

CABINET

Thursday, 2nd February, 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 (a) (Observer).	

155 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Parr.

156 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2006.

RESOLVED:

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

157 FUTURE USE OF ARNOT HILL PARK LODGE

The Leader of the Council submitted a report, that subject to the receipt of planning permission, sought Cabinet approval for the letting of Arnot Hill Park Lodge as a Youth Drop-In Centre.

RESOLVED:

i. To approve the use of Arnot Hill Park Lodge as a Youth Drop-In Centre, subject to planning permission being secured for this purpose.

ii. That subject to planning permission being granted, approve the letting of Arnot Hill Park Lodge to Nottinghamshire County Council on a peppercorn rental basis to operate and manage the building's use for the purpose highlighted in the report.

iii. That a report on accommodation for the Park Wardens and Security staff be submitted to the March meeting.

158 GEDLING COLLIERY SPOIL TIP – OPTIONS STUDY

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure Services, submitted a report detailing the progress in developing the Gedling Colliery site into a Country Park and seeking approval for the use of the Council's budget allocation.

RESOLVED:

To agree that the Council's allocation of £40,000 in 2006/07 can be used as a contribution towards taking the project forward.

159 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CONSULTATION PAPER - "LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS - SHAPING THEIR FUTURE"

The Head of Cabinet Office submitted a report that drew members' attention to the above Consultation paper and to the key issues raised in it.

The report also sought views on any response to the Consultation to be made by the Borough Council.

Members broadly welcomed the existing situation with LSP's. It was felt that there should be some recognition of the necessity to work with the community at a local level without unnecessary overlays.

RESOLVED:

To respond to the consultation paper in accordance with the views expressed by members.

160 BEST VALUE USER SATISFACTION SURVEYS - OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S CONSULTATION ON CHANGES FOR 2006/07

The Head of Cabinet Office submitted a report on changes being proposed by the Office of Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) for the Best Value User Satisfaction general survey for 2006 and seeking Member views on any response to these changes.

RESOLVED:

To support the submission of a response to the consultation reflecting the issues highlighted in the report.

161 FORWARD PUBLICITY PLAN SPRING 2006

The Head of Cabinet Office submitted a report that informed Members of proposed publicity initiatives planned for the coming months and of further proposals to support delivery of the IDeA/LGA "Reputation" agenda.

RESOLVED:

To accept the report.

162 FORWARD PLAN 1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2006

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan.

163 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Finance

- i. Meeting with Valid to discuss performance issues.
- ii. IBS (revenues) and NNDR (Business Rates) soon to go live.
- iii. Housing Benefits - IT Issues
- iv. Budget preparation underway and final confirmation of Central Government Funding.
- v. Implementation of phase 1 of the Agresso Financial Management system.
- vi. Northgate payroll system now live.
- vii. Council Tax up to date.

E Government and Member Services

- i. IT projects progressing - Remote and Home working.
- ii. Procurement projects underway
- iii. Member Information Officer now permanent position
- v. Member Training - utilise Officer.

Leisure

- i. Unsafe Gravestones, re-positioned.
- ii. Joint Use play facility at Wheldon School now open.

- iii. Works proceeding at Standhill Recreation Ground.
- v. Extension of youth provision at Mapperley Golf Course.

Housing

- i. Special Commendation for Sheltered Housing Scheme.
- ii. Handy Person Scheme
- iii. Private Sector Stock Condition Survey.
- iv. Housing Act 2004.
- v. Energy Efficiency
- vi. Housing Market Assessment
- vii Homelessness Updates

Agenda 21 Crime and Community Development

- i. Divisional Police Seminar - Anti Social Behaviour
- ii. Vale Road Colwick - high visibility policing.
- iii. Proposed Local Government re-organisation.
- iv. CPA Pilot findings - very good

Direct Services

- i. Concerns over Fly - tipping
- ii. Provision required for the non-recycling of rubbish.
- iii. Problems of Winter gritting through the County Council - Leader to write to County Council.
- iv. provision of grit bins.
- v. Progress of additional car parking in Arnot Hill Park.

Development and Economic Regeneration.

- i. Town Centre Action Plan for Carlton and Netherfield. Mapperley Plains and Carlton Hill consultations proceeding.
- Direct Services and Property

E Government and Member Services

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.