

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 7 August 2014

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor Darrell Pulk

Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Paul Hughes

Absent: Councillor Michael Payne, Councillor Kathryn Fox
and Councillor Chris Barnfather

Officers in Attendance: J Robinson, A Ball, H Barrington, P Darlington,
D Wakelin and L Parnell

131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barnfather, Fox and Payne.

132 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2014

RESOLVED:

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

133 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

134 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST AND VIREMENT REPORT

The Financial Services Manager presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Cabinet of the position against Improvement Actions and Performance Indicators in the 2014/15 Gedling Plan, update Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2014/15 financial year and to seek approval for changes to targets and budgets.

RESOLVED:

- a) To approve the changes to Performance Indicator and Action targets as detailed in paragraph 2.1.6 of the report, as an amendment to the agreed Gedling Plan;
- b) To approve the General Fund Revenue Budget virements included within Appendix 1;
- c) To approve the changes to the Capital Programme 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.

135 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2014/15 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

The Financial Services Manager presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of the performance monitoring of the 2014/15 Prudential Code Indicators, and to advise Members of the quarterly treasury activity as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED:

To note the report together with the Treasury Activity Report for Quarter 1 and the Prudential and Treasury Indicator Monitoring for Quarter 1.

136 GEDLING CONVERSATION 2014

The Chief Executive presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, feeding back the remaining results of the 2013 Gedling Conversation and to seeking agreement for the 2014 Gedling Conversation programme of activities.

RESOLVED:

- a) To agree the proposed programme of activities for the 2014 Gedling Conversation; and
- b) To note the results of the 2013 Gedling Conversation.

137 REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL AND ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN 2013/14

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of the receipt of the Annual Review letter from the Office of the Local Government Ombudsman and the complaints dealt with by the Council through the internal Complaints Procedure during the year 2013-14.

RESOLVED to note:

- a) The contents of the report;
- b) The Local Government Ombudsman's findings of maladministration and the steps already taken by Officers by way of offering a remedy; and
- c) That a copy of this Cabinet report has been circulated to all members of the Council.

138 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) ANNUAL AUDIT

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of the annual audit of RIPA authorisations from April 2013 – March 2014, in accordance with the current policy.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

139 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY CODE 2014

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, notifying Cabinet of the requirements of the Local Government Transparency Code and the action that the Council intends to take to secure compliance.

RESOLVED:

- a) To note the provisions of the Local Government Transparency Code 2014; and
- b) To take steps to publish the data detailed in Part 2 of the Code in accordance with statutory requirements.

140 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.

141 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- Two clean-ups have taken place in Netherfield and a programme of clean ups is being worked on for the rest of the Borough, beginning with the urban areas and potentially extending to the Parish areas if they feel that it is necessary.
- There are ongoing issues with missed bins due to on street parking.
- A recent meeting took place between the Corporate Director, the Environment Agency and Highways to look at how flooding issues affecting Front Street might be alleviated.
- Arnot Hill Park and Burton Road Jubilee Park have both received the Green Flag Award.
- Gedling Country Park is now starting to look more like a park and plans are in place for the Solar Farm to be installed between September and December 2014.

Councillor Henry Wheeler (Health and Housing)

- The next stage of building work at the Civic Centre will see the cash office transformed into new housing interview rooms.
- A bid has been made to resurrect a street outreach team to deal with homelessness.
- There is currently movement on stagnant development sites working with partners agencies, such as Gedling Homes and Derwent Housing, bids are due in September.
- The Council has made a response to the Care Act.
- A "Connecting Communities" project is beginning in Daybrook, funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group, which is hoping to recruit local volunteers and a locality worker.
- The Council is looking to increase the uptake of the Disabled Facilities Grant and are hoping to recruit a temporary staff member to work on this.

- Frontline staff have now received safeguarding training and an increased awareness of safeguarding issues has resulted in an additional number of referrals.
- A dementia project will work with Primary Schools to increase dementia awareness.
- The Portfolio Holder has recently undertaken some coaching for the National Citizen's Service.
- The Youth Council are due to meet again on the 18th of September.

Councillor Darrell Pulk (Leisure and Development)

- Leisure's IT systems have now been updated after a 2 month programme of building and testing the system. The system went live for leisure bookings on the 29th of July, theatre bookings have yet to go live.
- Leisure strategy is being worked on with Sport England which will use information to inform a strategy for Gedling going forward.
- Calverton Leisure Centre will be holding open days on the 6th and 7th of September.
- Redhill Leisure Centre bar has now closed and all users have now found alternative premises.
- Severn Trent road works from the 14th of August near Carlton Forum Leisure Centre, but this should not affect the leisure centre.
- A World War I commemorative dance project will perform at the Gedling Show.
- Councillor Gregory is currently organising a WWI commemoration football match with British and German army uniforms.
- Local artists are involved in creating pieces to commemorate WWI.
- The contract for obesity and weight loss programmes such as the positive moves programme, get Gedling walking and Heartbeats and now work is underway to attempt to identify alternative sources of funding.

Councillor John Clarke (Finance and Performance)

- The Aligned Core Strategy has now been judged by the independent planning inspector as sound.
- The World War I commemorative "lights out" ceremony recently held in Arnot Hill Park was very well attended and touching.
- The Department of Work and Pensions have now moved in to the building and are operational.
- Economic Development work is currently ongoing and Cabinet should begin to see reports and presentations on the subject later this year.
- The locality co-ordinators are doing a great job in Netherfield, Newstead and Killisick.

142 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None.

143 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 3.00 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: