

CABINET

Tuesday, 10th February, 2009

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)(a)	

92 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W.J. Clarke and Withers

93 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2009.

RESOLVED:

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

94 INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARK CHARGING

The Senior Management Team submitted a report that recommended Cabinet introduce pay and display car park charging at the Council's car parks with effect from August 2009, together with other related matters detailed in the report. A revised Appendix B, which included the Leisure Centre Car parks in category D (free parking but controlled by order) was submitted at the meeting.

RESOLVED: to

i. Agree to the introduction of Car Park charging with effect from 1st August 2009 or as soon as practicable after making of the necessary Car Parking Order.

ii. Agree the Car Park Categories in the amended Appendix B circulated at the meeting and the periods for charging at each car park.

iii. Agree that the method of charging be pay and display.

iv. Agree the pay and display charging tariff for the period of August 2009 until 31st March 2010, and the parking permit tariff for the period 1st April 2009 until 31st March 2010, both as set out in Appendix D.

v. Authorise the Head of Democratic and Community Services to take all necessary steps to make and bring into effect the relevant Car Park Orders in accordance with the proposals set out in the report.

vi. Authorise the Head of Corporate Services to amend the Capital Programme for 2008/09 to include £145,000 expenditure to provide the initial funding to procure equipment and services required to implement the charging arrangements.

vii. Authorise the Head of Direct Services to procure equipment and services and take all necessary steps to implement car park charging arrangements, including agreeing with the owners of private car parks as mentioned in the report for the management of any charging arrangements introduced in those car parks.

viii. To delegate the consideration of objections received pursuant to the statutory consultation and any necessary decisions pursuant to the applicable regulations to The Head of Direct Services and the Head of Democratic and Community Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Direct Services and Property.

95 USE OF RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 2007-08

The Head of Corporate Services submitted a report to Cabinet on the results of the Audit Commissions 2007-08 Use of Resources assessment.

RESOLVED:

To note the report, including the Use of Resources results and to congratulate officers on the Audit Commission's judgment.

96 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2008/09 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Corporate Services informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2008/09 Prudential Code Indicators, and advised Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy

RESOLVED:

1) To authorise the Head of Corporate Services to continue the use of HBOS and Royal Bank of Scotland as counterparties for Treasury Management purposes, despite their current rating falling outside the previously approved limits.

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

97 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Senior Management Team

RESOLVED:

1. 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.

a. Home Improvement Agency-agreement discontinued (£70,000)

b. Section 106 contribution - Emerys Road & Brooklands Ave (£94,100)

c. Section 106 Contribution transferred to balance sheet £94,100

d. Carlton Forum Income £61,000

e. Benefits - Council Tax, Rent Allowances, Rent Rebates £5,859,300

f. Benefits Subsidy (£6,002,200)

iii. To approve the budget changes in the capital programme of £50,000 & below, as detailed in paragraph 4.5 and Appendix 3.

iv. To note the capital programme schemes totalling £389,800 proposed for deferral into 2009/2010 as detailed in paragraph 4.5 and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.

v. To note the budget changes in the capital programme of above £50,000 as detailed in paragraph 4.5, Appendix 3 & listed below and refer them to Personnel & Resources Committee for approval.

Private Sector Improvement Grants (£65,000)

vi. To approve the changes to Improvement Task targets as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report, as an amendment to the Council's agreed Budget/Service Plan.

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

viii. 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;

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

The Planning Policy Manager on behalf of Head of Strategy and Performance and Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report that informed members of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report for 2007- 2008 in accordance with the timetable for the Local Development Scheme.

RESOLVED:

To note the key points from the Annual Monitoring Report (April 2007 – March 2008).

99 FORWARD PUBLICITY PLAN AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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

It was also reported that a presentation would be made to Members prior to the Council meeting on 25 February 2009 on the proposed changes to the statutory Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and to authorise Head of Strategy and Performance to submit a response to the consultation on the proposed changes to the Code based on comments made by members at the presentation.

100 IMPACT OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN GEDLING BOROUGH

The Policy and Performance Officer on behalf of Head of Strategy & Performance provided information on the effect of the current national economic downturn within the Borough. The report had been discussed by the Senior Management Team, and would be reported to them on an ongoing monthly basis. In future a monthly economic indicator report would be circulated to all members for their information..

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet note the information contained within this report.

101 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT "REFRESH"

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Strategy and Performance on the Local Area Agreement 'Refresh'

RESOLVED:

i. To note the report

ii. To delegate to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Youth (as the Chair of

Gedling Partnership) authority to agree amended targets for Gedling Borough Council against relevant LAA indicators as part of the LAA refresh.

102 LEISURE CENTRE PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Leisure Facilities Officer on behalf of the Members' Working Group that updated Cabinet on the work undertaken and issues identified regarding the future procurement options for the Council's Leisure Centres.

RESOLVED:

That in the light of the uncertainties and issues identified by the Working Group, the Council should not pursue alternative methods of procurement for leisure centres at the current time but should review the matter again in approximately five years.

103 NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES WRITE OFF

The Head of Corporate Services reported that as Façade System Engineering Ltd had gone into receivership and had no assets to realise, it was recommended that Cabinet authorise the writing off of £74,365.94 in respect of National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR).

RESOLVED:

To write off the balance of £74,365.94 owed by Façade System Engineering Ltd.

104 PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING

The Scrutiny Committee submitted a report of the Policy Review Scrutiny Committee on Parish Council Funding.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note the report and to thank the Scrutiny Committee for their work.
- ii. That the Leader, Deputy Leader and Councillor Fullwood meet with representatives of the Parish Council's to discuss the details of the report

105 A FAIR COLLECTION AND DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

The Revenues Services Manager submitted a report that proposed the adoption of a Fair Collection and Debt Recovery Policy, as attached to the report, for the collection of Council Tax, Business Rates, Housing Benefit Overpayments and Sundry Debtors accounts.

RESOLVED:

That the new Fair Collection and Debt Recovery Policy as submitted be approved and implemented.

106 FORWARD PLAN 1ST MARCH 2009-31ST JUNE 2009

RESOLVED:

To approve the Forward Plan.

107 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Development & Economic Regeneration

- i. Outline Development Site - Mapperley Golf Course
- ii. Applications received for an extension to Power Station at Stoke Bardolph
- iii. Local Framework Steering Group
- iv. Visit to Joint Advisory Board

Leisure & Youth

- i. Leisure Centres - Scheme to encourage membership
- ii. New Guidelines for Gravestone testing

Customer Services & Efficiency

- i. 'E-Gen' launch

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Crime & Disorder arrangements

Finance

- i. Progress on finalising the budget to be submitted to Budget Cabinet meeting

Direct Services & Property

- i. Winter refuse problems – appreciation for the efforts of employees

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm