

## CABINET

Thursday 3 May 2012

Councillor W J Clarke (Chair)

**Councillors:**

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

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

**Guests:** Tammy Coles, Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust

### 108 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Barnfather.

### 109 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2012.

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

### 110 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 111 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SUBSTANCE MISUSE STRATEGY 2012 - 15

Consideration was given to a verbal presentation by Tammy Coles of the Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust, on the draft Nottinghamshire Substance Misuse Strategy 2012 – 15, which had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED** to:

- 1) Thank Tammy Coles for the presentation
- 2) Note the contents of the draft strategy
- 3) Note that David Wakelin, Corporate Director, would respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council and provide Cabinet Members with a copy of that response.

## **112 SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – END OF YEAR CRIME STATISTICS**

Councillor Payne introduced a presentation by Dave Wakelin, Corporate Director and David Jayne, Crime and Community Safety Coordinator. Referring to the data report produced by Dave Wakelin, Corporate Director, he acknowledged the excellent work carried out by officers leading to the substantial reduction in incidents of a range of crime and anti social behaviour.

The presentation highlighted the work of the newly formed South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership and an information brochure was circulated which detailed the successes and areas for improvement over the previous year. Further information was provided regarding future strategy and priority areas of work.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) To thank Dave Wakelin and David Jayne for their presentation
- 2) To promote the opportunity to visit the CCTV facilities to all Members
- 3) To circulate Ward level Crime and Community Safety statistics and web links to the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership key documents to all Members.

### **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

## **113 REDESIGN AND RESTRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Consideration was given to a report of Paula Darlington, Corporate Director, which had been previously circulated, informing Cabinet of proposals to restructure the way that community engagement was delivered by the Council.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) To note the final staffing structures following the review and redesign of the Community Engagement function as detailed.
- 2) To acknowledge that the new staffing structure exceeds current staffing budget provision, however, it is considered that this should be contained within the overall budgets of the Council.
- 3) To note that it was expected to avoid any potential redundancy costs as displaced staff could be redeployed into suitable alternative roles

within the Council.

- 4) On the basis that any staffing budget shortfall would be met by virement from permanent under spend elsewhere within the Council as the financial year progresses, to allow the Corporate Director to proceed to gain approval for implementation of the new structure from the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service.

## **114 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Councillor Feeney (Environment and Sustainability) gave updates on the following:

- The Public Realms Budget and work programme
- Apprenticeships at the Council
- The Memorial Cycle Park in memory of Josh Dale

Councillor Allan (Portfolio Holder for Economic and Strategic Development) gave updates on the following:

- The Employment and Skills Board
- The Draft Aligned Core Strategy
- The Economic Development work programme
- The Enterprise Day event held at the Richard Herrod Centre

Councillor Pulk (Leisure and Culture) gave updates on the following:

- Nottingham Trent University Graduates provision of business planning support to the Leisure DNA programme
- Bestwood Male Voice Choir letter of thanks for grant to allow 80 people to visit the twin town of Rotenburg
- Members Pot Donations to the Gedling Play Forum to help with a drop in centre for parents with special educational needs
- The Leisure access/attendance retention Initiative
- Richard Herrod Centre 25 Anniversary event – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Councillor Creamer (Portfolio Holder for Community and Employee Relations) gave an update on the following:

- APSE award submission for the Member Induction Programme 2011/12

Councillor Hollingsworth (Health and Wellbeing) gave updates on the following:

- The work flow of the Housing Needs Team
- Welfare reform and credit unions
- Common Homelessness Strategy with Broxtowe and Rushcliffe

Borough Councils

- Tenancy Strategy (part of Localism requirements)
- The Mental Health agenda
- Single room rate for under 25 year olds

Councillor Payne (Communications and Public Protection) gave updates on the following:

- Review of the Communications Strategy, including:
- Communications: press releases
- Increased capacity in Communications
- Formal links with Nottingham Trent University: journalism students
- Maximising use of other media
- How we are communicating on the formal consultation on the Aligned Core Strategy
- Community Awards and Roll of Honour proposal

Councillor Clarke (Finance and Performance) gave updates on the following:

- Plans to install the commemorative plaque currently held in Leisure to the Council Chamber.
- Best performance in Benefits for April – staff recognition
- The quality and positive feedback received on the new style Contacts
- Council Tax support
- Rural Broadband Access

## **115 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

No questions were received