

CABINET

Thursday, 5th November 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)	

44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

45 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2009.

RESOLVED:

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

46 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2009/10 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Corporate Services informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2009/10 Prudential Code Indicators, and submitted a report that advised Members of 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.

47 AMENDMENT TO TREASURY MANAGEMENT COUNTERPARTY LIST

The Head of Corporate Services submitted a report recommending an Amendment to the Treasury Management Counterparty List

RESOLVED:

1. To authorise the Head of Corporate Services to make use of facilities offered by Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) for Treasury Management purposes, despite their current rating falling outside the previously approved limits.

2. To formally authorise the Head of Corporate Services to sign the facsimile indemnity on behalf of the Council, this being required by RBS.

48 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

1. In answer to a question received from Councillor Withers, the Head of Corporate Services undertook to advise him of the reasons why the Local Government Pension scheme was paying interest to the Nottinghamshire County Council at the level reported to Audit Sub Committee at their meeting on 29 September 2009.

2. Councillor Withers referred to a planning application on land at Mapperley Plains by McCarthy & Stone approving the receipt of a financial contribution to be made in lieu of affordable housing being provided on site. The reply concurred with his view that the finance could not be used for general spending.

3. In answer to a further question received from Councillor Withers, the Leader of the Council replied that a Scrutiny Review on Climate Change would be an appropriate scheme for consideration.

49 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

The Senior Management Team submitted a Quarterly Budget Monitoring, Performance Digest & Virement Report

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the changes to Improvement Action targets as detailed in paragraph 3.10 of the report, as an amendment to the agreed Council Plan

2. To note the General Fund Revenue Budget at paragraph 4.3 and the changes included within Appendix 2.

3. To approve the budget changes of £50,000 & below

4. To note the budget changes in the General Fund above £50,000 as listed below, and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval

i. Savings on Local and European Election offset by reduced contributions

ii. Car Park reduced income £360,000

iii. Leisure Section 106 income transferred to Balance Sheet reserve

iv. Savings on Benefits (£75,000)

v. Additional Corporate Income (£121,400)

5. To note the capital schemes proposed for deferral, the capital savings identified, and the additions to budgets as detailed in paragraph 4.4, and to

refer those changes in excess of £50,000 to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval

6. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4

7. To include details of budget and performance monitoring in a quarterly performance digest, to be published on the Council's website and Intranet; in line with the recommendations of Performance Review Scrutiny Committee

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

50 PROJECT PROPOSALS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY GROUP

The Head of Corporate Services on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Member Services submitted a report that updated members on the most recent round of funding considered by the Nottinghamshire Improvement and Efficiency Group (NIEG). The report identified that significant support has been received for funding schemes involving this authority.

A previously NIEG funded scheme for reviewing single person discounts in respect of Council Tax had now been completed. The review had been initiated by this authority and final results had showed that additional income of £1.85m had been identified as a result of reviewing discounts to Council Tax payers across Nottinghamshire. Details of the review were contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

To note the report

51 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. 'Quest' gained by Carlton Forum Leisure Centre with an improved level of excellence
- ii. New National swimming scheme for juniors
- iii. 'Community Forest Groups'

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Attended meeting of Killisick 'ABI' - well attended by a number of Agencies

Finance

i. Budget meetings ongoing.

Direct Services

i. Annual staff awards - excellent event with 3 members of staff winning awards.

Strategic Planning

i. Executive Decision approved for erection of 20 properties on site of former Killisick Court

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm