

## **CABINET**

**Thursday, 11th January, 2007**

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

**97 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Feeney and Gollop.

**98 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 AND 14 DECEMBER 2006.**

RESOLVED:

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

**99 DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS TO BE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSULTATION**

The Head of Finance on behalf of the Leader of the Council submitted a report that detailed the likely General Fund base budget for 2007/08 based on provisional settlement figures, the likely position in respect of capital financing, and assumed changes to the base budget in respect of inflation, pay award etc.

There was potential for minor growth in the Revenue Budget, and new schemes for Capital Expenditure had been identified.

The specific aims of the report were to identify Members expectations in respect of new revenue and capital schemes and to seek comment on the key tasks for the year 2007/08.

The Portfolio Holders for Leisure and Direct Services and the Head of Finance, recommended a number of changes to the items submitted to the Cabinet.

After consideration it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approve the budget items detailed in the report for 2007/08 for forwarding to Scrutiny Committee for consultation subject to

amendments being made to: -

- i. Council Tax collection surplus and deficits.
- ii. Concessionary Fares expenditure
- iii. Business Growth Incentive Scheme.
- iv. Reduction of the Arnold Masterplan scheme to £50,000 to fund provision of the Health Centre.
- v. The inclusion of schemes LC 14 (Rutland Road play area) and LC 19 (Edison Way play area) and the reduction in cost of scheme LC2 (relocation of Teal close football facilities by approximately £100,000)

## **100 OVERALL SATISFACTION SURVEY 2006 - PROGRESS**

The Head of Cabinet Office submitted a progress report on the Overall Satisfaction Survey 2006.

Weighted results for the survey were also submitted for the information of Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note the report and to await further information on the issue as it becomes available.
- ii. To commend officers on the excellent results and thank them for their efforts.

## **101 AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006/7**

The Auditor's Report on the Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07 was submitted.

RESOLVED:

To note the Report.

## **102 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

A report for information on Sustainable Energy Systems was submitted by the Chair of Services Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the report to the next meeting of the Cabinet.

## **103 GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (APRIL 2005 – MARCH 2006)**

The Principal Planning Officer on behalf of Portfolio holder Councillor Feeney submitted a copy of the Annual Monitoring Report in accordance with the timetable for the Local Development Scheme and in accordance with the Council's corporate objective to enhance the physical environment of the Borough.

RESOLVED:

To note the report

**104 FORWARD PLAN 1 FEBRUARY - 31 MAY 2007**

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan.

**105 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

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

**Leisure**

- i. Bids for gymnastics grants
- ii. Re-opening of Arnold Pool

**Housing**

- i. Stock Transfer Presentation before Cabinet.
- ii. Shadow Board appointed.
- iii. Presentation to be arranged from 'New Charter' Chief Executive
- iv. Tenants Newsletter
- v. Income loss from boarded up properties.

**Direct Services**

- i. Twin Bins

**E Government and Member Services**

- i. Member Information Officer to leave
- ii. 'Away Day' for Member Development
- iii. Telephone System replacement.
- iv. Call Centre - One Stop
- v. Council Chamber Sound System

RESOLVED:

To note the information

**106 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.**

With the approval of the Chairman, the following report was considered as a matter of urgency.

**107 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER – IMPROVED TWO TIER WORKING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

The Chief Executive reminded Members of the discussions taking place around the County about the future structure of local government in Nottinghamshire and the way in which Councils should respond to the recent White Paper.

In the meantime, work had continued on the consideration of ways in which two tier working in the County could be improved as an alternative to a move towards a unitary structure.

Submitted as an appendix to the report was a paper, which had been prepared by the Nottinghamshire Chief Executives. All Councils were being asked to sign up to the commitment to enhanced two tier working as set out in this paper.

RESOLVED:

To express support for the proposal for enhanced two tier working in Nottinghamshire as set out in the report and the paper submitted.

**108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chief Executive reported that the next meeting of the Cabinet would be held on Thursday 1 February 2007 at 6.30 pm in the Reception Room.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm