

CABINET

Thursday, 13th May, 2010

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

Officers in attendance: P Murdock, J Robinson, M.Kimberley, J.Brothwell, S M Sale

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gillam and Withers.

2 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2010.

RESOLVED:

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

3 CBL AND HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Head of Customer Services and Organisational Development reported on the background of the Council's decision to work towards the implementation of a Choice Based Lettings (CBL) system, in partnership with both Broxtowe and Rushcliffe Borough Councils. The report also provided an overview of the implementation process, indicative timescales and operating process of the system, describing the key benefits to both the local authorities, Registered Providers RP, (formerly housing associations/ registered social landlords), and most importantly local residents.

The principles of CBL were to give a degree of choice regarding vacant properties to applicants, provide a customer focussed, easy to use and transparent system of letting vacant properties that applicants understood and provide information to applicants about the likelihood of them being re-housed in such a way as to empower them to make choices about their future housing.

RESOLVED:

1. That a Choice Based Lettings Scheme is implemented in partnership with

both Broxtowe and Rushcliffe borough councils, including the local Registered Providers

2. To approve the Common Housing Allocations Policy as attached at Appendix C to the report.

4 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor Wright asked for an update on the future of the waste disposal facility at Gedling. The Leader replied that there would be a meeting next week.

5 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Finance

i. An informal meeting of portfolio holders would take at 4pm on 3 June 2010 to discuss the findings of a recent report commissioned by the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership.

Leisure & Wellbeing

i. Councillor Golland drew attention to the sad loss of Andy Bowers, Leisure Resources Officer and to the significant contribution that he had made to leisure provision within the Borough.

Customer & Member Services

i. Councillor Parr made reference to the fact that the first phase of the Gedling Transformation Programme was drawing to a close and that plans were being made for its successor – Fast4ward.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.