

CABINET

Thursday, 2nd March, 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)

171 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Parr.

172 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2006.

RESOLVED:

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

**173 ARNOLD MASTER PLAN
PRESENTATION BY ANDREW BALLINGER - WHITE YOUNG GREEN.**

Andrew Ballinger from White Young Green gave a Presentation on the Arnold Master Plan.

RESOLVED:

To defer the Public Consultation exercise and to request the Consultants to report back to the April 2006 meeting on a 4th Option incorporating a re-development of the Leisure Centre and Library site.

(Councillors Golland and Nicholson wished their opposition to the above decision to be recorded.

(Councillor Nicholson left the meeting)

174 PRIMARY CARE TRUST RE-ORGANISATION

The Chief Executive reminded Members of the formal consultation process that had taken place on the reconfiguration of the Primary Care Trust's in Nottinghamshire and submitted details of the three options that had been

proposed by the Strategic Health Authority for Nottinghamshire.

It was reported that although the Council's view was being sought on the three options, it would appear that it was open to the Council to propose an alternative PCT configuration, although any alternative proposal would have to satisfy criteria included in the report.

At a meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2006, the Gedling Partnership had agreed that a Primary Care Trust based on the Gedling, Rushcliffe, Broxtowe area should be proposed as a better option, for the reasons outlined in the report of the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet agree to support the proposal for a Gedling/Rushcliffe/Broxtowe PCT and that this be communicated to the Strategic Health Authority accordingly.

175 PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO MEMBERS – CURRENT & PROJECTED BUDGET IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRASSO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The ICT Projects Team Manager on behalf of the Heads of Finance and Personnel & Organisational Development reported that the Councils Constitution under 'Financial Management Standards', Section 4.67 required that If the actual expenditure on any contract at any time exceeded the amount of the accepted tender plus agreed amount of £5,000 or more than 5% whichever was the higher, the responsible officer should, in conjunction with the Head of Finance, report to the Executive giving salient particulars and an estimate of the amended final cost.

The purpose of this report was to inform Members of an anticipated over spend against the agreed Contract Value for the Agresso Financial Management System; the reasons for this and the officers' proposals for managing the situation.

RESOLVED:

To note the current situation.

176 ARNOT HILL PARK PAVILION – PAYMENT TO CAMBS CONSTRUCTION LTD

The Head of Leisure Services submitted a report that requested Cabinet approval of a settlement with Cambs Construction Ltd, contractors in respect of the construction of Arnot Hill Park Pavilion.

RESOLVED:

To approve settlement of Cambs Construction Ltd claim of £307,500.

**177 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)-
APPROVAL OF POLICY**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report on the results of the Authority's compliance with the current policy and procedure and to make recommendations as to improvements.

RESOLVED:

That the Policy and Procedure attached at Appendix 1 be adopted by the Cabinet on behalf of the Council.

178 ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Head of Housing submitted a report to Members setting out a revised Housing Allocations Policy and explaining the reasons behind the proposed changes.

RESOLVED:

To adopt the revised Housing Allocations Policy with effect from 1 April 2006.

179 INTRODUCTORY TENANCIES

The Head of Housing submitted a report that sought authorisation to implement the use of Introductory Tenancies to assist the Housing Services Department to deal more effectively with breaches of tenancy conditions, including anti-social behaviour and rent arrears.

RESOLVED:

i. That an introductory tenancy scheme be adopted under which all new tenants of the authority will be subject to an introductory tenancy for a period of 12 months which would become a secure tenancy at the end of that period unless a notice of termination were served before the end of the period.

ii. That the Head of Housing Services have authority to approve the terms of the introductory tenancy agreement and all necessary procedures and protocols.

iii. That power to issue notice of termination of an introductory tenancy be

delegated to the Area Housing Managers.

iv. That the determination of the Reviews of the notice of termination be delegated to the Head of Housing Services

180 FORWARD PLAN 1 APRIL TO 31 JULY 2006

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan.

181 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Finance

- i. 49,000 Council Tax Bills shortly to be sent out.
- ii. LGC Awards to be held in London next month.

E. Government and Member Services

- i. Training for Members on new on-line Planning system.
- ii. EDMS possible exit strategy.

Development & Economic Regeneration

- i. Car Park charging questionnaire - 36% return

Housing

- i. Killisick court remodelling progressing
- ii. Homelessness targets
- iii. Awaiting time line from GOEM for Housing Stock Option.
- iv. Single person accommodation - awaiting sites.

Leisure

- i. Schemes progressing some completed
- ii. Skateboard consultee -'Friends Group' essential for 'Green Flag' status.

Agenda 21 Crime and Community Development

- i. LAA - Gedling District lead
- ii. Meeting with Local Government Minister.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm