

CABINET MEETING
Thursday, 7th February, 2013

Present: W.J. Clarke

Councillors: S.M. Creamer
K. Fox
J. Hollingsworth
M.R. Payne
D.E. Pulk

Observers: C.P. Barnfather(Observer)(a)
P.A. Hughes(Observer)

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

88 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Barnfather.

89 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2013

RESOLVED:

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

90 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

91 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT

Corporate Director, Stephen Bray, and Chief Financial Officer, Mark Kimberley, presented a report informing Cabinet of the position against Improvement Actions and Performance Indicators in the 2012/2013 Council Plan, on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2012/2013 financial year and seeking approval for target and budget changes.

RESOLVED:

a) To approve the changes to Performance Indicator and Action targets as detailed in paragraph 2.1.7 of the report, as an amendment to the agreed Council Plan;

b) To note the General Fund Revenue Budget changes included within Appendix 1 and approve the budget changes of £50,000 and below;

c) To note the General Fund Revenue Budget changes above £50,000 as listed below and refer them to Council for approval:

- Net increase in Rent Allowances
£70,000

d) To approve the Capital Programme changes of £50,000 and below:

- Asset Management Fund slippage (£34,500)
- Shopmobility slippage (£50,000)
- King George V Play Area addition £50,000

e) To note the addition to the capital programme of £105,000 for the Disabled Facilities Grant funded by Government Grant and refer it to Council for approval;

f) To note the reduction in the Capital Programme due to savings of the Photovoltaic Panel scheme of £94,900 and refer to Council for approval;

g) To note the slippage within the capital programme for the changes over £50,000 as listed below and refer them to Council for approval;

- Affordable Housing Scheme £229,700
- Office Accommodation Joint Working £450,000
- Arnold Town Centre redevelopment £100,000
- Cemeteries Land Purchase £360,000

h) 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.

monitoring of the 2012/13 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 Treasury Activity Report for Quarter 3 at Appendix 1, and the Prudential and Treasury Indicator Monitoring for Quarter 3 at Appendix 3.

93 SATISFACTION SURVEY

Corporate Director, Stephen Bray, presented the findings of a recently conducted Customer Satisfaction Survey.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

94 DETERMINATION OF NON DOMESTIC RATES RETURN

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Kimberley, presented a report, which had been circulated previously, seeking approval from Cabinet to delegate the determination of the Council's Business Rates base to the Council's Section 151 Officer.

RESOLVED:

To delegate the determination of the Council's Business Rates base to the Section 151 Officer.

95 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Corporate Director, Paula Darlington, presented a report, which had been circulated previously, seeking approval to bring the revised Local Development Scheme into effect on 1st March 2013.

RESOLVED:

To agree that the revised Local Development Scheme approved by Cabinet on 10th January 2013 shall come into effect on 1st March 2013.

96 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Elections

and Members' Services, presenting the Executive's draft Forward Plan for the next four month period.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor Pulk (Leisure and Development)

- Councillor Pulk thanked the Service Manager, Planning and Economic Development for facilitating a recent public meeting with the developers attached to crematorium applications.
- Willow giants that were made by Gedling youngsters were featured at the Aurora light show at Rufford Park in December and will be displayed at the Notts Light Festival in February.
- A program to help reduce isolation in partnership with Gedling Homes will take place during February.
- The Rock School at the Loco Centre has exceeded all targets and been very successful.
- Additional funding has been secured for the Goals Project which has secured Gedling Borough Council and Forest FC's involvement for the year.
- An event will take place in Calverton on the 1st of March to celebrate 50 years of the Phoenix Boxing Club.
- Funding for the year has been secured for both the "Heartbeats" and "Positive Moves" programs.
- An online payments system for "pay as you go" use of Gedling Borough Council's Leisure Centres went live on the 4th of February.
- An application has been made for funding to create disabled access changing facilities at Calverton Leisure Centre.
- Nottinghamshire County Council will be funding works to improve the surfacing of the car park near the all weather-pitches at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre.

Councillor Creamer (Environment)

- Thanks to staff working on waste collections over the recent severe weather.
- Officers are currently looking at a policy regarding the gritting of car parks
- The public realms works in Newstead are due to be completed by April.
- There has been a slight delay with work at King George V Playing Fields due to a technical query but contracts have been awarded for

the work.

- The photovoltaic panels on the Council's buildings have generated 29.34kw of power between their installation and December.

Councillor Hollingsworth (Health and Housing)

- The cold weather plan is still in place and 3 rough sleepers have been accommodated thus far.
- The next meeting of the health delivery group is scheduled for the 26th of February.
- A launch date for a new loneliness campaign will be decided soon.

Councillor Fox (Community Development)

- A Chinese New Year event will be held on Saturday 9th February, including workshops for SEN children.
- Due to severe weather, the Gedling Funding Fair has been rescheduled for 2pm- 7pm on the 5th of March at the Richard Herrod Centre.
- The Council's equalities objectives are now available on the webpage.
- A no- smoking event will take place in Netherfield on the 9th of March between 10am and 3.30pm.
- The next meeting of the Netherfield Locality Partnership will be on the 20th of February.
- An event to review and celebrate the Newstead Parish Plan will take place on the 23rd of March.
- Councillor Fox would like to pass her thanks to all staff involved in making events such as those above such a success, from locality co-ordinators, to leisure staff and Corporate Directors.

Councillor Payne (Communication and Public Protection)

- A decision has been made to reduce the distribution of Contacts magazine to twice yearly, but with more and more diverse content.
- Gedling Borough Council's mortgage scheme recently received national press coverage in the Mail on Sunday.
- Councillor Payne asked that thanks be passed to Cathy Evans from the Council's Housing Needs section, who bravely intervened in an assault and removed the victim from the situation on the 29th of January.
- Councillor Payne also asked that the Council's thanks to Mr Roy Francis who recently passed away. Mr Francis had made a huge contribution to the local area, local politics and Arnold Town FC.
- Funding to tackle fuel poverty has been secured. This will allow a targeted program of boiler replacement and the provision of cavity wall

and loft insulation.

- Gedling Borough Council will be working in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council on a collective energy switching scheme which is due to launch on the 12th of February.

Councillor Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- Budget Cabinet to take place on the 14th of February.
- At the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel, an increase of 1.9% to the Police precept was passed.
- Councillor Clarke requested that Councillors and staff keep an eye out for and report overflowing commercial bins around the Borough as these are creating litter.

98 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

In response to a request from Councillor Hughes, Councillor Creamer agreed to pass thanks on to Caroline McKenzie, Service Manager for work in keeping Councillors updated on waste collections during the bad weather.

In response to a question from Councillor Paling, Corporate Director, David Wakelin provided an update on the work of the Gedling Food Bank.

99 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.