# MINUTES CABINET

# Thursday 2 November 2017

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 Gary Gregory

Officers in Attendance: D Alvey, H Barrington, A Dubberley, M Hill and

D Wakelin

#### 48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gregory.

# TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2017.

#### RESOLVED:

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

#### 50 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

# OUARTER 2 BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

The Deputy Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2017/18 financial year as at the end of Quarter 2. The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services provided some details of performance for the same period.

# **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the progress against Improvement Actions and Performance Indicators in the 2017/19 Gedling Plan;
- 2) Approve the General Fund Revenue Budget virements included in Appendix 1 to the report;
- 3) Note the use of reserves and funds during quarter two as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- 4) Approve the changes to the capital programme included in paragraph 2.2.3 of the report.

# PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2017/18 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Deputy Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of the performance monitoring of the 2017/18 Prudential Code Indicators, and advising Members of the quarterly treasury activity, as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

#### **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the report, together with the Treasury Activity Report 2017/18 for Quarter 2, at Appendix 1 to the report, and the Prudential and Treasury Indicator Monitoring 2017/18 for Quarter 2, at Appendix 3 to the report; and
- 2) Approve the amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2017/18, to add the use of Property Funds to the list of approved investment instruments referred to at 2.7(i) above, and refer the amendment to Full Council for approval as required by the regulations.

#### 53 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.

#### 54 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

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

- A new accountable officer was in post at the Clinical Commissioning Group who would be overseeing a restructure of the group.
- A recent meeting was held which provided an update on the work of the CCG including planned improvements to some GP premises, work to support young carers through their schools, an action plan to address falls in the elderly and work to help diabetes sufferers manage their own conditions more effectively.

## Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)

- The most recent Gedling Business Partnership meeting was well attended although new businesses are always welcome.
- An Apprenticeship Fair would be held in February.
- A meeting was held last month to update on housing delivery progress and work with developers to encourage construction on stalled sites has taken place.

# **Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)**

- The Council's "Warm Homes on Prescription" scheme had been recently recognised as the best in the East Midlands.
- Consultation events on the Selective Licensing Scheme for Netherfield had taken place and further such events were planned.

# **Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)**

- Work was underway to design a scheme to install at the new Haywood Road Park.
- Improvement works at Carlton Cemetery were progressing well and scheduled for completion at the end of the month.
- Work to secure the disused tunnel at the Country Park was now complete.

# Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)

 Reminders for residents on when to put their bins out were now being sent to residents who had opted-in via the keep me posted service.

# **Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)**

- From the Community Development portfolio it was reported that the play days across the Borough were very well attended.
- A recent informal meeting was held with Members of the Seniors Council who would be meeting again in the New Year.
- A useful meeting was recently held with other Nottinghamshire Districts to share best practice on how to deal with illegal traveller encampments.
- The Bonington Theatre would be live streaming performances of the National Ballet from the Royal Opera House.
- A meeting was recently held with Gedling Homes to discuss a range of issues.

#### 55 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None received.

### 56 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

## 57 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Councillor Clarke introduced a report relating to the purchase of Arnold Market. He explained that there was information in the report that was commercially sensitive and legally privileged. He therefore moved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the item.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing report on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

# 58 ARNOLD MARKET

The Service Manager for Economic Growth and Regeneration introduced a report, including a not for publication appendix, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval to acquire the Arnold Market site and associated buildings.

#### RESOLVED:

- To recommend to Council that a budget is established to acquire the Arnold Market site (as shown on the Plan at Appendix 1 to the report) for no more than the sum set out in Exempt Appendix 2 to the report;
- 2) That subject to budget approval by Council to:
  - a) Approve the acquisition of the site using the Council's powers under Section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
  - b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to agree Heads of Terms for the acquisition of the site (as shown on the Plan at Appendix 1 to the report), to make a formal offer for no more than the maximum price set out in Exempt Appendix 2 to the report, and, subject to the offer being accepted, to complete the acquisition of the site; and
  - c) Authorise officers to progress proposals for improvements to the appearance of the site and its operation, the details of which will be reported to members at a future date.

The meeting finished at 2.25 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: