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MINUTES CABINET

Thursday 24 April 2014

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Darrell Pulk

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather and Councillor Paul Hughes

Absent: Councillor Kathryn Fox

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington, P Darlington, D Wakelin, S Bray and A Dubberley

106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Kathryn Fox.

107 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2014 AND 20 FEBRUARY 2014.

RESOLVED:

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

108 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

109 REVIEW OF THE HOUSING STRATEGY

The Service Manager, Housing and Localities, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, outlining the Council's approach to housing delivery.

RESOLVED:

To approve the publication of the Housing Delivery Plan as a statement of the Council's priorities and actions relating to housing, instead of producing a new Housing Strategy.

110 PUBLIC REALM WORKS - PROJECT REPORT

The Service Manager Housing and Localities presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, giving details of achievements made on the public realms project.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

111 GEDLING PLAN - PERFORMANCE INDICATOR TARGETS 2014/15

Corporate Director, Stephen Bray, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, outlining the Council's proposed performance targets for the forthcoming financial year.

RESOLVED

To agree performance indicators and targets set out at Appendix A of the report for 2014/15, for inclusion in the Gedling Plan.

112 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A "MEN IN SHEDS" PROJECT IN THE OLD STORES BUILDING, JUBILEE HOUSE

Corporate Director, Dave Wakelin, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, giving details of plans for a "men in sheds" project at the Council's Jubilee House site.

RESOLVED to

- 1) Approve the establishment of a "Men in Sheds" project in the Old Stores Building at Jubilee House to be delivered in partnership with Age UK;
- 2) Approve the establishment of the expenditure budget and usage of funding for the Men in Sheds Project as detailed in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report;
- 3) Approve the lease of the stores building to Age UK at a peppercorn rental for a period of 3 years; and
- 4) Delegate to the Corporate Director the power to negotiate and agree the details of the final scheme with Age UK.

113 POLICY FOR DEALING WITH UNAUTHORISED GYPSIES AND TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

Corporate Director, Dave Wakelin, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, proposing a policy for dealing with unauthorised gypsies and traveller encampments.

RESOLVED

To adopt the policy for dealing with unauthorised Gypsies and Traveller Encampments as set out in Appendix B to the report.

114 DRUIDS TAVERN CAR PARK BREACH OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Service Manager, Audit and Asset Management, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Cabinet of a breach of financial regulations.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

115 INTRODUCTION OF A NEW OFF STREET CAR PARKING ORDER

The Service Manager, Audit and Asset Management, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, outlining proposals for a new charging tariff for Gedling Borough Council run car parks.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To introduce a new Off Street Parking Places Order as soon as practicable;
- 2) To revoke the existing order, namely the Gedling Borough Council (Civil Enforcement Off Street Parking Places) Order 2009, as part of the process of making a new Off Street Parking Places Order;
- 3) To agree the Pay and Display tariff as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- 4) To authorise the responsible Corporate Director, in conjunction with the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to take all necessary steps to make and bring into effect the relevant Car Park Order in accordance with the proposals set out in the report, including consideration of objections received pursuant to the statutory consultation and any necessary decisions pursuant to the applicable regulations; and
- 5) To authorise the responsible Corporate Director to take all necessary steps to implement the car park charging arrangements.

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CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE - FINDINGS AND FOLLOW-UP

Corporate Director, Stephen Bray presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, providing the Council's action plan in response to the recently held Corporate Peer Challenge.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Agree the proposed actions set out at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- 2) Incorporate the actions into the current year's Council Plan.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Payne (Public Protection and Communications)

- The South Nottinghamshire area had recorded an overall reduction in reported crime.
- An animal welfare charter for the Borough had been written and would be publicised shortly.

Councillor Pulk (Leisure and Development)

- An increase of exercise amongst Gedling residents had been recorded.
- Arnot Hill Park Arts Trail had launched and was proving successful.
- Ley Street Choir for adults with learning difficulties had performed in the Civic Centre and all involved were congratulated.
- The new Bonington Theatre was proving popular with a busy events calendar underway.
- Gedling Leisure had launched a new online bookings website.

Councillor Hollingsworth (Health and Wellbeing)

- The number of referrals for safeguarding issues remains high which was judged to be a positive due to higher awareness.
- Dementia awareness work continues throughout the Borough in a positive way.
- Age UK's recent national loneliness campaign meeting presented the work that Gedling had done as an example of good practice.

Councillor Barnes (Environment)

- The first meeting of Gedling Country Park friends group had taken place with an encouraging level of attendance.

- Various events were to be held at the Netherfield Lagoons in the next few months.
- There had been a good response to expressions of interest for the lease on the Arnot Hill Park kiosk.

Councillor Wheeler (Policy advisor for Young People)

- The inaugural meeting of the Youth Council was held and considered a success.

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ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

The Leader advised that the May meeting of Cabinet had been cancelled due to lack of business.

The meeting finished at 2.25 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date:

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