

## **CABINET**

**Thursday, 7th February 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)
	G.E. Withers (Observer)	

**85 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10 AND 17 JANUARY 2008.**

RESOLVED:

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

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

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Corporate Services that informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2007/08 Prudential Code Indicators, and advised Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy

RESOLVED:

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

**87 GEDLING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY REVIEW**

The Head of Strategy and Performance updated Members on progress with the review of the Gedling Sustainable Community Strategy and sought Cabinet views on how best to involve members in the consultation process for the Sustainable Community Strategy.

RESOLVED:

i. To note the approach to and progress with the Sustainable Community Strategy review

ii. Endorse the proposed approach to member engagement in the State of the Borough consultation process set out in section 3.5 of the report.

**88 PEER REVIEW SELF-ASSESSMENT**

The Head of Strategy and Performance submitted a report that informed members of the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) Peer Review Self-Assessment document.

The report also reminded members of arrangements for that review and outlined the approach to ensuring all members were aware of the review and associated matters.

RESOLVED:

To note: -

- i. The Peer Review self-assessment
- ii. The proposals to inform all members of the review.

**89 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

i. Councillor Goodwin asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing about the current situation with regard to the housing stock transfer and the response that was being received from the tenants.

The Portfolio Holder replied that the response from tenants had been very positive and it was now intended to proceed to stage 2 and hold the ballot.

ii. Councillor Wright asked how the Borough were intending to monitor progress on the Gedling Colliery Chase Farm development.

The Portfolio Holder for Development and Economic Regeneration replied that the consultation was progressing and that the East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA) were in the process of circulating a pre-consultation leaflet to affected householders.

**90 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON STREAMLINING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS / DRAFT PPS12**

The Principal Planning Officer (Planning Policy) for Head of Planning and Environment and Head of Strategy and Performance submitted a report on the Planning White Paper (May 2007) that had made a number of proposals to streamline Local Development Framework production, which would require changes to regulations and/or policy. The consultation document on Streamlining Local Development Frameworks (including a draft Planning Policy Statement 12) had been produced in order to seek consultation responses to these changes.

The deadline for responses to be received by the Department of Communities and Local Government was 19 February 2008.

The consultation document was split into two parts as follows:-

1. Draft Local Development (Amendment) Regulations
2. Changes to Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks

The consultation questions and the proposed Council's response were detailed in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the comments detailed in the report be forwarded to the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) as the views and comments of Gedling Borough Council, in advance of the deadline of 19th February 2008.

**91 REFERRAL TO CABINET FROM POLICY REVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FLY TIPPING**

Consideration was given to a report of the Scrutiny Officer that had been approved at a meeting of the Policy Review Scrutiny Committee on 29 January 2008 that updated members on the progress of the working group's review into Fly tipping.

RESOLVED:

To endorse the recommendations of the working group.

**92 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

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

**Leisure**

- i. Headstone testing
- ii. Re-organisation of Leisure hours at Carlton Forum
- iii. Redhill Leisure Centre - Car parking problems
- iv. PCT Health Centre delay
- v. New Arts provision for Arnold

**Development and Economic Regeneration**

- i. Senior Planning Officer - vacancy
- ii. Building Control joint working
- iii. EMDA pre-application consultation Gedling Colliery site
- iv. Nottinghamshire Districts and County - Planning consultation process.

**Customer Services and Efficiency**

- i. Transformation programme progress

### **Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods**

- i. Funding for additional lighting in Arnot Hill Park
- ii. Sports project at Warren Hill - Funding
- iii. 14 February 'Killisick week of action'

### **Finance**

- i. Financial Management System - 'down time'
- ii. Meetings with representatives from NCC regarding 'bus plug' at Burton Joyce and Arnold Front street.
- iii. Budget meetings Cabinet 21 February and Council 5 March.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm