

**CABINET MEETING**  
**Thursday, 4th April, 2013**

Present: W.J. Clarke (Chair)

Councillors: M.R. Payne  
S.M. Creamer  
K. Fox  
J. Hollingsworth  
D.E. Pulk

Observers: C.P. Barnfather (Observer)  
P.A. Hughes (Observer)

Officers: J. Robinson, P. Darlington, M. Kimberley, H. Barrington, T.  
Dillarston, I. McDonald, L. Parnell

Also in Attendance: V. Coaker MP  
Cllr. B. Collis

**114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies for absence were received.

**115 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2013.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**116 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**117 AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2011/12 AND FIVE YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY ASSESSMENT (AS AT 31 MARCH 2012)**

At the discretion of the Chair, the report was considered as Item 4, rather than at Item 7, as scheduled.

Corporate Director, Paula Darlington, introduced planning officers, Tom Dillarstone and Ian McDonald, who presented the Local Authority Monitoring Report 2011/12 and the Five Year Housing Supply

Assessment on behalf of the Planning Policy Manager.

The Chair gave thanks to those Officers who presented the report and the Planning team for their work on the documents.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the content of the Authority Monitoring Report (April 2011 – March 2012) and the Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment (as at 31 March 2012).

**118 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS 2013/14**

The Chief Executive presented the report, which had been previously circulated, detailing the Council's proposed performance indicators and targets for 2013/14.

**RESOLVED:**

To endorse and recommended the Performance Indicators and targets for 2013/14 to Council for inclusion in the 2013/14 Council Plan.

**119 LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE SCHEME 2 (LAMS2)**

Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director, Mark Kimberley, presented a report, which had been previously circulated, seeking approval to provide an indemnity to the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer and delegate functions to the Chief Financial Officer in connection with the second Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS2).

**RESOLVED:**

1. To delegate the power to agree to offer an indemnity for qualifying mortgages, as set out in the LAMS2 deed, under section 442 of the Housing Act 1985 to the Chief Financial Officer.

2. To indemnify the Monitoring Officer in relation to any opinion or indemnity he/she is required to give as outlined in the report.

3. To authorise The Chief Executive to execute a deed indemnifying the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Council in regard of LAMS2.

4. To endorse the LAMS2 Policy.

**120 INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY**

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer presented a report, which has been circulated previously, seeking Cabinet's approval of the Information Security Policy.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the Information Security Policy.

**121 FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Elections and Members' Services, presenting the Executive's draft Forward Plan for the next four month period.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the information.

**122 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

**Councillor Fox (Community Development)**

- A fresh produce market will be coming to Netherfield.
- Public Realms work will take place to improve the security of Netherfield's alley ways.
- On the 24th of April, there will be a meeting at the Saint George's Centre to discuss the creation of a heritage trail.
- The recent no smoking and health promotion events were successful and well attended.

**Councillor Hollingsworth (Health and Housing)**

- Housing strategy review is currently underway.
- The Council's Cold Weather Plan should have ended on the 31st of March, but it will be extended while ever the cold weather continues.
- The Loneliness Campaign was recently launched and received very good coverage in the media.
- The Council's disabled facilities grant has now been announced.
- The Council are looking at potential to arrange a "Men in Sheds" scheme in the Borough, as a recent scheme in the City was very popular.

**Councillor Creamer (Environment)**

- An apprentice will be starting at Jubilee House this week.
- Work on the Druid's car park is proceeding steadily.
- There is a "Friends of Jubilee Park" event taking place on Saturday, 6th of April 12-4pm.
- Public Realms work in Newstead to improve lighting and fencing in the village is now complete.
- The play area works which were taking place on Albert Avenue are now complete.
- The Phoenix estate public realms works are close to completion and will be finished when temperatures rise enough to allow planting.
- 3700 people applied to the energy switching scheme.

#### **Councillor Pulk (Leisure and Development)**

- Internet access will not be available to the public for use at Richard Herrod Leisure Centre.
- The Employment and Skills Group now have an action plan in place and the various organisations involved have all taken various actions away for completion.
- Apprenticeships are being encouraged across the Borough, with support being offered for companies interested in taking an apprentice on.
- Lottery funding of £242,000 has been awarded for the renovation of Arnold Leisure Centre's Changing Rooms.
- A local history/heritage trail across Gedling is being considered.

#### **Councillor Payne (Communications and Public Protection)**

- The Contact Centre is receiving a large number of contacts regarding the changes to welfare, housing and Council Tax benefits. Would like to pass on thanks to all staff in the Benefits teams who have been working hard to deal with welfare and departmental changes. In particular, Councillor Payne asked that thanks be passed to managers Paul Whitworth and Duncan Adamson and to John Vickers and Rosie Caddy who will be leaving the authority this year.
- Congratulations to Councillors Hollingsworth and Weisz for their work on the Loneliness Campaign, it is good to see the community being engaged.
- There has been a 13% reduction in Crime year on year to March 2013, which is greater than the South Nottinghamshire Partnership area.
- 67 families have now received new boilers or central heating systems as part of the Council's boiler replacement scheme, proving that it is possible to make a difference to fuel poverty at a district level.

Councillor Barnfather raised concerns about the loss of the police contact point in Ravenshead and the lack of warranted police officer/ patrol car to cover the villages around Ravenshead and ask that Councillor Payne meet with partners in the Police to get additional support for the north of the Borough.

Councillor Payne agreed to meet with Councillor Barnfather and partner agencies to discuss further.

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**ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.