

CABINET

Thursday, 6th September, 2012

Councillor M.R. Payne (Chair)

Councillors: W.J. Clarke (Vice Chair) S.M. Creamer
 K. Fox J. Hollingsworth
 D.E. Pulk C.P. Barnfather (Observer)
 P.A. Hughes (Observer)

Officers in Attendance: J. Robinson, H. Barrington, M. Kimberley, S. Bray, D. Wakelin, P. Darlington, L. Parnell

Also in Attendance: C. Eyre, Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Clarke who would be arriving late.

22 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair, subject to the following amendment:

1. That Councillor Barnfather's apologies for absence be recorded.

23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

24 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND JOINT STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT.

Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police Force, Chris Eyre, gave a presentation to Cabinet and answered Members questions on the force's Joint Strategic Assessment and the formulation of the Police and Crime Plan.

RESOLVED:

To note the information and thank the Chief Constable for his time.

25 COMMUNITY PROTECTION STATEMENT POLICY

Consideration was given to a report of David Wakelin, Corporate Director, which had been previously circulated, presenting a Community Protection Policy Statement and Domestic Violence and Abuse Policy Statement.

Members were also updated on the progress towards putting in place a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training Plan for the Council.

The Chair asked that the Corporate Director, David Wakelin, thanks officers for their work on the policies.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Adopt the Community Protection Policy as attached at Appendix A;
- 2) Adopt the Domestic Violence & Abuse Policy as attached at Appendix B; and
- 3) Note the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training Plan, as attached at Appendix C.

26 SCRUTINY REPORTS

Consideration was given to a report of Councillor Mike Hope, Chair of the Overview Scrutiny Committee, which had been previously circulated informing Cabinet and relevant Portfolio Holders of the findings and recommendations of the Economic Development, Use and Generation of Energy and Joint Procurement reviews.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To review the recommendations made; and
- 2) That the appropriate Portfolio Holders respond to the respective reports to the November Overview Scrutiny Committee.

27 NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

Consideration was given to a report of Stephen Bray, Corporate Director, which had been previously circulated, informing Members of a request for a nomination to the East Midlands Councils and of the

requirement to renew the Council's representation on the Local Government Association's Rural and Urban Commissions.

RESOLVED:

1) that Members approve the nomination of Councillor W.J Clarke to the East Midlands Councils board, and to the following subsidiary boards:

- The Regional Employers Board
- The European and International Sounding Board;

2) that Members also approve his nomination as a substitute member of the East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership; and

3) that members approve Councillor M R Payne's appointment to the Local Government Association Rural and Urban Commissions.

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QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT.

Consideration was given to a report of the Senior Leadership Team, which had been previously circulated, informing Cabinet of the position against Improvement Actions and Performance Indicators in the 2012/13 Council Plan and to seek Cabinet approval for changes to a number of targets.

Cabinet were also informed of the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2012/13 financial year and approval for a number of budget changes was sought.

RESOLVED to:

1) Approve the changes to Improvement Action targets (including the deletion of two actions) as detailed in paragraph 3.9 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 and below;

3) To note the budget change in the General Fund above £50,000 for the New Burdens Grant and expenditure for the Localisation of Council Tax of £84,000 and refer it to Council for approval;

4) To agree an amendment to the Capital Program of £56,000 for a contribution to Calverton Parish Council for play equipment funded by a

S106 contribution and refer it to Council for approval; and

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 the Performance Review Scrutiny Committee.

29 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING Q1 2012/13 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT Q1.

Consideration was given to a report of Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director and Chief Financial Officer, which has previously been circulated, informing Members of the performance monitoring of the 2012/13 Prudential Code indicators and to advise Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

30 APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Consideration was given to a report of the Planning Policy Manager, which had been previously circulated, providing notice of the intention of Calverton Parish Council to produce a neighbourhood plan for the parish of Calverton.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

31 ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

Consideration was given to a report of Helen Barrington, Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, and Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director and Chief Financial Officer, which had been circulated previously, informing Members of the receipt of the Annual Review letter from the Office of the Local Government Ombudsman.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

32 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor Pulk (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Development)

- Councillor Pulk wished to thank Members and Officers for their work on the Gedling Show, which was the best attended show thus far.
- Councillor Pulk made Members aware of significant public interest in the planning application for a Crematorium on Catfoot Lane.
- South Nottinghamshire College is now the Council's preferred training partner and a process is currently underway to identify alternative suppliers where necessary.
- An application for wind turbines in Woodborough, which had been turned down by the Council was taken to judicial review. The court commended Officers for their due diligence and the Council's decision was sustained. Councillor Pulk wished to pass his thanks to the legal team for their work on this.
- Councillor Pulk made Members aware of a recent successful bid to the Joint Advisory Board for funding for the Gedling Country Park.

Councillor Creamer (Portfolio Holder for the Environment)

- Councillor Creamer made Members aware of various Public Realms Works that were currently underway and also a number that had been recently completed.
- 3 apprentices have recently been taken on within Councillor Creamer's portfolio.

Councillor Fox (Portfolio Holder for Community Development)

- Councillor Fox took up her role as Portfolio Holder for Community Development very recently and updated Members on her induction process thus far.
- Gedling Show was well attended and work has now begun on planning for next year's show. Councillor Fox made Members aware of her intention to review the show to ensure that the Council's community engagements objectives are fully met.
- A Civic Twinning visit will begin on the 13th of September and will see the Burgermeister and his delegation from Rotenburg in Germany visiting the Borough.

Councillor Hollingsworth (Portfolio Holder for Health and Housing)

- Currently revisiting the Council's strategies on Homelessness, Housing Allocations and Tenancy in light of changes due to the Localism agenda.
- Homelessness applications are sustained and the Council's case load remains high.
- A consultation is currently underway on the changes to Council Tax Benefit.

- The Health and Wellbeing Board met on the 5th of September and Members were directed to the Board's website for information from the meeting.
- Members were informed that the next meeting with the Clinical Commissioning Groups' would take place next week after the last meeting was cancelled.

Councillor Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- A Higher Level Apprentice is now in post in Finance, working towards NVQ 4/5 Level qualifications.
- Councillor Clarke congratulated Councillor Hollingsworth on her work on the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Councillor Clarke made Members aware of the Borough's school's performance above the local and national average in recent examinations.
- JRL, a steel company, has recently moved into the Borough and will potentially create 75 jobs by Christmas 2012.
- Councillor Clarke discussed a recent meeting regarding the 4th Trent Crossing.

Councillor Payne (Public Protection and Communications)

- Councillor Payne gave an update on a community speed watch initiative that was initiated by Councillors Hughes and Ellwood. The Council has now purchased necessary equipment and will be one of the only Council's to put a Council wide program in place.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

33 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

No questions were received.

34 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

The Chair made Members aware of an intention to change the time of Cabinet meetings, with future meetings taking place during working hours. Further information will be communicated to Members in due course.