

CABINET

Thursday, 21st February 2008

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

Councillors:	A.S. Bexon	G.V. Clarke
	W.H. Golland	R.J. Nicholson
	J.M. Parr	V.C. Pepper
	W.J. Clarke (Observer)	A.J. Gillam (Observer)
	G.E. Withers (Observer)	

93 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2008.

RESOLVED:

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

94 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Senior Management Team on the Quarterly Budget Monitoring, Performance Digest & Virement Report

RESOLVED: -

- i. To approve the budget changes of £50,000 & below, in the General Fund Revenue Portfolios as detailed at Appendix 1.
- ii. To approve the budget changes of £50,000 & below, in the Housing Revenue Account as detailed at Appendix 2.
- iii. To note the Revenue Budgets above £50,000 included within Appendices 1 & 2 & also listed below & refer them to the Personnel & Resources Committee for approval.

General Fund

Leisure-Changing Lifestyles Action Plan (£120,000) Scheme deferred, partially offset by reduction in Big Lottery contribution of £100,000.

Carlton Forum - reduction in income £121,900

Finance-Increased Investment Interest (£89,000)

Concessionary Fares-setting up costs of new travel scheme £77,500 matched by Travel Concession Grant (£77,500)

iv. To note the change in accounting treatment of the £400,000 New Charter contribution, in respect of LSVT expenditure between Revenue & Capital financing.

v. To approve the budget changes in the capital programme of £50,000 & below, as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix 3.

vi. To note the budget changes in the capital programme above £50,000 as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix 3, and listed below, and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.

- Disabled Facilities Grants - £80,000 (met by bid to GOEM).

- LSVT - £190,000 (met by contribution from New Charter).

- Car Parking Charging - (£140,000).

vii. To note the capital programme schemes totalling £1,230,500 proposed for deferral into 2008/2009 as detailed in paragraph 4.7 and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval.

viii. To approve the changes to Improvement Task targets as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report, as an amendment to the Council's agreed Budget/Service Plan.

ix. Forward the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Information to the Personnel and Resources Committee;

x. To include details of budget and performance monitoring in a quarterly performance digest, for circulation to all members and for publication on the Council's website and Intranet;

xi. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4.

95 FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2008-2013

The Head of Corporate Services submitted a report that recommended to Cabinet the adoption of the Financial Strategy 2008-2013 submitted at Appendix 1, which showed the Council had minimal financial risk over the 5 year planning horizon.

RESOLVED:

To approve the adoption of the financial strategy 2008-2013 submitted at Appendix 1 and to note the Audit Commission report submitted at Appendix 2.

96 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09

The Head of Finance submitted a report that summarised the Council's capital programme for 2008/2009 and future years in the light of the Council's priorities and the resources available.

The Cabinet had made its final budget proposals after consideration of the comments made by the Policy Review Scrutiny Committee in respect of the draft budget and their comments were summarised in paragraph 6.5 of the report.

The capital programme determined by Cabinet at this meeting would be referred to the Council Budget meeting on 5 March 2008 for final approval.

The detailed capital programme proposals were shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

The table in the report summarised the proposed Capital Programme for 2008/09. The full programme of schemes was presented at Appendix 1.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council on 5 March 2008 that:

- i) The capital financing available for 2008/2009 be noted.
- ii) The likely resources available for 2009/10 and 2010/11 be noted.
- iii) The capital programme for 2008/09 at Appendix 1 be approved.
- iv) The Housing Investment Programme for 2008/09 at Appendix 1 be approved

97 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2008/2009

The Head of Corporate Services and Head of Housing on behalf of Portfolio holder for Housing and Health submitted a report that presented to Cabinet the Housing and Health Portfolio holder's proposed expenditure and performance plans for 2008/2009.

RESOLVED To approve:-

- i) The rent increase for 2008-2009 of 5.48% giving an average increase in rent of £2.99 per week and the Housing Revenue Account elements of the

Performance Plan.

ii) That Piper lifelines are increased in line with RPI in accordance with the agreements.

iii) That garage rents are increased in line with the rent increase 5.48%

iv) That other service charges are increased by 4.4%

v) That supporting people charges are increased by 3%, subject to confirmation from Notts County Council

98 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN 2008/09

The Head of Corporate Services and the Head of Strategy and Performance submitted a report that presented the General Fund Revenue Budget and Service Plan for 2008/09 for approval.

The Cabinet had made its final service plan and budget proposals after consideration of the comments made by the Policy Review Scrutiny Committee in respect of the draft service plan and budget. The draft General Fund Revenue Budget & Service Plan and their comments made were included in the report.

