

CABINET

Thursday, 2nd September, 2010

Councillor R.J. Tait (Chairman)

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

Officers in attendance: P Murdock, M Kimberley, H Barrington, S Bray.

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Spencer and Pepper.

31 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2010

RESOLVED:

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

32 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL REFERENDUMS TO VETO EXCESSIVE COUNCIL TAX INCREASES

The Head of Strategy and Performance reported that the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) had published a consultation paper on proposals for local referendums to veto excessive Council Tax increases. The key elements of the proposals were set out in the report.

RESOLVED:

To agree the proposed response to the consultation as attached at Appendix A to the report.

33 ABOLITION OF AUDIT COMMISSION

The Head of Corporate Services submitted details about the abolition of the Audit Commission.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

34 BUDGET CONSULTATION/SATISFACTION SURVEY 2010

The Head of Strategy and Performance informed Members of proposals to consult with residents about satisfaction with the Council's services and future budget options.

A questionnaire would be produced in a special edition of "Contacts" magazine in mid-September. A draft copy of the questionnaire element was attached to the report. Minor amendments to the questionnaire were verbally reported to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

35 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)

The Head of Democratic and Community Services reported that it was proposed that the current RIPA policy be amended and updated in line with the new Codes of Practice and legislation, thereby implementing an annual reporting system to Cabinet on RIPA authorisations, changes in legislation and policy and quarterly reports to Portfolio Holder for Safe and Sustainable Neighbourhoods or the Leader of the Council. The new policy would also identify the Head of Democratic and Community Services as the "responsible officer" overseeing the RIPA process.

Any amendments or updates required to materials appended to the main Policy document including updates to the RIPA Codes of Practice or RIPA authorisation forms would be approved by Head of Democratic and Community Services and reported back to Cabinet in the annual RIPA report. The Cabinet report to include the number of applications made as well as authorities granted.

RESOLVED:

1. That the amended Policy and Procedure attached at Appendix 1 to the report be adopted by the Council with the new Codes of Practice appended to it.

2. To note the content of the Annual RIPA audit for April 2009 – March 2010.

36 ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

The Head of Democratic and Community Services informed Members of the receipt of the Annual Review letter from the Office of the Local Government Ombudsman. There were no findings of maladministration against the Council.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

37 PLANNING FOR THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT - SUMMARY

The Head of Planning & Environment & Strategy & Performance informed members of the publication of Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment (referred to as 'the Statement'). The Statement would inform the development of future planning policy and would be a material consideration when determining planning applications.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

38 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. Problems re surfacing at Church Lane playground.
- ii. Queens Bower play area feedback
- iii. Gedling Show 5 September.
- iv. Carlton Forum surfacing.

Direct Services

- i. Future Jobs Fund - 6 employees taken on.

Development & Enterprise

- i. Arnold FC conditions discharged.
- ii. Work of Economic Development officer.
- iii. Balmoral House sold at auction.

Strategic Planning

- i. Core strategy briefing.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

39 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

It was reported that agreement had been reached with traders regarding car park charging.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

40 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2010/11 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Corporate Services informed Members of the performance monitoring of the 2010/11 Prudential Code Indicators, and advised Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED:

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

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.