

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 12 October 2017

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor David Ellis

Councillor Gary Gregory
Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather

Officers in Attendance: J Robinson, H Barrington, M Hill, S Palmer, A Solley,
D Wakelin and A Dubberley

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

34 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2017.

RESOLVED:

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

35 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

36 PROPOSED SALE OF PART OF THE FORMER BOWLING GREEN AT HAYWOOD ROAD, MAPPERLEY

The Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval to sell part of the former Bowling Green at Haywood Road, Mapperley.

Councillor Payne said that he had had time to consider the matter further and had witnessed the strength of feeling in the local community and despite the significant financial challenges facing the Council, was minded to recommend that the bowling green should be retained as an open space and that the council should not proceed with its sale. He therefore proposed an amended recommendation.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Retain the whole of the Haywood Road bowling green in the Council's ownership and instead of progressing a scheme of housing development, to instruct the Service Manager Parks and Street Care to draw up design options for making the bowling green publicly accessible for the whole community including play provision for children and young people;
- 2) Receive a further report with a proposed scheme of works, costing and funding sources to the February 2018 Cabinet meeting; and
- 3) Welcome the progress that has been made to increase participation at Haywood Road Community Centre and re-affirm support for asset transfer of the centre to a new community association.

Councillors Hollingsworth and Payne left the meeting.

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SELECTIVE LICENSING SCHEME CONSULTATION

The Food, Health and Housing Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking authorisation to start the process declaring a selective licensing scheme for privately rented property in the Netherfield Ward.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the scheme of Selective Licensing as outlined in the Proposal to Declare a Selective Licensing Designation within the Private Rented Sector at Appendix 1 to the report;
- 2) Approve the Proposal to Declare a Selective Licensing Designation within the Private Rented Sector contained at appendix 1 to be issued for a 12 week public consultation; and
- 3) Support the proposed fees and resource requirements outlined in financial implications section of this report, subject to the result of the public consultation.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ELDERLY PERSONS SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

Councillor Doyle introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Cabinet members and relevant Portfolio Holders of the findings and recommendations of the Elderly Persons' Scrutiny Working Group. Members commented on the findings of the group.

Councillor Wheeler thanked the group for their report and suggested that Councillor Doyle attends the Health and Well-being delivery group in

order to discuss how to progress work to deliver the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To thank the working group for their efforts and the recommendations and
- 2) To refer the report to the appropriate Cabinet Member in order for a response to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting scheduled to take place on 20 November 2017.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INCOME GENERATION SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

Councillor Lawrence introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Cabinet members and relevant Portfolio Holders of the findings and recommendations of the income generation scrutiny working group.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Thank the working group for their recommendations; and
- 2) Refer the report to the appropriate Cabinet Member in order for a response to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting scheduled to take place on 20 November 2017.

Councillor Payne re-joined the meeting.

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GEDLING'S HERITAGE BROUGHT ALIVE

The Director for Health and Community Wellbeing introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval to spend funding acquired through an application to Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver a project working with local history groups to create the story of the Borough's heritage.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve spending the funding acquired through the application to Heritage Lottery Funding to deliver a project working with local history groups to create the story of the Borough's heritage and disseminate it in various formats for visitors and the wider community; and
- 2) Establish, by virement, the expenditure and financing budgets for Gedling's Heritage Brought Alive project.

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GEDLING DYNAMIC COUNCIL

The Deputy Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval for a new organisational change programme.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the new 'Dynamic Council' framework and authorise officers to develop and implement new processes and changes to deliver the Council's corporate objectives;
- 2) Note the Digital Strategy 2016-2019;
- 3) Approve the Agile Working Strategy;
- 4) Approve the Demand Management Strategy;
- 5) Approve the Commercialisation Strategy; and
- 6) Note the working groups terms of reference.

42 BUSINESS RATES BRIEFING

The Revenues Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing members of recent changes to the business rates system.

RESOLVED to note:

- 1) The update in relation to recent changes to the business rates system; and
- 2) The future plans to create a new Property Inspector role, designed to maximise the income generated from business rates.

43 RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY & FRAMEWORK

The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, proposing the adoption of a new Risk Management Strategy and Framework.

RESOLVED:

To approve the Risk Management Strategy.

44 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Democratic 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.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- Works at Carlton cemetery are now well underway to improve facilities for visitors.
- The new Country Park continues to receive positive feedback.
- Well done to one of the Council's refuse crews who recently went above and beyond the call of duty to help at a road accident when on shift.

Councillor Gary Gregory (Community Development)

- An Allotments Association meeting recently took place which was well attended.
- Christmas market in Arnold is being planned and promises to be well worth a visit.
- Had recently visit the Cornwater Club in Ravenshead which does excellent work in the community.
- The recently established Seniors' Council would welcome more wider public participation.

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

- There had been an increased number of swimming customers at Arnold Leisure Centre since recent refurbishment works. The Swim Tag product would launch there soon.
- Sugar awareness week later was happening later on in October and events were planned.
- World mental health day was this week and mindfulness sessions for staff were now regularly held.
- Temporary accommodation continues to be under pressure.

Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)

- Customer services week was held last week. A big thank you to frontline staff for all their hard work.
- The new customer service point at Carlton Fire Station is now open on Wednesdays initially. Officers need look at demand before deciding on future service.
- Congratulations to Rob McCleary who had recently been named Communicator of the year at a recent national event.

Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)

- An officer debrief had been held after recent incidents of traveller encampments. One learning point is that information needs to be shared more quickly between agencies.
- Crime figures have overall seen a reduction, although remain inconsistent due to new recording methods.
- An anti-social behaviour banning injunction was recently successfully served against a resident of Netherfield who was particularly disruptive to the local community. Thanks to officers involved with this.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- The former Gedling School site on Woolaton Avenue had recently been handed back to the County Council and it was anticipated that the site would be developed in the future.
- Disappointingly, the electrification of the Midland Mainline has been scrapped by government. Councillor Clarke and other local politicians are keen to lobby central government to reverse this decision.

46 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

In response to a question from Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Ellis said that work was taking place to try and get the banning order for car cruising at Netherfield Retail Park extended beyond the current end date of March 2018.

47 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 2.35 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: