

CABINET

Thursday, 5th August, 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 (a)
	W.J. Clarke (Observer)	A.J. Gillam (Observer)
	G.E. Withers (Observer)	

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

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tait.

23 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2010

RESOLVED:

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

24 PROGRAMME OF CORE STRATEGY PREPARATION AND CHANGES TO PLANNING POLICY ARISING FROM THE NEW GOVERNMENT

The Head of Strategy and Performance and Head of Planning and Environment submitted a report to inform members of anticipated changes to strategic planning proposed by the new government; and summarised work on the preparation of the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies and recommended delaying publication of the next version of the Strategies.

The Secretary of State had announced the revocation of Regional Strategies on 6th July 2010 with immediate effect. Given the implications of the government announcements, an autumn publication of the Aligned Core Strategies (in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme) was no longer considered possible or appropriate.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the report and thank Joanna Gray for her presentation.
2. In accordance with the decision made by the Joint Planning Advisory Board:
 - a) that work continue on collating the evidence base and supporting information for the Aligned Core Strategies.

b) to delay the publication of the next version of the Aligned Core Strategy, pending further guidance on strategic planning.

25 ANNUAL TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT 2009/10

The Head of Corporate Services submitted to Members the Annual Treasury Activity Report as required by the Treasury Management Strategy, and advised Members of the outturn in respect of the Prudential Indicators. The Council's debt and investment position at the beginning and end of the year 2009/10 was shown at Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED:

To note the Annual Treasury Activity Report for 2009/10 together with the appendices, and to refer it to Council for approval.

26 STRATEGY FOR HOUSING AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFITS AND THEIR TAKE UP

The Revenues Services Manager submitted a Strategy for Housing and Council Tax Benefits and their take up. The strategy would be reviewed on an annual basis, with a full review every 3 years.

RESOLVED:

That the Strategy for Housing and Council Tax Benefits and their take up 2010/11-2012/13 attached at Appendix A to the report be approved.

27 SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Officer submitted the findings and recommendations of the Compliments/Complaints and Health Promotion Services for the Over 60s Scrutiny Review working groups which had previously been approved by the relevant Scrutiny Committee for referral to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

To accept the reports and that the relevant portfolio holders respond, to the Scrutiny committee, to the recommendations made.

28 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

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

The overall resource implication for the Council General Fund was a predicted underspend of £12,000. However, Members were advised that there were several significant budget changes including the loss of Planning

Delivery Grant due to Central Government Policy which had been met this year by savings following a one-off NNDR review. The impact of withdrawing this grant would have an ongoing impact on the Medium Term Plan.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the changes to Improvement Action targets as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report, as an amendment to the agreed Council Plan.
2. To note the General Fund Revenue Budget changes included within Appendix 2 and approve the budget changes of £50,000 & below.
3. 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
 - Backdated refund on NNDR Public Offices (£73,100)
(NB there are additional smaller NNDR savings split across other areas of the Council which total £67,300)
 - Planning & Delivery Grant £100,000
4. To note the capital programme schemes totalling £14,500 proposed for deferral into 2011/2012 as detailed in paragraph 4.5 and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.
5. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4.
6. 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.
7. To forward the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Information to the Personnel and Resources Committee.

29 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Finance

- i. Attendance at LEP Board
- ii. Continuing review of budgetary situation.

Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. Groundwork have funding for youth work in Killisick
- ii. Community centre strategy
- iii. DNA involvement
- iv. County council cuts in youth services
- v. Disbanding of museum, libraries service.

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

- i. Netherfield Healthy month

- ii. Honeywood Gardens Summer Activity programme
- iii. Killisick - community consultation
- iv. Funding report - Bonington project.

Direct Services

- i. Nomination for APSE award.

Development & Enterprise

- i. Personal search changing
- ii. Closure of flats
- iii. Car boot sale closure - notice served.

Customer & Member Services

- i. Social network site trial

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.