

## CABINET

Thursday, 13th January, 2011

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

Officers in attendance: J Robinson, S M Sale, M Kimberley, D Parton, S Bray, K Tansley

### **56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor V C Pepper.

### **57 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2010.**

RESOLVED:

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

### **58 SATISFACTION SURVEY/BUDGET CONSULTATION 2010 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE**

The Head of Strategy and Performance gave a presentation and submitted a report to inform members of the results of the combined customer satisfaction/budget consultation survey.

RESOLVED:

To thank Stephen Bray for his presentation and note the report.

### **59 IMPACT OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICE REVIEWS IN GEDLING**

The Head of Strategy and Performance submitted a report on Nottingham County Council's proposed programme of service reviews that might impact on Gedling Borough and on Gedling Borough Council.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

### **60 THE SUB-NATIONAL GROWTH WHITE PAPER**

The Head of Strategy and Performance informed members of the key points from the recent Government White Paper on Sub-National Growth and their potential implications for Gedling.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

## **61 DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2011-12**

Details of the likely General Fund base budget for 2011/12, the likely effect of capital financing and assumed changes to the base budget were reported. Members' comments were sought on budgets and performance related matters.

RESOLVED:

(a) Approve the budget information for forwarding to Policy Review Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

(b) Approve a 2.5% income inflation increase for the individual portfolios as shown in the table at paragraph 3.5 of the report.

## **62 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

(i) What is the latest position on the redevelopment of the Arnold Health Centre?

It had been confirmed at a recent meeting that the proposals for redevelopment had been agreed in principle and would now move to preparation of the final business case.

(ii) Will the Council continue to contribute to the work on domestic violence? The Council's financial contribution is proposed to continue as at present. Members would be kept informed.

(iii) Will the Council be sending a delegation to lobby the Government? There are no plans to do so but submissions have been made to the LGA for this to be done on behalf of district councils.

(iv) What is the position of Citizens Advice Bureau funding? The budget proposals envisage the continuation of funding to the CAB.

## **63 LOCALISM BILL**

The Head of Democratic Services informed Cabinet of the publication of the Localism Bill and provided an overview of its proposals. The Localism Bill contained the powers to carry out many of the initiatives already contained in the previous policy announcements from the Government. The Bill would begin the process through Parliament and will be subject to change

throughout that process however it is thought that the main principles within the Bill would survive.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the Localism Bill.

**64 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS**

RESOLVED:

That the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Covalent review) and the Portfolio Holder for Safe and Sustainable Neighbourhoods (Carbon Footprint review) review and respond directly to the Overarching Scrutiny Committee with their responses to the recommendations in the reports.

**65 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL HOUSING REFORM**

The receipt of a Government consultation paper on the future of Social Housing was reported.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and to approve the response to the consultation.

**66 NEW HOMES BONUS - CONSULTATION**

The Council had received a consultation paper on the introduction of the New Homes Bonus. The portfolio holder had approved a response which was reported.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

**67 GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (APRIL 2009 - MARCH 2010).**

The Annual Monitoring Report which set out how progress was being made on the elements of the Local Development Framework currently in production was reported.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

**68 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATORS 2011/12 TO 2013/14**

The proposed Prudential and Treasury Indicators were submitted for

review.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and to refer the Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2011/12 to 2013/14 to Council for approval.

## **69 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

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

### Finance

- i. Rate collection going well.
- ii. Dorket Head landfill talks and monitoring proposals.
- iii. Bonington Theatre meetings to be held.
- iv. Thanks to Peter Murdock, outgoing Chief Executive, for his help over the years.

### Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. Schemes for Burton Road play provision progress.
- ii. Bestwood Country Park administration after withdrawal of ranger support.
- iii. Provision of cemetery space.
- iv. Costings for theatre in Arnold.
- v. DNA subscriptions continuing increase.

### Direct Services

- i. Operational problems due to weather conditions and departmental response.

### Development & Enterprise

- i. Performance of Development Control.
- ii. Bus plug now open.
- iii. Eagle Square event - more to be held.
- iv. 121 Business Link adviser working well.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.