

CABINET

Thursday, 6th September, 2007

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

Councillors:	A.S. Bexon	G.V. Clarke
	W.H. Golland	R.J. Nicholson
	V.C. Pepper	W.J. Clarke (Observer)
	A.J. Gillam (Observer)	G.E Withers (Observer)

33 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2007

RESOLVED:

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

34 VOLUNTEER POLICY

The Resources and Strategy Officer submitted a report recommending Cabinet to adopt Gedling Borough's volunteer policy.

RESOLVED:

To adopt the Volunteer Policy

35 ICT DISASTER RECOVERY PROVISION

The ICT Projects Manager updated the Cabinet on arrangements that had been put in place as a core foundation to provide continuity for critical IT Systems in the event of total loss.

RESOLVED:

To note both the content of the report and the follow on actions that are now required to compliment the provision.

36 BENEFITS SATISFACTION SURVEY 2006/2007

The Revenues Business Manager submitted a report that summarised the main findings from the Best Value Performance Indicators Survey of Housing and Council Tax Benefits Claimants for 2006/07 with comparisons to the 2003/04 survey.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

37 LAMBLEY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

The Planning Officer (Planning Policy) submitted a report on the findings of the Lambley Conservation Area Character Appraisal for proposed minor boundary changes to the Conservation Area.

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

RESOLVED:

- i. To adopt the Lambley Conservation Area Character Appraisal and the proposed Conservation Area boundary changes.
- ii. To express strong concerns to the Nottinghamshire County Council about the increase in traffic through Lambley Village.

38 GROWTH POINT

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report on the application by the City and County Councils for Nottingham, Leicester and Derby to be the 3 Cities Sub-region and be designated as a Growth Point.

This application had been successful and the sub-region was now the largest of 29 Growth Points designated.

The report provided an update on the proposal.

RESOLVED:

To authorise continued support for the Growth Point and the Delivery Programme, whilst encouraging that suitable governance arrangements, with full representation for all partner organisations, are put in place as soon as possible.

39 PLANNING SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN PLAN AND ACTIONS

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted details of the Planning Improvement Plan following the commissioning of the 'critical friend' peer review of Planning Services.

RESOLVED:

To note the content of the Peer Review Report, and adopt the Planning Improvement Plan.

40 HOUSING GREEN PAPER - "HOMES FOR THE FUTURE: MORE AFFORDABLE, MORE SUSTAINABLE"

The Strategy and Enabling Officer on behalf of Head of Strategy and Performance

submitted a report that advised the Council and the Partnership of the contents of the Housing Green Paper 'Homes for the future; more affordable, more sustainable' and of the resultant potential implications.

RESOLVED:

- i. To delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health to agree an appropriate response in consultation with Members.
- ii. That the Gedling Partnership considers whether it would wish to make a response and, if so, what that response might be.

41 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Finance & IT

- i. Central Government financial award for Council Tax Base Collection

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Litter as a result of smoking ban - Front Street Arnold
- ii. Carbon footprint - formulation
- iii. CDRP Training Needs

Development & Economic Regeneration

- i. Strategic Local Framework Committee

Housing & Health

- i. Tenants Consultation - DVD.
- ii. Gedling Show - Stall

Leisure & Youth

- i. Arnold Town F.C. Finance Committed
- ii. 'Play Day' in Arnot Hill Park
- iii. Gedling Show and Festival
- iv. Rotenburg Visit
- v. Calverton Leisure Centre - Reception.
- vi. Graffiti artist - Skateboard Park
- vii. Arnot Hill Park - Tree stump carving
- viii. Youth Centres - subsidisation of fees.

Direct Services & Property

- i. Teal Close - Meetings with representatives of Severn Trent

- ii. Arnold Town Centre Redevelopment
- iii. GOEM visit.
- iv. Gedling Colliery site meeting with EMDA and English Partnership.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

42 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET

Meetings of the Cabinet would be held on 4th and 18 October.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm