

**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 15th March and 4th 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: