

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 14 November 2013

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes

Councillor Kathryn Fox

Observers: Councillor Paul Hughes

Absent: Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Councillor Darrell Pulk and Councillor Chris Barnfather

Guests: Councillor Bob Collis, Councillor Roxanne Ellis, Councillor Mike Hope and Councillor Henry Wheeler

Officers in Attendance: L Parnell, H Barrington, P Darlington, M Kimberley, J Robinson, D Wakelin and S Bray

54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hollingsworth, Pulk and Barnfather.

55 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2013

RESOLVED:

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

56 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

57 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT

Corporate Directors, Mark Kimberley and Stephen Bray present a report of the Senior Leadership Team, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Cabinet of the position against the 2013/14 Council Plan and to update Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2013/14 financial year.

RESOLVED:

- a) To approve the changes to Performance Indicator targets and Actions as detailed in paragraphs 2.1.7 and 2.1.8 of the report;
- b) To approve the General Fund Revenue Budget virements included within Appendix 1;
- c) To approve the changes to the Capital Programme of £50,000 and below included in paragraph 2.2.3;
- d) 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.

58 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2013/14 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

Corporate Director, Mark Kimberley, presented a report, which had been circulated previously, informing Members of the performance monitoring of the 2013/14 Prudential Code Indicators and advising Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED:

To note the report, together with the Treasury Activity Report and the Prudential and Treasury Indicator Monitoring for Quarter 2.

59 COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

Corporate Director, David Wakelin, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking adoption of a procedure and delegations to deal with nominations for buildings or land to be considered as assets of community value under the provision of the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED:

- (a) To delegate authority for the determination of whether or not assets

are listed as Assets of Community Value to the Service Manager with responsibility for the estates function;

- (b) To delegate authority be given for the determination of reviews against listing of an asset by the owner to the Corporate Director;
- (c) To delegate authority for the determination of whether or not compensation is payable to an owner of an asset, and if so what amount, to the Service Manager with responsibility for the estates function in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer;
- (d) To delegate authority for the determination of reviews against the level of compensation awarded or refusal to award compensation to the Corporate Director.
- (e) To approve the Community Right to Bid Procedure.

60 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCALISM, PLANNING AND HOUSING SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP.

Councillor Bob Collis, in his capacity as Scrutiny Working Group Chair, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Cabinet of the summary conclusions and recommendations of the Localism, Planning and Housing Scrutiny Working Group.

RESOLVED:

1. To consider the conclusions and recommendations of the Localism, Planning and Housing Scrutiny Working Group as set out in the report, and
2. That the Portfolio Holders for Health and Housing and Leisure and Development respond back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 28 days.

61 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.

62 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Kathryn Fox (Community Development)

- The Newstead Christmas Fayre and Community Safety Event will take place on the 30th of November.
- Newstead Lunch Club will meet on the 5th of December.
- Councillor Wheeler is working with the Locality Manager to familiarise them with the Killisick ward following agreement, at the last meeting of Cabinet, to extend Neighbourhood Working to this part of the Borough.
- A “Tracks in Time” event will take place on the 23rd and 24th of November in Netherfield.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- The Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office has now signed a lease and will relocate to Arnot Hill House.
- A lease has been signed for use of the Home Brewery Building.
- The Gedling Country Park forum is now set up and includes Councillors Barnes, Hollingsworth, Spencer, Fox and Ellwood.
- The Council’s Street Cleansing and Parks teams have been named APSE finalists.
- Work is due to begin on the Druid’s Car Park in the coming months.
- The Friends of Gedling Woods have secured £15,000 in funding to plant a wild forest area.
- A very cold winter is expected and the Council is prepared for this.
- It has been nice to receive such a warm welcome to the Portfolio and to have such a strong team.

Councillor Michael Payne (Public Protection and Communication)

- There has been an examination of the Aligned Core Strategy over the past few weeks and the response of the Planning Inspectorate seems to be positive. Would like to pass on thanks to the Planning Team for their hard work.
- On behalf of Councillor Hollingsworth (Health and Housing), Councillor Payne informed Members that the Landlords Forum met recently and very positive discussions took place with Nottingham Credit Union in light of the changes the benefit payments.
- There has been a small reduction in crime in the Borough, in spite of an increase across the County as a whole.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader, Finance and Performance)

- A Peer Challenge has taken place at the Borough Council over the course of the week, which has been a useful exercise. Thanks to all Officers who have taken part.

- More information about the Council's collaboration with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council will be available later in the year.
- The Gedling Business Partnership held a very successful launch event earlier this month, which was well attended and had an air of enthusiasm and positivity. The Forum has lots of events planned for the coming year.
- Discussions are on-going with the owners of Arnold Market Place regarding potential regeneration of the area.

Councillor Clarke invited the Policy Advisors for Young People and Older People to provide an update on their work.

Councillor Roxanne Ellis (Policy Advisor for Older People)

- Feedback and a report has been received following the "In Conversation with Older People" event that was held recently.
- A meeting is planned with Officers and Gedling CVS regarding access to services and digital exclusion.
- Recently attended Dementia Friendly Champion training with the Council's Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, with a view to offering training to wider Members in 2014.

Councillor Henry Wheeler (Policy Advisor for Young People)

- Recently attended a meeting regarding Nottinghamshire County Council's proposed budget reductions in Children and Young People's Services. Councillor Clarke requested that Cabinet receive a report on the budget proposals and how these are likely to impact on the Borough.
- All Secondary academies are due to take part in elections to Youth Council in February.
- Corporate Director, Stephen Bray, recently spoke to 6th form students about Individual Electoral Registration.
- An "In Conversation with Young People" event will take place at Bonington Theatre.
- Will meet with the organisation "We Are Here" to discuss the possibility of providing youth activities in Gedling Village.

63 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None.

64 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 1.35 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: