

## **CABINET**

**Thursday, 6th November 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 (a) (Observer)
	G.E. Withers (Observer).	

### **62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gillam.

### **63 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2008**

RESOLVED:

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

### **64 ENERGY POLICY**

The Head of Planning and Environment reported that in June 2008, Cabinet had approved the draft Energy Policy as a basis for public consultation.

A total of three responses had been received, raising issues relating to the need to set targets and appoint a responsible officer, the opportunity to improve energy efficiency in residential homes, and the opportunity to promote recycling amongst staff and residents.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet adopt the Energy Policy, and receive regular updates on its implementation.

### **65 PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT**

The Planning Policy Manager on behalf of the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Bexon, informed Cabinet of the publication of the draft findings of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

RESOLVED:

i. To note progress on the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the move to publication of the first year's draft

assessment; and

ii. To agree to support an aligned approach to publicity and press with regard to the forthcoming publication of the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

**66 CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

The Head of Direct Services submitted a report that advised members of the changes to the refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year holiday period 2008/09.

From Monday 5th January 2009, normal collection arrangements for all properties would resume.

RESOLVED:

To approve the proposed refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

**67 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Councillor Wright referred to an earlier agenda item on Energy policy and enquired if the proposed post of 'Carbon Reduction Officer' would be a new appointment or would the post be covered by an existing Officer?

The Head of Planning and Environment replied that the post would be filled by using an existing resource of Energy Advice Officer from within the department.

**68 FORWARD PLAN 1 DECEMBER 2008 - 31 MARCH 2009**

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan

**69 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Senior Management Team

RESOLVED:

i. To approve budget changes up to £50,000 in the General Fund as detailed at Appendix 1

ii. To note the budget changes above £50,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 and listed below, and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.

Landscape Income Highways contract £88,100

Landscape - reduced costs within the division (£88,100)

LSVT Expenditure £131,000

LSVT Income (£131,000)

Additional PWLB Interest payable £90,000

Additional investment interest receivable (£100,000)

iii. To approve the budget changes in the capital programme of £50,000 & below, as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix 3.

iv. To note the capital programme schemes totalling £1,914,600 proposed for deferral into 2009/2010 as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.

v. To approve the changes to Improvement Task targets, performance indicator targets and proposed new Improvement Tasks as detailed in paragraph 3.13 of the report, as an amendment to the Council's agreed Budget/Service Plan.

vi. To forward the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Information to the Personnel and Resources Committee;

vii. To include details of budget and performance monitoring in a quarterly performance digest, for circulation to all members and for publication on the Council's website and Intranet;

vii. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4.

## **70 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

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

### **Finance**

- i. Budget preparation
- ii. Thanks to staff for their work with the Business Community - Conference to be held shortly for representatives of local business.

### **Development & Economic Regeneration**

- i. Attendance at meeting of the Local Joint Advisory Board
- ii. Cross Party Local Development Framework Steering Committee to meet on 24 November 2008

### **Safe & Sustainable Communities**

- i. Success of week of action in the Phoenix Ward.

### **Leisure & Youth**

- i. Looking at ways to save money in order to reduce the budget deficit.
- ii. Scrutiny examination of Leisure

### **Housing & Health**

- i. Housing Stock Transfer Completed- Gedling Borough Council still have responsibility for Homelessness, Allocations and Strategic Housing.
- ii. Thanks to Departments for work on Stock Transfer.

### **Customer Services and Efficiency**

- i. Thanks to Deputy Chief Executive for presentation on GTP prior to Council in October.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

### **71 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.**

With the approval of the Chairman, the following item was considered as a matter of urgency.

### **72 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2008/09 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Head of Corporate Services submitted a report that informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2008/09 Prudential Code Indicators, and 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.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm