

## CABINET

Thursday, 7th December, 2006

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

### 78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nicholson.

### 79 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2006

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of an apology for absence from Councillor Feeney.

### 80 PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR AND CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY - COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2007-2010

A Presentation was given by Councillor Darrell Pulk the Chair and Paul Woods the Chief Fire Officer of Nottinghamshire on the Community Safety Plan for 2007-2010.

RESOLVED:

To thank Councillor Pulk and Paul Woods for their Presentation

### 81 FIT FOR PURPOSE - A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OPERATION OF GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Chief Executive circulated a document that outlined his proposals for the future operation of the Council.

RESOLVED;

To adopt the vision as the future operational strategy for the Council and to await further reports with regard to its implementation.

## **82 STOCK TRANSFER PARTNER SELECTION**

The Head of Housing Services submitted a document that sought approval for the selection of New Charter Housing Trust as the preferred partner Registered Social Landlord (RSL) to the council for stock transfer and that the Accord Group be held in reserve.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the New Charter Housing Trust Group be selected as the preferred partner RSL for the stock transfer.
- ii. That a Memorandum of Understanding will be entered into with New Charter Housing Group Trust and that the Portfolio Holder for Housing will approve any such document.
- iii. That the Accord Group be held in reserve.
- iv. That the New Charter Housing Trust Organisation be invited to give a presentation to a future meeting.

## **83 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Councillor Wright asked if Members could be informed on the progress of the installation of a replacement sound system in the Council Chamber.

The Portfolio Holder Councillor Poynter indicated that he hoped the system would be installed early in the New Year, and apologised for the delay. He also outlined the problems with regard to the selection of a suitable sound system and also advised Members of details of the preferred solution.

## **84 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) UPDATE**

The Head of Cabinet Office on behalf of Senior Management Team updated members on recent developments with regard to CPA, including recently announced revised arrangements for district councils.

The report sought member endorsement for an updated Corporate Improvement Plan, drawing on the findings of the 2006 CPA Use of Resources Assessment and the CPA Corporate Assessment Pilot. It outlined arrangements for District Councils to seek reclassification under these new CPA arrangements and members' support for an application for reclassification during 2007.

The Chief Executive reported that a meeting had been held with the Relationship Manager of the Audit Commission and it was intended that the Council would make a submission in the New Year for a reassessment to be carried out in late summer or early autumn of 2007.

RESOLVED:

- i. To endorse the updated Improvement Plan submitted at Appendix A to the report.
- ii. To support the submission of a bid for CPA corporate reassessment during 2007.

#### **85 DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN: PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Manager on behalf of the Portfolio Holder, submitted a report that sought to authorise a response to the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan which had been issued for public consultation, in accordance with the Council's corporate objective to enhance the physical environment of the Borough.

RESOLVED:

To endorse the above report to form the basis of submission as the Borough Council's response to the East Midlands Regional Assembly consultation on the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan.

#### **86 SMOKING POLICY**

The Head of Housing and the Head of Leisure Services sought approval from Members for the adoption of a smoking policy for the public in Council owned and controlled buildings including leisure centres and sheltered accommodation complexes.

RESOLVED:

- i. To prohibit the public from smoking in all Council owned and controlled buildings from the 1st April 2007.
- ii. To agree a reduction in Leisure Services base income budget of £38,700 in 2007/08.

#### **87 DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services requested approval for the Data Protection policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve the Data Protection Policy

#### **88 CCTV SYSTEM POLICY**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services requested approval for the policy for CCTV.

RESOLVED:

To approve the CCTV policy

**89 TRAVEL PLAN FOR GEDLING BOROUGH STAFF**

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted the Travel plan for information.

RESOLVED:

- i. To delete section 5 of the measures proposed to assist the challenging targets (encourage working from home and remote working to reduce the need to travel).
- ii. To note the Travel Plan

**90 FORWARD PLAN 1 JANUARY - 30 APRIL 2007**

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan

**91 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

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

**Leisure**

- i. Cemeteries - headstones
- ii. Edison Way - Change of use of open land.
- iii. Honeywood Gardens Community Centre
- iv. Gymnastics progressing at schools
- v. Community walking for the elderly
- vi. 'Rock school'
- vii. Leisure Services Procurement

**Finance**

- i. Rate Support Grant Settlement
- ii. 'Shared Services'
- iii. Housing Benefit progress.
- iv. Rushcliffe payroll

**Housing**

- i. Stock Transfer- Tenant recruitment to 'Shadow Board'
- ii. Applications received for 'Independent Members of Board'.

- iii. Killisick Court soon to be empty.
- iv. 'Bed and Breakfast costs'

### **E Government and Member Services**

- i. Member Development
- ii. Member Newsletter- request for information.
- iii. IT implementation - remote working, internet registration
- iv. Procurement

### **Development and Economic Regeneration**

- i. Carlton Square - scheme delayed
- ii. Street naming
- iii. Master Plan - Arnold

### **Agenda 21, Crime and Community Development**

- i. CCTV
- ii. ASBO information
- iii. Meeting regarding LAA's

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

### **92 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.**

The following item was considered as a matter of urgency.

### **93 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT 2007/2008**

The Head of Finance submitted a report that provided the key points of the provisional local government finance settlement for 2007/08, which had been released on 28 November 2006.

RESOLVED:

To note the report

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

## **CABINET**

**Thursday, 14th December, 2006**

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	R.J. Nicholson (a)	R.A. Poynter
	A.J. Gillam (Observer)	G.J. Griffiths (Observer) (a)
	J.M. Parr (Observer) (a)	

### **94 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McCrossen and Parr.

### **95 SHAPING FUTURE SERVICE - TRIBAL PRESENTATION**

Martin Whiteley and David Sturgess from Tribal Consultants presented their conclusions on an options appraisal for Shared Services carried out by them for the Council.

RESOLVED:

- i. To thank the representatives from Tribal for their presentation.
- ii. That the Cabinet express support for the principles of shared services and future internal restructuring.
- iii. That a 'Cabinet away day' be arranged for 3 January 2007 and that the Chief Executive in conjunction with Group Leaders formulate an agenda for the event.

### **96 QUARTERLEY TREASURY PRUDENTIAL CODE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Finance on 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.

RESOLVED:

To note the Prudential Indicator Monitoring at Appendix 1 and the Treasury Activity Report at Appendix 2.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.