

CABINET

Thursday, 4 November 2010

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

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

Officers in attendance: P Murdock, J Robinson, S M Sale, M Kimberley, S Bray
P Baguley, D Parton, J Brothwell

47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V C Pepper and G E Withers

48 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2010

RESOLVED:

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

49 TOWN CENTRE SURVEY RESULTS

The Head of Strategy and Performance submitted a report to inform Members of the recent Town Centre Survey undertaken in Arnold, Mapperley, Carlton and Netherfield. Headline findings from the report were:-

- People were asked to rate their satisfaction with that particular visit to the town. 95% were either 'Fairly' or 'Very Satisfied' across the borough, with 67% or more (depending on the area) stating that they would recommend the centres to family or friends.
- The vast majority of visitors to our centres do so for shopping purposes.
- Nearly 70% of respondents felt that the variety of shops in our centres was acceptable or better.
- However, a better retail offer was the most common factor named when people were asked about what could be improved.

- Charity shops were very popular amongst respondents, with 67% of people using them – and over 40% of these visiting more than once a week.
- In terms of shoppers' satisfaction with environmental factors within the centres, people again were generally happy. In particular, the majority of people gave 'Good' or 'Excellent' responses relating to satisfaction levels with litter and graffiti across the borough.
- Netherfield had lower satisfaction levels with environmental factors than in other areas, but they were still mainly considered to be 'Fair' or better.
- 91% of people stated that they feel safe during the day in our centres. This dropped to an average of 44% in the evening, apart from in Mapperley, where it only dropped to 63%, reflecting the stronger evening economy in this centre.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

50 QUARTERLEY BUDGET MONITORING PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT.

The Senior Management Team submitted the Quarterly Budget Monitoring, Performance Digest & Virement Report.

To inform Cabinet of the position against Improvement Actions and Performance Indicators in the 2010/2011 Council Plan

To seek Cabinet approval for changes to targets,

to update Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2010/2011 financial year.

to seek Cabinet approval where required for budget changes and to inform Cabinet of virements approved during quarter ended September 2010.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the changes to Improvement Action targets as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report, as an amendment to the agreed Council Plan

2. To approve the deletion of National Indicators derived from the Place Survey from the Covalent System, as listed at paragraph 3.11, following the cancellation of the Place Survey, and their deletion from the Council Plan where included in it

3. To approve amended reporting arrangements for the National Indicators

listed at paragraph 3.14 and their deletion from the Council Plan where included in it

4. To note the General Fund Revenue Budget changes included within Appendix 2 and approve the budget changes of £50,000 & below
5. To note the revenue budget changes in the General Fund above £50,000 as listed below, and refer them to Personnel and Resources Committee for approval:

Crime Reduction grants to be administered by Broxtowe (£117,900)
Offset by grant income transferring £117,900

East Midlands Improvement Efficiency Partnership £116,600
Offset by corresponding income (£116,600)

Land Charges reduced income £55,200

Senior Management Team restructure (one-off costs) £86,000

Settlement of VAT claim (£592,300)

Offset by transfer to balances £592,300

6. To note the reduction in the Capital Programme due to the grant from EMDA for the Strategic Property Purchase being reduced by (£500,000) and refer to P&R for approval.

7. To note the addition of the Affordable Housing Scheme in the Capital Programme for £264,700 funded by a S106 commuted sum and refer to P&R for approval.

8. To note the virements as detailed in Appendix 4

9. 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

10. To forward the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Information to the Personnel And Resources Committee

51 MEMBERS QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

.Councillor Barnes asked if there was a restriction on the number of charity shops. There are no restrictions specific to charity shops.

52 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH 2007

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required

the Council to consider and adopt a prescribed governance model.

RESOLVED

To recommend to Council

1. To adopt the Leader and Cabinet model of governance pursuant to S.11 Local Government Act 2000 with effect from 8th May 2011.
2. That article 7 of the Council's constitution be amended by the deletion of Article 7.03 01(a) and substituted by the insertion of the following:
 - (a) The expiry of four years from the date of his/her election to the office of Leader of the Council or until the first Council meeting after he/she stands for re-election as a Borough Councillor, whichever is the sooner ,or.-

53 CHARITABLE TRUSTS

The Head of Democratic & Community Services submitted a report to establish an Independent Panel to consider issues affecting any charity where the Council is the sole trustee. This will deal with the issue of conflict of interest and ensure that decisions are taken in the best interests of the charity..

RESOLVED

That a Charities Independent Panel be established consisting of five appointees independent of the Council with the remit set out in the report.

The Panel will have a required quorum of three members

54 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2110/11 & QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Head of Corporate Services submitted a report to inform Members of the performance monitoring of the 2010/11 Prudential Code Indicators, and to advise Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy. CIPFA issued a revised Code of Practice for Treasury Management in November 2009, following consultation with local authorities during the year. The revised Code suggests that members should be informed of Treasury Management activities at least twice a year, and preferably quarterly. The Council have long adopted this "best practice", and are fully compliant with the new Code.

Appendix 1 details the Prudential and Treasury Management indicators for 2010/11, together with the monitoring position at 30 September 2010.

The Treasury Activity Report for the quarter ended 30 September 2010 is attached at Appendix 2

RESOLVED

Members are asked to note the Prudential Indicator Monitoring at Appendix 1, and the Treasury Activity Report at Appendix 2.

55. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The following progress reports on items within their remit were received from Portfolio Holders:

Finance

- i. Waiting for settlement notification in December.

Leisure & Wellbeing

- i. Effect of budget cuts in public sector.
- ii. Gedling Town.

Direct Services

Development Enterprise

- i. Christmas refuse collection arrangements
- ii. Supply of grit
- iii. Contract with Gedling Homes renewed

Strategic Planning

- i. Craft fair planned for November
- i. 1-1 Business link trial to start
- ii. Economic Development Officer achieving results

Safe & Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Customer and Member Services

- i. Choice based letting system

RESOLVED

To note the Reports

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm