

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 12 November 2015

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor David Ellis

Councillor Kathryn Fox
Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather

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

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

43 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

44 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

45 EAST MIDLANDS DEVOLUTION DEAL

The Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, updating Cabinet on progress made towards a devolution deal for the East Midlands.

He explained that just prior to the meeting he had received word from central government that due to concern from backbench MPs, a deal for this area was currently 'paused' and further information would be available at an area meeting scheduled for Friday. He added that the recommendations the report remained relevant as negotiations on the deal would continue and Councillors would be kept informed throughout the process.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the progress towards a devolution deal for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire;
- 2) Recommend to Council that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition to continue negotiations and to sign the devolution deal, subject to ratification of the deal by the Full Council;
- 3) Ask the Chief Executive to continue to provide regular updates to all Councillors on the progress of the deal; and
- 4) Note that a report to consider the final agreement of the deal will be brought to Full Council after the necessary changes in legislation and conclusion of a detailed deal document.

46 GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD

The Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, that proposed the establishment of a Growth and Infrastructure Board to oversee the development and progress of key initiatives and areas of work that underpin the economic and housing growth of the Borough.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the arrangements for establishing a Growth and Infrastructure Board as set out in section 2.1 of the report; and
- 2) Review the effectiveness of the Board in 12 months.

47 REFRESH ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, updating Cabinet on the work of the Refresh Board.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the progress on the Refresh organisational development programme detailed at Appendix 1 to the report;
- 2) Endorse the vision, values and priorities set out at Appendix 2 to the report, noting that these would form part of the Gedling Plan to be approved at a later date by Cabinet and Full Council; and
- 3) Endorse the Gedling Employee, Manager and Leader Standards set out at Appendix 3 to the report.

48 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING, PERFORMANCE DIGEST & VIREMENT REPORT

Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director, introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Cabinet of the position against Improvement Actions and Performance Indicators in the 2015/2016 Gedling Plan, updating Cabinet on the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2015/2016 financial year and seeking approval for changes to targets and budgets as outlined in the report.

Specifically on the request to amend targets for recycling in the Borough Members stated that they were not minded to approve the request to reduce the targets as they felt that reducing such targets in year would send the wrong message on such an issue.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the General Fund Revenue Budget virements included within Appendix 1 to 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; and
- 4) 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.

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

Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director, 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 2 at Appendix 1 to the report, and the Prudential and Treasury Indicator Monitoring for Quarter 2 at Appendix 3 to the report.

50 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- Fly tipping remains an unwelcome problem across the Borough.
- Extra car parking and areas of hard standing were now on place at Gedling Country Park.
- Plans for Christmas lighting across the area were in place.
- Improvement works to the Front Street area were underway.

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

- Accreditation to make Gedling Borough Council sites breast feeding friendly would be possible shortly.
- It was hoped to put in place a ban on mixed martial arts sessions taking place in the Borough due to concerns about safety.
- A meeting had taken place with the Department for Work and Pensions, Gedling Homes and the Revenues and Benefits Team to discuss the impact of welfare reforms.
- There had worryingly been a recent increase of 55% in demand for homelessness services.
- Gedling Homes had been forced to make 13 compulsory redundancies due to budget cuts.

Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)

- There continued to be a downward trend in reported crime and anti-social behaviour across the Borough.
- A recent conference on serious and organised crime highlighted the significance of hidden crime such as human trafficking.
- Options for future policing in Carlton in light of the closure of the area's police station were recently discussed.
- Details of enforcement action taken by the Public Protection team were highlighted in a report to the Environment and Licensing Committee and it was hoped to share this information more widely to Councillors.
- CCTV contracts for the new cameras in Calverton had been completed and would soon be operational.

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)

- Laura Webb had been appointed as the YOUNG project intern in Economic Development and would be engaging with 14-21 year olds to promote work experience opportunities.
- The consultation on the proposed development at Top Wighay closed and a report will be presented to Cabinet.
- A bid had been made to build 8 starter homes in Netherfield.
- A report on options for Carlton and Arnold Town Centres has been prepared.
- A recent visit to Larkhill Retirement Village has taken place which demonstrated some interesting ideas that could be applied in the future Gedling schemes.
- A conference on town centre development was recently attended and proved useful.

Councillor Kathryn Fox (Community Development)

- A recent Halloween crafts event had taken place and was very popular.
- There would be a Christmas arts and craft event at the Civic Centre on 28 November including activities for children with special educational needs and Christmas tree lights switch on by the Mayor.
- The annual evolution dance festival will take place on 9 December at Carlton Academy.
- Gedling funded arts sessions would be taking place at Killisick Children's Centre in November and December.
- The Big Window Theatre Company had been awarded funding to provide early years drama in Newstead and Killisick.

Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)

- The results of the Gedling Conversation and residents' satisfaction survey were currently being analysed and would be presented to Cabinet soon.
- The next issue of the Contact magazine was being presented and would be delivered soon.

- Preparations for next year's budget setting were ongoing and the council awaits the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review and subsequent finance settlement from the government.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- The Chief Executive updated Cabinet about the plans for accommodating refugees across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. He said that there were plans underway to accommodate 100 refugees across the County and City areas with the majority placed in the City due to the better support networks that were available. He added that members would be kept informed at all stages and that it was anticipated a small number of refugees would be accommodated in the Borough before the end of the year.

51 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None.

52 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 4.00 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: