

CABINET

Thursday 2nd February 2012

Councillor W J Clarke (Chair) (a)

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

Officers in attendance: M Kimberley, S. Bray, H. Barrington, P. Darlington, D. Wakelin, J Ansell.

In the absence of Councillor W.J Clarke, Chair, the meeting was chaired by Councillor Payne

85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor W.J. Clarke

86 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th JANUARY 2012.

RESOLVED:

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

87 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

Items for Decision

88 NOMINATION TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Consideration was given to a report of Stephen Bray, Corporate Director, which had been previously circulated, requesting the nomination of Councillor Key to the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Joint Committee. A request had also been received to replace Councillor Feeney with Councillor Pulk on the Mapperley Golf Club Committee, on which the Council has three representatives.

RESOLVED:

To nominate Councillor Key to the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside

London Joint Committee

To replace Councillor Feeney with Councillor Pulk as one of the Council's three representatives on the Mapperley Golf Club Committee

89 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director, which had been previously circulated, informing Cabinet of the position against improvement actions and performance indicators and the likely outturn of Revenue and Capital Budgets 2011/12 and details of virements approved in Q3 2011/12.

RESOLVED:

To approve the changes to Performance Indicator targets as detailed in paragraph 3.9 and 3.10 of the report, as amendments to the agreed Council Plan.

To agree the General Fund Revenue Budget changes as set out in appendix 2 of the report

To agree further amendments to the capital programme schemes totalling a reduction of £800,000 for deferral schemes; savings of £6,400 in respect of completed schemes and; the further addition of £50,000 for improvements to Burton Road play area funded by a grant contribution from WREN and the addition of £53,000 for Disabled Facilities Grants funded by additional Government Grant.

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.

90 NATIONAL DOMESTIC RATES WRITE OFF

Consideration was given to a report of Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director, which had been previously circulated, outlining a case whereby Mr W., a business rates customer in the Borough of Gedling had entered into an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (IVA), resulting in a request to Cabinet for the write off of £42,797.55 in respect of outstanding National Non Domestic Rates for his property.

RESOLVED:

To write off the full balance of £42,797.55 owed by Mr W.

Items for Information

91 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING Q3 2011/12 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT Q3 (31 DECEMBER 2011)

Consideration was given to a report of Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director, which had been previously circulated, informing Members of the performance monitoring of the 2011/12 Prudential Code Indicators and advising Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED:

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

92 MEMBERS QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

None received

93 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor J. Hollingsworth (Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing) gave an update on the Landlords Forum held recently at the Civic Centre, which had been worthwhile and will be repeated in the future and aimed at different sections of the community. She also reported the current with bed and breakfast provision under the Cold Weather Policy, and gave details of a forthcoming meeting of the Nottingham North East Clinical Commissioning Group on 1st March at Byron Court.

Councillor Pulk, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture reported on the recent Chinese New Year Event which had received positive feedback from participants and reported on progress of the upcoming twinning visit by representatives from Rotenburgh. He urged Members to get involved in hosting the Civic guests and in contributing ideas for a local theme. He made Members aware of the 'Gedling to Ashfield Tourist Trail' which is promoted on the Experience Nottingham Website, and gave details of planned joint working with Ashfield D.C. to support the Byron Society in arranging 200th Anniversary celebrations of the Luddite movement.

Councillor J. Creamer (Portfolio Holder for Community and Employee Relations) informed Members that upgrades to the Foyer will be completed by the end of February. He also gave an update on recent problems with cable and wireless links that have affected the Council's telephone lines.

Councillor R. Allan (Portfolio Holder for Economic and Strategic Development) spoke in support of Councillor Hollingsworth's report on the Landlord's Forum.

Councillor Feeney (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability) reported that the number of people using Gedling Borough

Council car parks has doubled this year, and he also outlined plans to work with local businesses on the provision of local toilet facilities.

Councillor M. Payne (Portfolio Holder for Communications and Public Protection) reported on the Localisation of Council Tax and the potential implications for Local Authorities. He explained that Rushcliffe BC is leading on the development of a Nottinghamshire wide scheme to run from April 2013, with a 6 week timeframe in which to consult on and implement proposals. He also informed Members of a reduction in crime of 4.5% and corresponding reductions in antisocial behaviour in the Borough. He further reported that he and the Leader are in discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioners on the role of District Authorities with regard to Crime Panels.