Schemes progressing at Newstead and Standhill Road.
- ii. Completion and installation of 'rocks' at Willow Park
- iii. Meeting with Manager of Redhill, Calverton and Arnold Leisure Centre.
- iv. Opening of new joint play facility at Wheldon School on 13 January.
- v. Officers exploring alternative leisure facilities for young people.
- vi. Proposals for refurbishment of changing facilities at Carlton Forum.
- vii. 'Pedestrian friendly' improvements at Arnot Hill Park.
- viii. Healthier snacks at Leisure Centres.

Direct Services and Property

- i. Problems for Refuse Collection service over Christmas period as a result of snow and ice.
- ii. Leader to request County Council to bring gritting levels to those previously enjoyed when Gedling were responsible.
- iii. Arnold Master Plan, final presentation in February.
- iv. Additional information to Public needed.

Development and Economic Regeneration.

- i. No additional hardship finance available from Severn Trent works in Arnold Town Centre.

Agenda 21 Crime and Community Development

- i. Meeting held on Waste Contract with County Council.
- ii. Meeting held with Members and Officers of Netherfield Forum and Arnold Killisick Residents Association.
- iii. Proposed revamp of CCTV system in Arnold to be rolled out to Mapperley, Netherfield and Calverton.
- iv. Greater presence of Policing in certain areas.
- v. PCSO's to be granted additional powers through a 'pilot'.
- vi. Higher profile needed for dealing with and solving problems.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

154 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

CABINET MEETING 26 JANUARY.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the next meeting of the Cabinet was to be held on 26 January to consider the Housing Stock Options.

As the Council were still awaiting notification from GOEM, they were not in a position to give consideration to the proposals at that time.

RESOLVED:

To cancel the meeting scheduled for Thursday 26 January 2006.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm