

CABINET

Thursday, 6th December, 2007

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nicholson.

59 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2007

RESOLVED:

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

60 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2008/09

The Head of Strategy and Performance informed members of the results of the recently completed budget consultation exercise that had resulted in a very high response rate of 6,001 to the survey.

The Government and the Audit Commission had encouraged consultation on budget options as good practice.

A questionnaire design and format had been agreed and distributed via a special edition of the Council's "Contacts" magazine in early October 2007. An on-line option for completion of the survey had also been offered.

A copy of the questionnaire was submitted at Appendix A to the report.

The results of the consultation had recently been received and were detailed in the report.

RESOLVED:

To note the results of the 2008/09 Budget Consultation exercise.

61 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) CORPORATE REASSESSMENT

The Head of Strategy and Performance reported that it had been

decided to re-apply for CPA Corporate Reassessment earlier this year, after concerns had been raised at the reasons for the Council's initial reassessment application being turned down.

A further application had therefore been submitted for consideration by the Audit Commission's Regional Panel in September 2007 and notification had been received from the Audit Commission in November that the Council had been accepted on the CPA corporate reassessment programme and that the week-long on-site assessment would take place week commencing 14 July 2008. This would require the Council to submit its self-assessment document to the Commission by 5 June 2008.

The Commission would publish its final report, including the CPA category, on 11 November 2008. There would be opportunities between the on site week and the final publication for the Council to see and respond to a draft report.

RESOLVED:

To note the report

62 SHERWOOD FOREST TRUST - GRANT AID REQUEST

The Head of Leisure Services submitted a report requesting that consideration be given by the Council towards the provision of grant aid to the Sherwood Forest Trust.

RESOLVED:

Not to provide grant aid to the Sherwood Forest Trust.

63 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor P.G. Barnes thanked Cabinet for their decision to support the 'Big Lottery Sherwood Forest Vote'.

Councillor M.A Wright asked about the progress on the review of Leisure Centres. Councillor Golland replied.

Councillor A.J. Gillam asked if the cut in interest rates announced at lunchtime had a net positive or negative effect on the Council's finances. The Head of Finance replied.

64 PROPOSAL TO MERGE THE BUILDING CONTROL SERVICES OF GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL AND NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Consideration was given to a report of the Building Control Manager on behalf of the Head of Planning & Environment in respect of the Council's

Building Control Service.

RESOLVED That:

- i. Cabinet support the principle of a formal merger of the Building Control Services of Gedling Borough Council and Newark & Sherwood District Council, with Newark & Sherwood District Council acting as the host/employing authority; and
- ii. Officers be authorised to prepare a full business case dealing with all the issues outlined in the report, and submit a further report on this to the Cabinet for further consideration.

65 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2007/08 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Corporate Services informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2007/08 Prudential Code Indicators and advised Members of the quarterly treasury activity required by the Treasury Management Strategy

RESOLVED:

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

66 FORWARD PLAN 2 JANUARY 2008 TO 30 APRIL 2008

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan

67 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Finance & IT

- i. LAA and LSP working together.
- ii. Reports from Members with Special Cabinet Responsibility.
- iii. Financial settlement £8.9m and £200,000 per year extra for the next 2 years.
- iv. Cabinet meeting 20 December to discuss summer refuse service and PCSO review.
- v. Cabinet meetings 10 and 17 January 2007.

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. The Portfolio Holder submitted a report on his work.

Development & Economic Regeneration

- i. Regional Spatial Strategy
- ii. Ashwater Drive development Mapperley
- iii. Marketing of Leisure Centres
- iv. G.P. referral scheme.
- v. Building Control merger
- vi. Development Control Fee Increase
- vii. Local Plan
- ix. Gedling Colliery Chase Farm

Housing & Health

- i. Presentation on Stock Transfer
- ii. 'Elizabeth House' Open Day January 2008.

Leisure & Youth

- i. Marketing of Leisure Centres
- ii. G.P. referral scheme.
- iii. Review of Leisure Centres usage time by club's

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

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ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

The newly appointed Communications Manager, Carolynne Tasker, was introduced to Members.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm