

## CABINET

Thursday, 14th January, 2010

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

**58 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2009**

RESOLVED:

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

**59 DRAFT BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN PRIORITIES TO BE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSULTATION**

The Senior Management Team submitted a report detailing the likely General Fund base budget for 2010/11.

The economic downturn was continuing to place significant pressure on the Council's financial position in terms of increased running costs and reduced income levels from fees and charges and investment interest. The impacts of these budget pressures were reflected in the base budget. There was no potential for growth in the revenue budget, and only minor sums were available for new capital schemes.

The provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2010/11 was proposed to be £9,253,407 which represented an additional cash allocation of £146,500 or 1.6%.

The Base Budget 2010/11 proposals by portfolio were submitted in the report, together with details of efficiency savings, income inflation, capital programme financing, public realm works and the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Senior Management Team had also begun its annual service plan review with a review of the objectives for each of the priority themes contained within the Council Plan. Proposed objectives were attached at Appendix 5 to the report.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the budget information for forwarding to Policy Review Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

2. To approve a 2% income inflation increase for the individual portfolios as shown in the table at paragraph 3.3 in the report.

## **60 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATORS 2010/11 TO 2012/13**

The Head of Corporate Services submitted a report to seek formal approval of the Prudential Indicators for Gedling Borough Council, for the financial years 2010/11 to 2012/13.

Appendix 1 to the report detailed the proposed Prudential Indicators for 2010/11 to 2012/13, which were judged to meet the objectives of the Prudential Code. They represented capital investment plans that were affordable, prudent and sustainable.

RESOLVED:

To note the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2010/11 to 2012/13 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, which have been set with due reference to CIPFA's Prudential Code, under the Local Government Act 2003, and to refer them to full Council for approval.

## **61 PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on discussions with Parish Councils about their activities, their relationship with Gedling Borough Council and the level and administration of parish aid.

Consideration had also been given to the administration of parish aid and an updated version of the current scheme was attached to the report for approval.

Parishes were also to be asked to provide information about how their activities and expenditure fitted with the Borough Council's priorities.

Finally, there was a consensus amongst Parish Councils that it would be helpful to meet collectively with members and officers of Gedling, two or three times a year, to build relationships, share good practice and consider items of mutual interest. The first meeting would take place in March 2010.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and to agree the updated scheme of parish aid subject to the following changes:-

Deletion of the first three bullet points under Section (2) Revenue Aid and replacement with:-

- The sum available for revenue aid for 2010/11 is the same as that for 2009/10, ie £198,600

- The allocation of the sum of £198,000 for revenue aid has also been frozen, ie in 2010/11 each parish will receive exactly the same revenue aid as it received in 2009/10
- In future years the allocation profile will remain frozen, ie any increase or decrease in the available revenue aid will be applied to parishes on a strictly pro rata basis.

## **62 GREATER NOTTINGHAM ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY OPTION FOR CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Manager reported that the Borough Council, in conjunction with the councils of Ashfield, Broxtowe, Erewash, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe, was working with Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils to prepare a new aligned and consistent planning strategy for Greater Nottingham. The first stage in preparing this strategy was the Issues and Options consultation.

A copy of the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy Option for Consultation Report was attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

Following approval by all the councils, the aligned Option for Consultation would be published for widespread consultation and engagement commencing for an eight week period on 29th January 2010. The aligned Core Strategy would then be submitted to the Secretary of State who would organise an examination of the draft strategy at a public Hearing.

RESOLVED:

To endorse for consultation the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy Option for Consultation report over an eight week period commencing at the end of January 2010, as the basis for the continued development of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy for Gedling Borough.

## **63 ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (APRIL 2008 - MARCH 2009)**

The Planning Policy Manager reported that the Annual Monitoring Report covered the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 and set out in detail how progress was being made on the elements of the Local Development Framework.

RESOLVED:

To note the key points from the Annual Monitoring Report.

## **64 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Planning Policy Manager reported that the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning document had been prepared and adopted by Gedling Borough Council to help the Council secure affordable housing

through the planning system and to provide landowners, developers and Registered Providers of Affordable Housing with new clear detailed advice on the Council's criteria for the provision of affordable housing.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

## **65 FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS PLAN JANUARY-APRIL 2010**

Members were informed of the proposed publicity initiatives planned for the coming months.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

## **66 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

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

Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. DNA membership being maintained
- ii. Youth worker allocated to Gedling
- iii. Carlton Forum 40th anniversary coming up.

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Attended Faith in Gedling considering effect of recession
- ii. Display at Pinewood school of Killisick development

Finance

- i. Discussions ongoing with County Council.

Development & Enterprise

- i. Attended meeting re car parking in Carlton
- ii. Increase in planning applications
- iii. Further training for Planning Committee.

Customer & Member Services

- i. Increase in telephone traffic dealing with bin collection and effect of weather
- ii. Member Development Programme under way.

Direct Services

- i. Difficult weather conditions impacted on service - staff done their best.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.