

CABINET

Thursday, 3rd September 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 (a) (Observer) A.J. Gillam (Observer)
 G.E. Withers (Observer)

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

28 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2009.

RESOLVED:

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

29 PRESENTATION BY DAVID JAYNE, NEIGHBOURHOODS & CRIME MANAGER, ON COMMUNITY SAFETY ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED:

To thank David Jayne for the presentation and all the Neighbourhoods Team for their continued hard work over the past few years.

30 FEEDBACK FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2009

The Deputy Leader submitted a report on the feedback to Cabinet on the key issues raised at this year's LGA Conference.

RESOLVED that Cabinet: -

(i) Notes the report;

(ii) Invites the Policy Review Scrutiny Committee to consider the current and future impact of the recession on Gedling;

(iii) Agrees an initial one year subscription to the District Councils Network at a cost of £950, and authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, to determine whether to subscribe in future years based on the benefits of being a member.

31 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

i. Councillor Spencer updated Members on the proposed re-development of Front Street Arnold. Due to the confidentiality of negotiations further information was unable to be provided at this stage.

ii. Councillor Pepper also updated Members on the proposed Traveller site joint scheme with Nottingham City Council. At present there appeared to be no site available although it was hoped that the City Council would return to the proposal in due course.

iii. Councillor Spencer gave a verbal report on the car parking charges recently introduced.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

32 QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY PRUDENTIAL CODE QUARTER 1

The Head of Corporate Services informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2009/10 Prudential Code Indicators, and to advise Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy

RESOLVED:

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

33 FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR WINTER 2009

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

RESOLVED:

To note the report and thank the Communications Team for their input into the Communications plan

34 COMMENTS ON THE ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY:ISSUES AND OPTIONS OF OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Planning Officer (Planning Policy) for Head of Planning and Environment and Head of Strategy and Performance submitted a report that advised on the comments made by Gedling Borough Council to the Issues and Options consultation as part of the Aligned Core Strategy.

RESOLVED

To note the report and thank Joanne Gray and Alison Gibson for their work on the Strategy.

35 PUBLIC REALM WORKS

The Head of Strategy & Performance informed Cabinet of progress towards the identification of a programme of capital works in the Borough to be funded through the Public Realm Works programme agreed as part of the transfer of housing stock to Gedling Homes

The report also outlined the proposed arrangements for confirmation of the programme for 2009/10.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note the report and any further information updating on progress to be tabled at the meeting.
- ii. To agree that the final decision on the 2009/10 Public Realm Works programme be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning.

36 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. Decision made not to outsource Leisure Facilities

Finance

- i. Forthcoming attendance at LGA meeting on 'how to get out of recession and into recovery'

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Officer leaving Neighbourhoods for Scrutiny - hope to recruit a replacement
- ii. Figures show Partnership is working; Crime is down and hope to reduce it further.
- iii. Significant work over the summer period particularly in Netherfield and Honeywood Gardens

Development & Enterprise

- i. Planning application received for the substantial re-development of Tesco

Strategic Planning

- i. Members asked to contribute ideas for public realm works to be carried out in future years

Customer & Member Services

- i. Members visited the Contact Centre as part of the GTP Scrutiny Review.
- ii. LGA Conference

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm