

CABINET

Thursday 4 August 2011

Councillor W J Clarke (Chair)

Councillors:	M R Payne (Vice chair)	J Creamer
	R A Allan	J Hollingsworth
	P Feeney	D E Pulk
	R F Spencer (Observer)	P A Hughes (Observer)

Officers in attendance: J Robinson, P Baguley, K Tansley, J Brothwell, H Barrington, D Parton, A Bennett and A Ball.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2011

RESOLVED

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

4 SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Strategy and Performance setting out details of the implications for Gedling arising from Nottinghamshire County Council's reduction in its Supporting People Budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) To make further strong representations to Nottinghamshire County Council about our concerns for the people of Gedling arising from Supporting People budget reductions.
- (2) To request the Head of Customer Services and Organisational Development to closely monitor the number of people approaching the Housing Needs service and to report back on any trends or issues that might reasonably be seen to be a result of changes to Supporting People.

5 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Senior Management Team.

RESOLVED

- (1) To approve the changes to Performance Indicator targets as detailed in paragraph 3.11 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 change in the General Fund above £50,000 for the LAA Performance Reward Grant allocation of £82,000 and refer it to Council for approval.
- (4) To note the capital programme schemes totalling £30,000 proposed for deferral into 2011/2012 and the additional Arnold Town Development Scheme of £100,000 funded from £70,000 LAA Performance Reward grant and £30,000 revenue contribution to capital, and refer to Council for approval.
- (5) 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.

6 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2011/12 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT – QUARTER 1 TO 30 JUNE 2011

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Corporate Services and to an amended set of recommendations circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

To note the Prudential Indicator Monitoring at Appendix 1, and the Treasury Activity Report at Appendix 2, and to refer the report to Full Council for approval of the revisions to the indicators as follows:

INDICATOR	ORIGINAL	REVISED
Capital Expenditure	£2,676,900	£3,455,700

Ratio of financing costs	5.65%	5.75%
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)	£11,303,162	£11,550,362
Net borrowing and CFR	£20,484,329	£12,981,529
Authorised limit for external debt	£24,000,000	£16,500,000
Operational boundary for external debt	£23,500,000	£15,500,000
Upper limit for fixed interest exposure	£20,500,000	£13,000,000

7 ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer outlining the contents of the Annual Review letter and report from the Office of the Local Government Ombudsman.

RESOLVED to note the report.

8 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND 2013 REVIEW UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Strategy and Performance updating Members on progress with the Boundary Commission for England 2013 review of parliamentary constituency boundaries.

RESOLVED to note the report.

9 MEMBERS QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor R F Spencer asked the Leader of the Council what the money from the possible sale of Mapperley Golf Course would be used for. In response, the Leader commented that it would be used to create jobs and homes, a new country park and the provision of an access road.

Councillor C Barnfather asked the Leader of the Council how long the Labour Group had been negotiating with the City Council over the development of Mapperley Golf Club. The Leader responded that there had been no such negotiations.

In response to a question received from Councillor M Weisz the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing acknowledged that the impact of Supporting

People budget reductions would be monitored.

In response to a question received from Councillor P McCauley to the Leader of the Council, the Council's Solicitor and Monitoring Officer undertook to consider whether there were grounds for a legal challenge of the County Council's reduction in Supporting People funding.

In response to a question received from Councillor J Truscott, the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture explained that the Council's insurance cover did not extend to individual voluntary organisations and that they needed to make their own arrangements for cover. He added that some members might be willing to allocate funding from their Member's Pot to support them with this.

10 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Cabinet noted progress reports from Portfolio Holders on a range of matters relating to their responsibilities.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.