

CABINET

Thursday, 4th December 2008

Councillor J.M. Parr (Chairman)

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

73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Spencer and W.J. Clarke.

74 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2008

RESOLVED:

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

75 SUMMER SERVICE WEEKLY COLLECTION OF DOMESTIC WASTE

Councillor Prew-Smith the Chair of the Working Group introduced and submitted a report that informed Cabinet Members of the findings and conclusions drawn from a scrutiny working group review of the summer service weekly collection of domestic waste.

A minority report was also submitted to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

1. To thank the Policy Scrutiny Committee, and particularly the members of the Working Group, for their very full, thorough and helpful report.

2. To accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee and to ask the Portfolio Holder for Direct Services to write to the Committee with his comments on the recommendations in their report and with the Cabinet's response.

iii. To include in the proposed Budget for 2009/10 provision for the continuation of the summer service for refuse collection in accordance with the Committee's recommendation.

76 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY VISION 2026 AND FIVE PRIORITIES

The Head of Strategy and Performance gave a presentation and

submitted a report that invited Cabinet to recommend that Council agree Vision 2026 and the 5 Priorities as the basis of the new Gedling Borough Sustainable Community Strategy.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet unanimously recommend that Council agree Vision 2026 and the 5 Priorities as the basis of the new Gedling Borough Sustainable Community Strategy

77 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT - CORPORATE ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT

The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed members of the Audit Commission's final report on its CPA Corporate Assessment of the Borough Council carried out in July 2008.

The report also set out the Council's response to the Areas for Improvement set out by the Commission in its report, including any links to Areas for Improvement identified in the Improvement and Development Agency's (IDeA) Peer Review report on the Council published in Spring 2008.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note the report.
- ii. To support the integration of improvement planning against the three improvement themes identified within corporate performance management arrangements.
- iii. To refer the final Audit Commission report to Audit Sub-Committee for information.

78 EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Planning Policy Manager on behalf of Head of Strategy and Performance and Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report that authorised a response to the Partial Review of the East Midlands Regional Plan, which had been issued for public consultation, in accordance with the Council's corporate objective to enhance the physical environment of the Borough.

RESOLVED:

To endorse the above report as the basis of the Borough Council's response to the Government Office on the Partial Review of the East Midlands Regional Plan.

79 WASTE PARTNERING AGREEMENT

The Head of Direct Services submitted a report that requested Cabinet to approve the completion of the Nottingham Waste Partnership Agreement, which was intended to promote excellence in front line service delivery and cost effectiveness and also appoint a Member to represent the Borough Council on the Waste Partnership Board.

RESOLVED To:

(i) Approve entry into the Nottinghamshire Waste Partnership Agreement and duly authorise the Mayor to sign and seal the agreement.

(ii) Appoint the Portfolio Holder, Direct Services and Property to represent the Council on the Waste Partnership Board.

80 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

i. Councillor Wright enquired of the Leader of the Council, why it had been necessary for a member to request a named vote at a Scrutiny Meeting? A reply would be forwarded to Councillor Wright.

ii. Councillor Withers asked if the Budget consultation exercise included in the Contacts magazine, had been approved by the Editorial Board? It was reported that the document had been approved by the Board under delegated powers.

iii. Councillor Withers expressed concern at the above consultation exercise in the Contacts magazine, indicating that households had received only one form despite the possibility of a number of adults being resident at that address. He also expressed concern that multiple e-mail consultations may have been received from individuals as the system had apparently allowed this.

iv. Councillor Withers also enquired about the Freedom of Information Request that had been received in respect of Arnold Town Football Club and asked if Councillors would be allowed to see the correspondence. The Head of Democratic and Community Services replied that Members could visit the Office and view the information.

v. Councillor Barnfather expressed concern to the Chairman about the regularity and frequency of Performance Review Scrutiny meetings, as he understood that the Committee only met once a quarter due to resource implications. He expressed the need to ensure that adequate resources were available to perform the scrutiny function. It was understood that a request had been made to Council in December to increase the frequency of meetings.

81 FORWARD PLAN 1 JANUARY 2009 - 30 APRIL 2009

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan.

82 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Development & Economic Regeneration

- i. Meeting of the Joint Advisory Board
- ii. A meeting of the Joint Development Framework had met
- iii. Meeting with British Coal regarding Top Wighay.

Leisure & Youth

- i. Launch of new Leisure equipment at Carlton Forum at 11.00 am on December 10th
- ii. Leisure looking closely at DNA membership and savings
- iii. Tenders received regarding improving facilities at Jackie Bells Field Netherfield.

Housing & Health

- i. Stock Transfer on 3 November followed by a reception for Housing staff on 4 November.

83 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

The following items were considered as a matter of urgency.

84 GEDLING BUSINESS CONFERENCE

The Deputy Leader submitted a report that raised awareness about the forthcoming Business Conference taking place at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 10 December 2008.

RESOLVED:

To express support for the Business Conference and to appoint Councillor J.J. Spencer as 'Business Champion'.

85 PRE-BUDGET REPORT

The Head of Corporate Services advised the Cabinet of the Chancellor's recent Pre-Budget Report and the Local Government Settlement update.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm