

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 30 July 2015

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor David Ellis

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Bruce Andrews

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

Officers in Attendance: J Robinson, H Barrington, S Healey, L Juby,
C Mckenzie, V Rimmington, D Wakelin and
A Dubberley

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fox and Payne and Councillor Barnfather (observer). Councillor Andrews attended as substitute observer.

12 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

14 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

The Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, updating Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2015/2016 financial year.

It was noted that performance information for the same period would be reported to the September meeting of Cabinet.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the General Fund Revenue Budget virements included within Appendix 1 of the report;
- 2) Approve the changes to the Capital Programme included in paragraph 2.2.3 of the report;
- 3) Note the virements and transfers to/from reserves and funds during the last quarter as detailed in appendices 3 and 4 to the report.

15 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2015/16 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

The Service Manager, Audit and Asset Management introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of the performance monitoring of the 2015/16 Prudential Code Indicators, and advising 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 at Appendix 1 to the report, and the Prudential and Treasury Indicator Monitoring for Quarter 1 at Appendix 3 to the report.

16 DRAFT COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

Corporate Director Dave Wakelin and the Service Manager for Community Relations introduced the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, setting out a draft Community Asset Transfer Policy for consultation.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Agree the Draft Community Asset Transfer policy for consultation; and
- 2) Commence a six week period of consultation to seek the views of stakeholders and the local community on the proposed policy.

17 CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NCC) WASTE REDUCTION, REUSE, RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING PLAN 2015-16.

Corporate Director Dave Wakelin and the Service Manager for Waste introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, giving details of the current consultation being undertaken by

Nottinghamshire County Council concerning waste disposal. The report also set out a draft response from the Council.

RESOLVED

to:

- 1) Note the draft Nottinghamshire County Council Waste reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting Plan 2015/16; and
- 2) Authorise the Corporate Director to submit the Council's formal response set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

18 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) ANNUAL AUDIT AND POLICY UPDATE

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, presenting the Annual RIPA audit and policy update.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the outcome of the 2014-2015 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) internal audit; and
- 2) Approve the amended RIPA Policy at Appendix A to the report.

19 REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL AND ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN 2014/15

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer introduced a 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 2014/15.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

20 SCRUTINY REPORT. TRANSPORT LINKS TO, AND WITHIN GEDLING BOROUGH.

Consideration was given to a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, presenting the findings of a scrutiny review into transport links within the Borough.

RESOLVED:

To thank the Committee for the recommendations made and refer the report to the appropriate Portfolio Holder in order that a response is made to the October Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

21 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.

22 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- Work to procure a contractor to install a temporary car park at Gedling Country Park was ongoing and, due to the value of the works, a lengthier than anticipated process would need to be followed.
- Activities for young explorers would be taking place in the park through the summer period.
- Green flag awards had been given to Jubilee Burton Road and Arnot Hill Parks which is a testament to the hard work of the Parks department.
- A meeting would take place shortly to agree an action plan for Christmas lighting for this year.
- A new network of grit bins, provided by the Council, would be installed in time for the winter period.

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

- A consultation into the future of mental health services in the county was currently taking place.
- Free swimming sessions had launched at the Borough's leisure centres and were proving popular.
- A newly refurbished fitness suite has opened at Redhill Leisure Centre.

- A sport development “Goals for Life” project for young people was underway and looked to be a successful way to improve mental wellbeing.

Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)

- The Deregulation Act 2015 has been introduced and means that the Council must alter Taxi Licensing policy. A revised policy would therefore be consulted upon shortly.
- An application from the taxi operator Uber had been made to Nottingham City Council. Officers would be monitoring this development.
- Recent media coverage about child sexual exploitation had prompted a review of how Council policies could be aligned to protect vulnerable children.

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)

- A recent visit to a Keepmoat development site in Coventry was held and this proved to be a useful insight into the way the company engages with the local community. Keepmoat have been appointed as developer for the former Gedling colliery site.
- A worthwhile visit has been made to the local Clear Head Clinic which gives long term unemployed residents advice on personal presentation and hygiene.
- Four out of seven Borough high schools were now taking part in the Council’s employability audit work for their students.
- A refreshed master plan for Top Wighay would be presented in September.
- Affordable homes at Dunstan Street and the Blue Note site were being progressed.
- An assessment on greenbelt land had been recently carried out and was now available.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- The Council’s Organisational Development Team had recently secured an accreditation to deliver training accredited by the Chartered Management Institute. The team is also accredited to deliver training accredited by City and Guilds and the Institute of Leadership and Management. The training brings in additional

income to the Council and Mike Calladine, Training Officer, has been particularly instrumental in the success of the project.

- The Leader had recently attended his first meeting of Gedling Homes Board which proved very useful.
- ERASMUS funding had recently been secured to support local business development.
- The Revenues department had recently collected an additional £200,000 in unpaid council tax following a review of households incorrectly claiming single person discount.
- The Chief Executive updated the meeting about the ongoing work to establish a combined authority for devolved power. He said that submissions had been made to government for a combined Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and two separate county combined authorities. Feedback received from government had suggested that Leicestershire should be considered as part of the combined authority. He added that the situation was ever changing, especially in light of the new direction set by ministers appointed after the general election, and much uncertainty remained. He said that a meeting was scheduled with the Secretary of State to progress the work in the next few days and members would be updated accordingly.

23 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None received.

24 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 2.05 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: