

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 8 January 2015

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes

Councillor Darrell Pulk
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather

Absent: Councillor Kathryn Fox and Councillor Paul Hughes

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington, J Robinson, S Bray, A Ball and
L Parnell

189 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fox and Councillor Hughes (observer).

190 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2014.

RESOLVED:

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

191 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

192 PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT.

The Financial Services Manager presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, giving details of the provisional finance settlement for the next financial year.

RESOLVED to:

- (a) Note the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement;
- (b) Approve in principle the payment of £47,500 grant funding to the Parish Councils as detailed in paragraph 2.1.4 of the report;

- (c) Approve a 3% income inflation increase for the individual portfolios as shown in the table at paragraph 2.3 of the report; and
- (d) Approve the draft letter attached at Appendix B to the report for circulation to a selection of Business Ratepayers.

193 FORWARD PLAN.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Elections and Members' Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the Executive's draft Forward Plan for the next four month period.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

194 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Darrell Pulk (Leisure and Development)

- A gym refresh has just been completed at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre, introducing new equipment and weight training opportunities.
- Large, colourful artwork, created for the "I Will" campaign is now in place at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre.
- A recent gym refresh at Calverton is continuing to be well received. There has also been an increase in gym opening hours, which is proving successful, with the site reporting increased use and enquiries.
- A new swim timetable has been implemented at Calverton and Arnold Leisure Centres. Children have transitioned to new swimming lesson time slots largely without incident.
- There has been a 9.9% growth in DNA memberships, driven by an increase in sales and customer retention.
- Work on a new ticketing website is almost complete, subject to final testing and resources have been moved to allow for a 2 month trial period of increased admin and marketing support, including the opening of the box office twice weekly during the day time.

Councillor Barnfather entered the meeting,

Councillor Michael Payne (Public Protection and Communications)

- Crime figures showed an increase in December, against December 2013, of 10 offenses.

- The only priority plus area within the Borough, Netherfield & Colwick, is now only 0.6% away from their crime reduction target.
- The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, is intending to write to the Mayor of Paris to offer condolences following the recent tragedy.

195 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None.

196 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 1.00 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: