

CABINET

Thursday, 3rd August, 2006

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gollop, Parr and McCrossen.

36 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2006

RESOLVED:

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

37 PARKING IN ARNOT HILL PARK

The Head of Direct Services submitted a report proposing a new Traffic Management Plan for Arnot Hill Park, commencing October 2006.

Generally, the traffic management problems in the Park were related to:-

- i) Staff parking
- ii) Visitor parking (short and long stay) to the Civic Centre Complex
- iii) Parking for visitors to the park
- iv) Parking for Members during office hours
- v) Safety of all visitors and staff from moving vehicles
- vi) Inspection and monitoring

By producing a Traffic Management Plan for the Park with clearly defined parking areas for all users, a monitoring and inspection regime including enforcement, providing safe crossing areas and maximum speed limits within the park, it was envisaged that the issues of parking and potential accidents from moving vehicles would be reduced considerably. The report set out a series of proposals to address these particular problems.

The report set out proposals for exemptions to be provided in the order for

permit holders, who would be permitted to park all day in designated parking areas. The permits would be issued to staff designated as essential and casual car users and some other staff under a scheme to be developed following consultation. The parking areas to be designated for this purpose were the Civic Centre car park and parking bays, Arnot Hill House car park, Park View car park and parking bays and Jubilee House car park (excluding the Baptist Church car park), all as described in the report. Members were asked to decide on what basis permits should be issued to Members.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree to the proposals in the report and the consultation process.
2. That subject to legal and consultative considerations, and the Council being able to obtain the agreement of Nottinghamshire County Council, an Order be prepared and put in place to encompass the restrictions described in the report.
3. That Members be issued the same permit as that issued to essential and casual car user staff.

38 CONURBATION AREA AGREEMENT

The Chief Executive reported that further to the previous report on the proposed Conurbation Area Agreement work on developing the draft agreement had continued.

At their most recent meeting the Leaders of the six Councils whose areas included the conurbation had agreed in principle to develop a proposal for a joint board in the form of a legal joint committee with delegated authority to take decisions on an agreed range of strategic issues. The committee would comprise the Leaders of each of the Councils and every member of the committee would have equal status and one vote.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and endorse the emerging proposals for the development of a joint committee with delegation along the lines suggested in the report.

39 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2006/07 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Finance submitted a report and appendices to inform Members of the performance monitoring of the 2006/07 Prudential Code

Indicators, and to advise Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

The report set out proposals to alter the upper limit for fixed interest exposure from a percentage to an absolute value (initially £10,000,000), the upper limit for variable interest rate exposure from a percentage to an absolute value (initially £2,000,000) and the upper limit for principal sums invested for periods over 364 days to £5,000,000 for sums maturing beyond 31 March 2007 and £3,000,000 for sums maturing beyond 31 March 2008.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the Prudential Indicator Monitoring at Appendix 1 and the Treasury Activity Report at Appendix 2.
2. To recommend that the Council approve the amended upper limits for the indicators of prudence as detailed above.

40 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT

The Senior Management Team submitted a report to update Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2006/2007 financial year. The budgets included all amounts carried forward from the 2005/2006 financial year.

Overall budget monitoring showed that General Fund Expenditure was likely to be £43,700 less than anticipated by Council when the 2006/2007 budget had been set. The Housing Revenue Account expenditure was expected to be £9,900 less than originally anticipated.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the budget changes across the General Fund Portfolios as detailed at Appendix 1;
2. To approve the budget changes in the Housing Revenue Account as detailed at Appendix 3;
3. To approve the budget changes in the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 4.8 and Appendix 2;
4. To note the capital programme schemes proposed for deferral as detailed in paragraph 4.8 and refer it to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.
5. To approve the changes to Improvement Task targets as detailed in paragraphs 3.9 and 3.10 of the report, as an amendment to the Council's agreed Budget/Service Plan.

6. To forward the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Information to the Personnel and Resources Committee;
7. 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;
8. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4.

41 FORWARD PLAN 1 SEPTEMBER - 31 DECEMBER 2006

RESOLVED:

To approve the above Forward Plan.

42 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure Services

- Department largely on target for capital completions

E-government and Member Services

- Meeting of Members re 'the vision', another meeting planned for October 2006.
- Meeting to be held on Scrutiny function

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.