CABINET

Thursday, 10th January, 2008

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

Councillors: A.S. Bexon G.V. Clarke

W.H. Golland R.J. Nicholson J.M. Parr V.C. Pepper

W.J. Clarke (Observer)(a) A.J. Gillam (Observer)

G.E. Withers (Observer)

72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W.J. Clarke.

73 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2007.

RESOLVED:

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

74 PRESENTATION ON ARNOLD TOWN MASTERPLAN

Mona Walsh and Louise Seymour from Nottingham Regeneration Ltd gave a presentation to members.

RESOLVED:

To thank Mona Walsh and Louise Seymour for the presentation.

75 CONSULTATION PAPER - LOCAL PETITIONS AND CALLS FOR ACTION

The Head of Democratic and Community Services submitted a Consultation Paper entitled Local Petitions and Calls for Action seeking views on:

- i. How the arrangements for local petitions can be strengthened and the details of how the new system might operate;
- ii. The call for action introduced under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

RESOLVED:

- i. To refer the paper to the Policy Review Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
- ii. To grant authority to the Head of Democratic and Community Services to respond on behalf of the Authority following consideration by the Scrutiny Committee.

76 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

i. Councillor P.G. Barnes asked if residents could be notified of an earlier than normal refuse collection particularly at Christmas to prevent householders failing to put out their bin and missing their collection day?

The Leader of the Council advised that his comments would be borne in mind for the future.

ii. Councillor Wright asked if the Council were any further forward on the proposals for the Arnold Master Plan?

The Chief Executive replied in the affirmative.

77 FORWARD PUBLICITY PLAN SPRING 2008 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE

The Communications Manager on behalf of the Head of Strategy and Performance informed members of proposed publicity initiatives planned for the coming months.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

78 GBC CARBON FOOTPRINT

The Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report on the Gedling Borough Council Carbon Footprint.

RESOLVED:

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- i. To note the report
- ii. That the Borough Council apply for a Carbon Trust Carbon survey

79 ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

The Head of Strategy and Performance and Head of Planning and Environment informed members of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in accordance with the timetable for the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

RESOLVED:

To note the Annual Monitoring Report submitted at Appendix A.

80 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure and Youth

- i. New Arts Development Officer appointed.
- ii. Arnold Baths Leak
- iii. Calverton Parish recreation proposals
- iv. Headstone testing at Redhill Cemetery
- v. Removal of wind chimes
- vi. Gedling Proms February 2008
- vii. Arnold Town FC ground progressing
- viii. Coppice Farm Ball Court and Play area.

Housing and Health

- i. All tenants had received tender documents and DVD regarding proposed stock transfer.
- ii. Tenants consultation and public meetings

Development and Economic Regeneration

i. Information was being received regularly from Central Government

Safe and Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Area Based Initiative programmes at Honeywood Gardens, Warren Hill and Netherfield
- ii. Prosecutions for dog fouling and litter
- iii. Reparations in Gedling for litter
- iv. Funding for CCTV cameras at Oxclose Lane shops

Direct Services and Property

- i. Excellent year-comments in Daily Mail praising refuse collection service
- ii. Christmas collections busy period
- iii. Graffiti cleansing machine now available.

Customer Services and Efficiency

- i. Publicity Plan Transformation programme
- ii. Improve efficiency in 'back office' 3% savings needed
- iii. Member Training requirements
- iv. Meetings with Heads of Service and IT section.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm