

CABINET

Thursday, 9th July 2009

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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| Councillors: | A.S. Bexon | G.V. Clarke |
| | W.H. Golland | R.J. Nicholson |
| | J.M. Parr | V.C. Pepper |
| | W.J. Clarke (a) | A.J. Gillam |
| | G.E. Withers | |

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W J Clarke.

12 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2009

RESOLVED:

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

13 ENERGY POLICY UPDATE

The Head of Planning & Environment updated Cabinet on progress since the approval of the Energy Policy in November 2008 and other activities with regard to reducing energy consumption and emissions.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

14 PRESENTATION BY STEPHEN BRAY, HEAD OF STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE - PLACE SURVEY 2008 RESULTS

RESOLVED:

To thank Mr Bray for the presentation

15 CONSULTATION ON A NEW PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 4: PLANNING FOR PROSPEROUS ECONOMIES

Consultation had been sought on the streamlined Planning Policy Statement 4: Planning for Prosperous Communities. The purpose of the streamlining process was to reduce the regulatory burden and make the suite of Planning Policy Statements easier to use.

Attached to the report were a number of responses from officers to the

consultation.

RESOLVED:

That the comments set out in the report be forwarded to the Department of Communities and Local Government as the views and comments of Gedling Borough Council.

16 TOWARDS AN EVEN FAIRER GEDLING - EQUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The above Equality Improvement Plan was submitted for Cabinet approval.

RESOLVED:

To approve the "Towards an Even Fairer Gedling" plan for consultation with interested parties and to authorise the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, to finalise the plan after taking account of the feedback received.

17 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)

The Head of Democratic & Community Services reported that the Council had recently been inspected by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners. The report was very positive and complimentary about the Council's policies and procedures and confirmed that the Council maintained high standards in respect of its RIPA procedures.

The Inspector had made some verbal recommendations about the Council's policy document and suggested some minor changes to it. Those changes had been implemented and a copy of the Amended Policy document was submitted at Appendix 1 to the report.

In order to improve its processes the Inspector also recommended that the Council adopt a new RIPA cancellation form.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Policy and Procedure attached at Appendix 1 to the report be adopted by the Council.
2. That the amended cancellation form be approved by Cabinet and appended to the Policy document.

18 ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

The Annual Review letter from the Office of the Local Government Ombudsman had been received. There were no findings of maladministration against the Council.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

19 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. Councillors Bulletin published
- ii. Community Forest proposal
- iii. Green Flag again for Arnot Hill Park

Development & Enterprise

- i. Boots and Tesco applications soon to be considered at Planning Committee
- ii. Arnold Town FC
- iii. Training schedule for Planning Committee.

Finance

- i. Final Accounts being considered by external Auditors
- ii. New Bailiff after Tender process
- iii. Additional funding from DWP
- iv. Attendance of Leader at Notts and Derby small business meeting.

Customer & Member Services

- i. 'Contacts Magazine' published today

Direct Services

- i. Congratulatory letter to David Lawson regarding his nomination to 'Council Worker of the Year'

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Joint Council action on litter prevention.
- ii. ABI programmes in Daybrook, Netherfield, Warren Hill, Honeywood Gardens and Carlton Valley
- iii. Proposed scheme by PCT in Killisick

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.