

**MINUTES  
CABINET**

**Thursday 11 February 2016**

Councillor Michael Payne (Chair)

Councillor Peter Barnes  
Councillor David Ellis  
Councillor Kathryn Fox

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth  
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather

Absent: Councillor John Clarke

Officers in Attendance: L Parnell, H Barrington, M Kimberley, D Wakelin,  
C Goodall and J Gray

**62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Clarke.

**63 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2015.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**64 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**65 QUARTERLY BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PLAN MONITORING.**

The Chief Financial Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of the likely outturn of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2015/16 financial year and of the position against improvement actions and performance indicators in the 2015/16 Gedling Plan.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the progress against Improvement Actions and Performance Indicators in the 2015/2016 Gedling Plan;

- 2) Approve the General Fund Revenue Budget virements included within Appendix 1;
- 3) Approve the changes to the Capital Programme included in paragraph 2.2.3;
- 4) Note the virements and transfers to/from reserves and funds during the last quarter as detailed in appendices 3 and 4; and
- 5) 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.

**66 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2015/16 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

The Chief Financial Officer 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 to advise 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 and the Prudential and Treasury Indicator Monitoring for Quarter 3.

**67 GEDLING BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2016**

The Planning Policy Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, to seek approval from Cabinet to bring the revised Local Development Scheme into effect from 12th February 2016.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the revised Local Development Scheme and agree that it shall come into effect on 12th February 2016.

**68 CHANGES TO THE DELEGATION SCHEME FOLLOWING THE MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE**

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, to seek approval to amend all current executive delegations, policies and procedures following the management restructure.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Amend as set out in the report all current executive delegations, policies and procedures approved by Cabinet or a Cabinet member to reflect the new management arrangements, and
- 2) Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any necessary amendments to reflect the new management arrangements.

**69 GEDLING CONVERSATION 2015**

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, to feed back to Members on the Gedling Conversation 2015.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the feedback on the Gedling Conversation 2015.

**70 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.

**71 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.**

**Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)**

- The free bulky waste collections were proving successful.
- Fencing had been erected at Gedling Country Park to protect wild birds.
- A food outlet was now situated on the Country Park.
- Positive feedback had been received from residents about the recently sited grit bins around the Borough.
- The tree surgery service was proving popular.

**Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)**

- An Apprenticeships Fair was being held at Arnold Methodist Church on 25 March, 3.30pm to 7pm.
- The approved judgement on a second Judicial Review had been received and it was found that there was no error in law on the part of the Council and the claim was dismissed.

### **Councillor Kathryn Fox (Community Development)**

- A Chinese Lanterns and Dragons event was taking place on Saturday 20 February in the Civic Centre which would include a chill out zone for special needs children.
- The Citizens Advice Bureau, based in the Civic Centre, has been able to assist 890 residents supported by Gedling Borough Council funding.
- Remaining balances on Members Pots will need to be spent by 8 March 2016.
- A dragon made of recycled materials created by young people in Newstead is currently being displayed in the Civic Centre appeared at Nottingham Light Night on 5 February.
- Christmas Fairs arranged by the Locality Co-ordinators had been successful and had provided information stalls. Thanks were given to the Locality Officers.

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

- The Bonington Theatre programme was successfully expanding.
- An approach had been made by Harrogate Borough Council who intend to use Gedling Borough's Loneliness Plan as best practice.
- All Gedling Borough Leisure Centres had been approved as being breast feeding friendly.
- Age UK were in the process of appointing a Men In Sheds Co-ordinator.
- Members were reminded to attend training on Dementia Awareness which was taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm in the Civic Centre.
- The Obesity Prevention Service had a high take up of clients around Killisick and Netherfield.

- DNA membership had increased.
- A meeting had been arranged to evaluate the impact of loss of support to the homelessness service.
- The Youth Council would be undertaking an election in March 2016 with more schools being involved, including Derrymount.

### **Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)**

- Thanks were given to officers from the Legal and Planning Services for their work on the Judicial Review.
- Gedling Homes were currently operating a reduced counter service at the Civic Centre which would close permanently on 31 March 2016.
- CPI compliance had been retained which will allow electronic payments to be taken and will be rolled out in due course.
- There had been a reduction in sickness absence figures which were now well below target. Thanks were given officers in the HR team.

### **Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)**

- Community safety figures showed that there was a downward trend in ASB crime in the Borough and that Gedling were currently the best performing district in Nottinghamshire.
- There had been some changes to taxi licensing arrangements and a lot of work had been carried out to introduce a taxi improvement plan in order to improve the professionalism of the service.
- Members were reminded to attend the Prevent: Awareness Session on Friday 12 February.
- A food premises owner in Calverton was recently fined for repeated poor hygiene practices.

**72 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.**

None.

**73 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

The meeting finished at 2.20 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: