

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 17 December 2015

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor David Ellis

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather

Absent: Councillor Kathryn Fox

Officers in Attendance: J Robinson, H Barrington, S Bray, M Kimberley,
D Wakelin, A Dubberley and C Goodall

53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fox.

54 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

55 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

56 RETALIATORY EVICTION AND THE DEREGULATION ACT 2015

Sam Palmer, Food, Health and Housing Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, briefing members on the Retaliatory Eviction and Deregulation Act 2015.

RESOLVED to:

Note the new provisions introduced by the Retaliatory Eviction and the Deregulation Act 2015.

57 THE SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2015 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR

DETERMINING FINANCIAL PENALTIES

Sam Palmer, Food, Health and Housing Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, briefing members on the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015.

Members thanked Sam Palmer and his team for their work on this project.

RESOLVED to:

Note the new provisions introduced by the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 and the adopted 'Statement of Principles' October 2015.

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UPDATE TO THE INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, which proposed changes to the Council's information security policy.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the revised Information Security Policy at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- 2) Authorise the Corporate Director to approve future minor updates to the Policy or any changes required in order to secure Public Service Network compliance (or equivalent security standard).

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PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- Congratulations to the Parks and Street Care Team on reaching the finals of the APSE Awards.
- Further funding for play equipment on the Country Park had been secured. Work on the feasibility of a visitors centre was ongoing.
- Planning permission had been given for a housing development to the rear of Gedling Country Park.
- Consideration was being given to convert an old train line to a cycle track from Gedling Country Park to Netherfield.

Councillor Henry Wheeler (Housing, Health and Well-being)

- Demand for homelessness services had recently risen

- There was concern about the impact of Gedling Homes services due to recent financial difficulties.
- Work on tackling loneliness would continue with partners such as Age UK.
- Work on reducing smoking among residents was continuing and a meeting of the tobacco declaration group was held recently.
- Additional schools had signed up to be dementia friendly.
- The 'Goals 4 Life' and 'Girls Make it Happen' sports schemes continued to be successful.
- Grants for community sports development were to be relaunched.
- The programme of events at the Bonington Theatre continues to grow.

Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)

- The latest report had shown a continued reduction in crime in the Borough.
- A recent event about how to tackle hate crime had provided a valuable insight.
- A food premises owner in Carlton was recently convicted for repeated poor hygiene practises.
- An information session on enforcement activity had been arranged for members early in the New Year.

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)

- The Economic Development team had recently been working with local developers to maximise job opportunities.
- The Gedling Menu was a continuing success with all seven local schools now involved.
- Gedling Homes had been awarded funding to provide affordable housing in Arnold.

Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)

- The 'Keep me posted' email alert service for residents was now active.
- The Pride of Gelding awards would run again in early 2016.

- Work was being carried out to support small local businesses in times of hardship by arranging business rate relief.
- Work to settle refugees, led by the Chief Executive, had been taking place.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- Thanks was given to all departments within the Council for their hard work over the past year.
- The leader advised that he would be attending a further meeting on devolution and was hopeful to report progress soon.

60 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None.

61 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 1.45 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: