

CABINET

Thursday, 17th 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.J. Gillam (Observer)(a)
	G.E. Withers (Observer)	

81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Gillam

82 DRAFT BUDGET & SERVICE PLAN PROPOSALS

The Senior Management Team on behalf of Leader of the Council submitted a report that detailed the likely General Fund base budget for 2008/09 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.

The report advised that there was a 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 2008/09 for forwarding on to Policy Review Scrutiny Committee for comment.

RESOLVED:

- i. To approve the above budget items for 2008/09 for forwarding to Scrutiny Committee for consultation.
- ii. To approve a 3% income inflation increase for the individual portfolios as shown in the table at paragraph 7 of the report.
- iii. That there be no increase in the Leisure direct debit membership scheme and in the fees for Garden Waste Collection.
- iv. That the Portfolio Holders agrees individual charges with the relevant Head of Service with the discretion to vary the % increase as long as the overall cash amount for that Portfolio Holder is raised.

83 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PRIORITIES AND INDICATORS

The Head of Strategy and Performance sought an endorsement from both the Gedling Partnership Board and Gedling Borough Council Cabinet for the priorities and indicators proposed for inclusion in the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement (LAA), prior to the commencement of detailed negotiations with Government Office East Midlands (GOEM).

The Head of Strategy and Performance reported that since publication of the document it had been proposed that national indicator 40 (drug users on effective treatment) be chosen for inclusion in the LAA rather than Indicator 42.

RESOLVED:

To endorse the Local Area Agreement priorities and indicators (subject to the above amendment) submitted at Appendix B to the report.

84 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

The following items were considered as a matter of urgency.

FLOODING

The Chief Executive reported that in view of the current heavy level of rainfall, all grills in the areas such as Woodborough and Lambley etc. that were prone to flooding had been cleared and the Council had been in close contact with representatives of the Environment Agency, which would have an Incident Centre open at the weekend. The Council were as ready as they could be in the event of any flooding occurring.

The Portfolio Holder for Direct Services and Property also reported that 5,000 sand bags were available and as a priority were being delivered to the properties that had been flooded previously.

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

The Leader of the Council reported that there were a number of strong Candidates for the above post and he was sure that an appointment would be made shortly

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm