

CABINET

Thursday, 2nd November, 2006

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

64 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gollop and Poynter.

65 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2006

RESOLVED:

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

66 "SHOWING THE WAY" – THE NOTTINGHAM CONURBATION AREA AGREEMENT

The Head of Cabinet Office submitted a report titled "Showing the Way" – the Nottingham Conurbation Area Agreement, informing Members of the latest developments in relation to the Nottingham Conurbation Area Agreement and related Core Cities and Three Cities issues.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

67 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report that sought approval for the Council to enter into the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement ("LAA").

The Chief Executive reported that a number of Nottinghamshire District Council's, including Gedling had expressed concern at the terms of the proposed agreement that each District Authority would not be represented individually on the Strategic Board, but collectively by one District Council

representative.

The Districts, including Gedling were of the opinion that each Authority in view of their local public accountability should be represented on the Strategic Board themselves and not by another District Council.

RESOLVED:

To authorise the Chief Executive to sign the Partnership Agreement on behalf of the Council.

68 REPORT ON DIRECT SERVICES BUDGETS 2006/07

The Head of Direct Services submitted a report that advised Members of Direct Services budget performance for 2006/07.

The report also advised Members of the cost of providing agency labour to cover holidays and sickness and additional income being received which helped to offset some of the above costs.

RESOLVED:

To approve the alterations to the Direct Services budgets as outlined in this report, an overall cost of £53,000, which has been included in the budget monitoring report, and performance digest and virement report.

69 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT

The Senior Management Team submitted the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report and Performance Digest and Virement Report for Members consideration.

RESOLVED:

i. To approve the budget changes below £50,000, in the General Fund Portfolios as detailed at Appendix 1.

ii. To approve the budget changes below £50,000, in the Housing Revenue Account as detailed at Appendix 2.

iii. To note the Revenue Budgets of £50,000 & above included within Appendices 1 & 2 & also listed below & refer them to the Personnel & Resources Committee for approval.

General Fund

CCTV Operatives £51.5K (met from transfer from Employee Expenses £45k & Supplies & Services £6.5k)

Planning Fees Income (£50K)

LABGI Grant (£101.9K)

LABGI Contribution to General Fund Balances £101.9K

Civic Centre NNDR £62.4K

Waste Management Employee Expenses £118.1K

Waste Management Income (£88.4K)

Housing Revenue Account

Housing Subsidy (£100K)

Fees & Charges £56.6K

iv. To approve the budget changes in the capital programme under £50,000 as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix 3.

v. To note the budget changes in the capital programme over £50,000 as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and appendix 3, and listed below, and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.

Richard Herrod Pavilion (£155k)

Killisick Court - Temporary Accommodation for Families (£52.3k)

Rushcliffe Payroll Implementation (£75k)

vi. To note the capital programme schemes proposed for deferral as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.

vii. To approve the changes to Improvement Task targets as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report, as an amendment to the Council's agreed Budget/Service Plan.

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

ix. 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;

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

70 RACE EQUALITY SCHEME

The Head of Personnel and Organisational Development submitted a report that sought approval for the Council's Race Equality Scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the Race Equality Scheme (2006 – 2009) as submitted be approved.

71 STOCK TRANSFER

The Head of Housing Services submitted a report to agree the proposed name and the membership of the Shadow Board for the new stock transfer organisation.

The report informed members that the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) had confirmed that the Borough Council's application for inclusion on the Annual Disposals Programme for stock transfer had been successful.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note that the Council's application for inclusion on the annual disposal programme for stock transfer has been successful;
- ii. To agree the name of the new organisation as Gedling Homes and the registration of the company;
- iii. To note the contents of this report, the proposed timetable for establishment of the Shadow Board and its remit and role;
- iv. To agree the membership of the Shadow Board of 12 members (4 tenants, 4 elected members and 4 independents);
- v. To nominate Councillors A.A Clarke, Pepper, and a Liberal Democrat representative (to be approved by the Portfolio Holder) to the Shadow Board.
- vi. To agree the proposed arrangements for selection of the tenants to the Shadow Board;
- vii. To agree the proposed arrangements for the selection of independents to the Shadow Board.

72 FORWARD PLAN 1 DECEMBER 2006 - 31 MARCH 2007

RESOLVED:

To agree the Forward Plan.

73 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure

- i. Procurement visits to Rugby and Herefordshire.
- ii. Cemeteries- Headstone testing
- iii. Richard Herrod Indoor Bowls Centre
- iv. Arnold Leisure Centre - works to swimming baths

Housing

- i. Visits to RSL'S completed.

Finance

- i. Budget process progressing
- ii. New cashier system introduced
- iii. Revised arrangements for 1 stop
- iv. Housing Benefit performance.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

74 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

The Chief Executive informed Members of the recently published Local Government White Paper and some of its implications for the Council.

It was recommended that all Members of the Council should be invited to the next meeting of the Cabinet on 16 November in the Council Chamber at 6.30 pm to receive a presentation on the document.

RESOLVED:

To approve the above recommendation and to invite all Members to a presentation at the next meeting of the Cabinet.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm