

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 16 October 2014

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes

Councillor Henry Wheeler

Absent: Councillor Kathryn Fox, Councillor Darrell Pulk,
Councillor Chris Barnfather and Councillor Paul
Hughes

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

158 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillors Fox and Pulk. Apologies were also received from Councillors Barnfather and Hughes (observers).

159 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2014.

RESOLVED:

That subject to amending Councillor Wheeler's portfolio verbal update to reflect that the Clinical Commissioning Group were involved in the project to provide hopelessness advice, the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

160 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None received.

161 ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Service Manager Housing and Localities presented a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting seeking approval to draw down commuted sums for housing redevelopment by way of a grant to Nottingham Community Housing Association to support redevelopment of the Cavendish Public House, Cavendish Road, Carlton.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Draw down £114,000 of the commuted sums held for affordable housing development in support of this project; and
- 2) Allocate it to Nottingham Community Housing Association, subject to the terms of a grant agreement.

162 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.

163 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Henry Wheeler (Health and Housing)

- The vacancy for specialist housing officer had been recently filled and would work with private sector landlords to bring properties to the market.
- This year's severe weather protocol was being worked on.
- Various training sessions and other work on safeguarding was ongoing.
- Plans were underway to introduce a cornwater style club for older people across the whole area.
- The fire service had recently employed an officer to give advice and assist residents with fire safety measures.
- The local clinical commissioning group was currently recruiting for a community co-ordinator to partly work in Daybrook.
- The Youth Council would be hosting the Leader and Deputy at a forthcoming meeting for a Q and A session.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- Work on the country park was progressing well with frames for solar panels being installed.
- A meeting would take place shortly to see if interest could be revived in bowls across the Borough as demand of late had been low.
- Winter gritting preparation was on track.

Councillor Michael Payne (Public Protection and Communications)

- Sign designs for the Country Park were being worked on and would be unveiled soon.

- Reported crime across the Borough had seen an increase. Officers were monitoring the situation.
- An extra edition of the Contacts Magazine would be distributed in the New Year to give information on new polling arrangements for the May election. A different, more direct way of districting the magazine was being used in the hope of increasing circulation.
- A planning application for an anaerobic digester in the Gedling ward had been made and objections to this would be made.

Councillor John Clarke (Finance and Performance)

- Recent meetings with all staff and the Chief Executive had been useful with some very constructive feedback given.
- Congratulations were given the Netherfield Parents' Forum and the Council's Locality Co-ordinators on the positive work that they do for their communities.
- There was growing public concern about the Police Commissioner's Plans to close Carlton Police Station. Options for its future use were being explored.
- A Planning application for the proposed new Gedling Access Road was shortly to be submitted and minor issues on land ownership were currently being clarified.

164 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

In response to a question from Councillor Paling, Councillor Wheeler replied that consideration would be given to running safeguarding training for taxi drivers in the Borough.

165 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 1.25 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: