CABINET

Thursday, 7th April, 2011

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

Councillors: 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)

Officers in attendance: J Robinson, M Kimberley, S M Sale, S Bray, L Juby, P Baguley, K Tansley, D Parton, H Barrington.

85 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17 AND 24 FEBRUARY 2011.

RESOLVED:

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

86 PRESENTATION ON CHANGING LIFESTYLES, THE GEDLING SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY BY LANCE JUBY, LEISURE RESOURCES OFFICER

RESOLVED:

To thank Lance Juby for his presentation.

87 COUNCIL PLAN 2011/12 - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS

The Head of Strategy and Performance reported that the Council had taken the opportunity to critically review its own performance management data needs, with a view to proposing appropriate performance indicators to allow for progress against priorities to be effectively and proportionately measured in future.

That review had now been completed and a proposed set of performance indicators and targets was attached at Appendix A to the report. Since the indicators formed a substantial element of the Council Plan, it was considered appropriate that final ratification of the indicators and targets should be considered by Council.

RESOLVED:

To agree the proposed Performance Indicators and Targets attached at Appendix A to the report, with the amendments, for onward recommendation to Council.

88 "TAKING THE LEAD: SELF-REGULATION AND IMPROVEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT" - LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP PAPER

Cabinet were provided with an overview of the new proposals relating to performance management and peer review put forward by the Local Government Group 'Taking the Lead: self regulation and improvement in local government'. The Local Government Group's proposals had the potential to provide valuable support and shared learning for the Council.

RESOLVED:

- i) To note the content of the report and the support offered by the Local Government Group
- ii) To refer the Local Government Group's paper to both the Member Development Group and to Performance Review Scrutiny Committee for comments and views on aspects of the Group's proposals that the Council may take up.

89 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor P G Barnes asked What is the position with CRB checks for volunteers. Keith Tansley replied that there were no changes so far.

90 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW MEMBER INDUCTION PROGRAMME 2011

Councillor Parr advised Members of the content of the Member Induction Programme for 2011.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

91 END OF YEAR SCRUTINY WORK AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN REPORT

Councillor Collin provided members with the end of year Scrutiny improvement plan and work programme position and submitted the conclusions and recommendations for the following outstanding 2010/11 Scrutiny reports for consideration:

Gedling Partnership Policy Scrutiny Review
Covert Surveillance Policy Scrutiny Review
Scrutiny Function Joint Scrutiny Committee Review
Domestic Violence Performance Scrutiny Review
Planning Performance Scrutiny Review
External Funding Joint Scrutiny Committee Review
NHS Restructure Joint Scrutiny Committee Review.

RESOLVED:

To approve the recommendations of the Scrutiny working groups listed above and provide an individual portfolio holder response on each to the Overarching (Overview) Scrutiny Committee.

92 NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES WRITE OFF

The Head of Corporate Services submitted details of outstanding National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR).

RESOLVED:

To write off the full balance of £72,595.00 owed by Trent Concrete Ltd.

93 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

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

Leisure and Communities

- i. Changing lifestyles updated and accepted by Partners.
- ii. Well at work initiatives.
- iii. Audit returned to Nottingham Safeguarding Children Board.
- iv. Death of black swan in Arnot Hill Park.
- v. Carlton Forum Youth Gym to be moved to Arthur Palmer Room for family use.

Environmental Services

- i. Increase in recycling rate and customer satisfaction rate.
- ii. Saving on energy efficiencies.
- iii. Retained Green Flag for Arnot Hill Park.
- iv. Success of Future Jobs Fund and use of apprenticeships.
- v. Savings on vehicle procurement.
- vi. Flexible working arrangements in place.

Development

- i. Talks continuing on Arnold Health Centre.
- ii. Success of Newstead bid for Vanguard status.
- iii. Compliments to Building Control and Waste Management.

Public Protection

- i. Successful ASBO application.
- ii. New vehicle licence plates for Hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

Customer and Members' Services

i. Sunday Times assessment of Council as 'One to Watch'.

RESOLVED:

To note the reports.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.