Statutory consultation with business ratepayers was currently being undertaken and any responses received would be presented at the meeting.

The final Budget and Service Plan proposals determined by Cabinet would be considered at the Council Budget meeting on 5 March 2008. The Borough Council had a statutory responsibility to determine its council tax by 10 March.

The Council's Strategic Corporate Plan 2005-2008 had set out priorities and Key Improvement Plans for that period and incorporated the statutory requirement to produce a Best Value Performance Plan. It also included a summary of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

The tables in the report highlighted the main areas of increased expenditure and additional efficiencies.

The table in the report summarised the proposed General Fund Budget for 2008/09. The detailed budgets together with service plans were presented at Appendix 2 and the major variances between the original estimate for 2007/08 and the estimate for 2008/09 were analysed by Portfolio at Appendix 3.

The proposed resource development bids for 2008/09 were shown in the report together with the revenue implications of the Capital programme and the

proposed methods of Financing.

The Policy Review Scrutiny Committee had requested Cabinet to reconsider the provision of additional resource to support the proposals in the fly tipping report and include the budget bids at P&ER4 (Environmental Enforcement Officer) and DR1 (Enviro-Crime Busters) within the budget proposals.

In response to this request, the portfolio holder for Direct Services and Property had reviewed the available resources and had recommended that additional funding of £9,500 be directed towards the prevention and removal of fly tipping.

The report also detailed the Medium term Financial Plan and the Financial Risk Issues.

The Head of Finance also recommended that the target date to provide procurement options for the future management of the Borough's leisure centres be amended to March 2009 as previously advised.

After consideration it was: -

RESOLVED:

- i. That the Council reiterates its commitment to an enhanced concessionary travel scheme in partnership with other districts and the County Council.
- ii. To agree to the removal of the TV Licence concession, effective from 1 April 2008.
- iii. To agree the revenue resource developments contained in the report, and to note the effects of the approved Capital Programme
- iv. To recommend to Council on 5 March 2008 a Council Tax increase of 3% to balance the financing of a Net Budget Requirement of £14,123,100 in 2008/09.
- v. That the target date to provide procurement options for the future management of the Borough's leisure centres be amended to March 2009

99 CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF OFF-STREET PARKING

The Head of Democratic and Community Services submitted a report that requested Cabinet approval for the Gedling Borough Council (Civil Enforcement Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008 and delegations necessary for the implementation of the Order.

RESOLVED that:

1. Cabinet approve the intention to make the Gedling Borough Council (Civil Enforcement Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008.

2. The Band B penalty charge notice tariff is adopted.

3. The Head of Democratic and Community Services be authorised to carry out the formal consultation process pursuant to the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996

4. The following parking orders be revoked on the coming into force of the Gedling Borough Council (Civil Enforcement Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008;

i. The Gedling Borough Council Arnot Hill Park (Off-street Parking Places Short Stay) Order 2007.

ii. The Gedling Borough Council (Off-street Parking Places Long Stay) Order 2004.

iii. The Gedling Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places Short Stay) Order 2004.

iv. The Gedling Borough Council (Off-Street parking places Burntstump Country Park Short Stay) Order 2006.

6. If no objections are received to the proposed Gedling Borough Council (Off-Street Parking) Order 2008, the Head of Democratic and Community Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Direct Services be authorised to make the Order including the signing and sealing of all necessary documentation and to carry out the required notifications following the making of the Order.

100 HONEYWOOD GARDENS COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

The Head of Democratic and Community Services submitted a report that requested Members consideration whether to proceed with a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the garage courts at Honeywood Gardens.

RESOLVED:

Not to proceed with the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order and to request that officers work with the residents to explore other solutions

101 PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT: PLANNING AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SUPPLEMENT TO PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 1)

Consideration was given to a Planning Policy Statement on Planning and Climate Change (Supplement to Planning Policy Statement 1)

RESOLVED:

To note the report

102 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That, the members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

103 ARNOLD TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN

Consideration was given to a confidential report of the Head of Planning and Environment on the Arnold Town Centre Masterplan

RESOLVED:

1. That the Phase 3 report be accepted.
2. That, subject to budgetary provision being made available, the Borough Council undertake phase four of the project by seeking expressions of interest from specialist legal and property advisors prior to seeking a development partner through a developer competition.
3. That Nottingham Regeneration Limited be retained as advisors on the appointment process.
4. That a development brief be drafted.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm