

CABINET

Thursday, 1st February, 2007

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

109 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2007

RESOLVED:

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

110 DEPARTMENTAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE COUNCIL

The Chief Executive submitted proposals for the re-allocation of functions and services between the departments of the Council, including the re-allocation of strategic and corporate responsibilities of Heads of Service, following the adoption of the vision for the Council and the acceptance by the Cabinet of Tribal's complementary proposals for shaping the Council's future service delivery. Any detailed staffing structure issues going beyond the simple transfer of whole sections would be the subject of further reports to Personnel and Resources Committee as necessary.

RESOLVED:

i. That the proposed basis for the restructuring of the Council as set out in this report be accepted

ii. That the Chief Executive be authorised to implement further structural changes required to implement the report in stages as indicated in schedule 2 of the report submitted, subject to further reports to Personnel & Resources Committee as appropriate.

111 STOCK TRANSFER

The Head of Housing Services submitted a report that outlined the progress with regard to the stock transfer project, following the decisions by Cabinet on 2 November 2006 to agree the establishment of a the Gedling Homes Shadow Board and to appoint New Charter Housing Trust as the partner organisation for the stock transfer on 7 December

2006.

It was also reported that the Chief Executive of 'New Charter Housing' wished to give a presentation to all Members of the Council in March.

RESOLVED:

i. That progress reports are brought to Cabinet and any relevant reports brought for approval at appropriate intervals.

ii. That Cabinet agrees the project management structure and the working groups outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

iii. That a presentation from the Chief Executive of 'New Charter Housing Group' be arranged for March 2007 and that all members of the Council be invited.

112 FORWARD PUBLICITY PLAN SPRING 2007

The Head of Cabinet Office informed members of proposed publicity initiatives planned for coming months.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

113 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS - REFERRAL FROM SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair of Services Scrutiny Committee submitted a report on the Services Scrutiny Committee's deliberations on 'Sustainability', especially as it related to Energy Saving & Generation making recommendations to Cabinet for further consideration of generating electricity in an environmentally friendly manner at the Civic Centre.

RESOLVED:

To accept the report and to note the significant progress that had been made since the publication of the document.

114 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The Chairman enquired if Nottinghamshire County Council or Nottingham City Council had submitted a bid for unitary status by the end of January 2007?

The Chief Executive replied that they had not.

115 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted a policy regarding the enforcement of planning control.

RESOLVED:

To adopt the policy

116 DISABILITY REVIEW

Councillor Preston the Chair of the working group looking in to disability access attended the meeting and presented the report of the Group.

RESOLVED:

- i. To accept the recommendations of the working group.
- ii. That recommendation 7.7 (bi-annual conference on disability) be referred to the Gedling Partnership for consideration.

117 DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME

The Head of Personnel and Organisational Development submitted a Disability Equality Scheme for adoption by the Council.

It was reported that the recommendations of the Disability Review working Group had been incorporated into the proposed scheme together with recommendations from other Groups.

RESOLVED:

That the Disability Equality Scheme be adopted.

118 PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT (PPS) 25: DEVELOPMENT AND FLOOD RISK

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report on Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 25 - Development and Flood Risk.

Concern was expressed at the problem of lack of permeability particularly in large scale housing developments.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note the report
- ii. That representations be made to the Government and the Town Planning Institute requesting that Local Authorities should be granted powers to enhance their ability to secure permeability in small scale

works not otherwise requiring planning permission.

119 PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT (PPS) 3: HOUSING

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report on Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 3 - Housing

RESOLVED:

To note the report

120 FORWARD PLAN 1 MARCH - 31 JUNE 2007

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan

121 CALVERTON CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Planning and Environment on the findings of the Calverton Conservation Area Character Appraisal in order to gain Cabinet approval for proposed boundary changes to the Calverton Conservation Areas.

The proposals were in line with the Council's corporate objective to enhance the physical environment of the Borough.

RESOLVED:

To adopt the Calverton Conservation Area Character Appraisal and the proposed Conservation Area boundary changes.

**122 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY
PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATIONS**

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report that sought Cabinet approval for the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy Preferred Options paper for the purposes of a six week public consultation exercise.

RESOLVED:

To endorse for consultation the Preferred Options report, as the basis for the continued development of the LDF Core Strategy.

123 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Development & Economic Regeneration

- § 'Building better Communities' - Netherfield
- § Shop Mobility - Arnold

Leisure

- § Disabled Initiatives.
- § Playgrounds
- § Calverton Leisure Centre - Improvements

Housing

- § Stock Transfer-Councillors Briefing
- § Killisick Court and voids

E Government and Member Services

- § Staff - Cemetery Lodge
- § Tenders for replacement of the Telephone system
- § Installation of replacement Council Chamber sound system

Finance

- § Scrutiny Budgets
- § LSVT- Budget work on Housing Stock
- § Staffing Report - Revenues and Benefits

Agenda 21 - Crime and Community Development

- § CCTV - Netherfield
- § LAA - 'Safer and stronger Communities' - reduction of carbon emissions.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm