

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 24 September 2015

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor Kathryn Fox

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather

Absent: Councillor David Ellis

Officers in Attendance: J Robinson, H Barrington, S Bray, M Kimberley,
D Wakelin and A Dubberley

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Ellis.

26 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

27 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

28 ERASMUS + EUROPEAN FUNDING PROGRAMME - PROCESS FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANT AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

Corporate Director Stephen Bray introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking authority to commence the process of deploying European grant monies received as part of a successful bid for funding.

RESOLVED to

- 1) Authorise the Council to hold the grant monies and to distribute them in accordance with the successful ERASMUS + bid;

- 2) Authorise the Council to enter into contracts with European and Canadian partner organisations to deliver the programme contracts and ensure that the money is spent in accordance with the ERASMUS + grant agreement; and
- 3) Establish by virement the income and expenditure budgets for GBC's share of the grant received from the European Union for the ERASMUS + programme as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.

29 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR QUARTER 1 OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, giving information about the Council's performance indicators against target for the first quarter of the financial year.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

30 RECORDING OF MEETINGS.

The Service Manager for Elections and Members' Services introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, which sought Cabinet approval, on the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to implement a system for recording of some meetings of the Council.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To approve the implementation of a system to record and broadcast the audio from meetings of Council and Planning Committee as described in the report;
- 2) That the system is trialled for a period of six months; and
- 3) To request that a further report is submitted to Cabinet after the six month trial to consider whether audio webcasting should be continued.

31 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.

PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.**Councillor Kathryn Fox (Community Development)**

- Successful school holiday activities were delivered by the Council and its partners.
- A feasibility study on the mineral railway line was now complete and further information would follow.
- The Gedling show and Carlton play day were recently held and well attended.

Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)

- Councillor Payne (on behalf of Councillor Ellis who had given apologies) praised the quick thinking of staff that spotted a fake taxi license plate which led to the perpetrator being jailed for 21 months.
- A new CCTV camera was, following the granting of planning permission, to be installed on Collyer Road, Calverton.
- There had been little recent change in the levels of reported crime figures for the area.

Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)

- The Council was in the process of completing the sale of housing land at Teal Close which would bring in a capital receipt of in the region of £3 million. Katie Walters, the Council's Estate's Surveyor, was thanked for her work on this.

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)

- The Council's development partner Keepmoat had recently held a series of consultation events for the development of the former Gedling Colliery site which were very well attended and informative.
- Affordable housing projects at the former Grove pub, Dunstan Street and the Blue note pub were all either under construction or progressing towards the construction phase very well.
- The refreshed local planning document would be presented to the Cabinet meeting in December.

- Works to refresh the appearance of Arnold marketplace would commence very soon.
- A planning department improvement plan was written and would be shared with members soon.
- 2 interns had recently been appointed to the Economic Development Team.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- The Council's Transport Fleet had recently been awarded an eco-star
- Developments to enhance Gedling Country Park were still on-going.

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

- Officers were praised for their quick action following a recent incident at the Richard Herod Centre.
- Online ticket sales were now live for the Bonnington Theatre.
- Floodlights at the Redhill Leisure Centre had been recently removed due to them being structurally unsafe. Replacement lights as well as work to resurface the outdoor playing surface would be in place soon.
- Funding of £120,000 had been secured to deliver "Girls make it happen", a sports development programme for women, thanks to the work Jane Ansell in Community Relations for successfully bidding.
- The Council would be supporting the "Stoptober" campaign wherever it could.
- Further dementia friendly courses were being planned as well as the Alzheimer's memory walk which would take place soon.
- The Clinical Commissioning Group was currently consulting on the cessation of gluten-free foods being made available on prescription which was causing some concern.
- A decision was due soon on the closure of Broom Hill House and some concern had been expressed about the closure of such a vital service.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- The leader said that he was keen to learn of the experience of residents in the rural areas of the Borough and how services could be tailored for their needs.
- The Chief Executive updated Cabinet on the issue of refugees. The national picture, he said was unclear. Central government had announced that 20,000 Syrian refugees would be settled into the UK over the next five years and funding would be made available to local authorities for one year to help with this. Beyond this initial funding allocation the situation was unclear. It was also not known whether Gedling would be allocated any families to resettle.
- Local residents had made a number of offers to help refugees and a meeting of Nottinghamshire Council Leaders was planned to see if a co-ordinated response could be made to the wider issue of refugee resettlement.

33 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None.

34 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 1.46 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: