

**MINUTES  
CABINET**

**Thursday 17 March 2016**

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: L Parnell, H Barrington, M Kimberley, J Robinson,  
D Wakelin, J Gray, Hardy and L Juby

**80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies for absence were received.

**81 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 11 AND 18 FEBRUARY 2016.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**82 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**83 LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT - PUBLICATION DRAFT**

Councillor Payne declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Local Planning Document on behalf of all Members present as a number of sites contained within the document are in the ownership of the Borough Council.

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval of the publication draft of the Local Planning Document to be issued for a six week consultation period and, subject to no substantial issues arising from this consultation, for referral to Council for approval of the Publication draft, Policies Map and Sustainability Appraisal to be submitted to the Secretary of State.

The Planning Policy Manager provided information relating the key development policy changes/additions, site specific allocations and outlined an additional recommendation in relation to providing clarity for Members regarding the weight to be given to the emerging documents in determining planning applications.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To agree that the Publication draft of the Local Planning Document, Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment be submitted to Council for approval to go out for a six week consultation period;
- 2) To recommend that Council approve the submission of the Publication draft of the Local Planning Document, Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment to the Secretary of State with associated evidence documents for independent examination under section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 subject to there not being the need for any substantial changes following consultation on the Publication draft. Should the consultation confirm the need for substantial changes then this would require referral back to Council for approval at a later date;
- 3) To recommend that Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee to make any minor changes such as typographical, formatting or changes to imagery necessary to the Publication draft prior to consultation and/or submission; and
- 4) That Officers be requested to provide clarity as to how sites will be considered during the process for producing the Local Plan Document and the weight to be attached to the emerging document.

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**BESTWOOD ST ALBANS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT**

The Service Manager Leisure, presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval for the delivery of a Healthy Communities Project in Bestwood and the establishment of relevant budgets through virement.

The Portfolio Holder presented amended recommendations, following consultation with local residents, groups and the Parish Council, reducing the scope of the project from 2 years to 12 months and establishing additional operational budget.

**RESOLVED to approve:**

- 1) The delivery of a Healthy Communities Project to be funded by S106 developer contributions subject to delivery being for a period of 12 months; and
- 2) The following budget virement to establish the project expenditure and income budgets:

Employee Expenses	£24,000
Operational Expenses	£42,000
S106 Contribution	(£66,000)

## 85 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.

## 86 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

### Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- The "Clean for the Queen" project had been a success and had reached over 400,000 people on Social Media. The Portfolio Holder wished to express his thanks to the community for their involvement.
- Nottingham Trent University architecture students had recently presented ideas and plans for consideration in relation to the Gedling County Park visitor centre. The Portfolio Holder noted the exceptional quality of the work and how much effort they had put into their plans.
- Good support had been received for the Bulky Waste Collection Amnesty.

### Councillor Henry Wheeler (Housing, Health and Wellbeing)

- The Better Care Fund Plan 16/17 has now been signed off to allow access to additional funding for disabled facilities grants.
- The Council would be taking part in the Local Government Mental Health Challenge and would be bringing a motion before Council and, hopefully, appointing a Mental Health Champion.
- Dementia Friend training for Members and Leisure Centres is ongoing.

- Work is currently underway to look at the signage at Bonington Theatre, who are currently running a successful theatre programme.
- Work is ongoing regarding bringing empty homes back into use and there are currently discussions with Gedling Homes regarding the potential to lease some of their properties to assist with temporary accommodation.
- It is hoped that Stop Smoking Services for pregnant women will be extended into the Borough from Kingsmill Hospital.

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

- 870 students from 5 schools attended an employment programme, which was supported by 40 private sector employers.
- The Department of Work and Pensions, Gedling Borough Council and Bassetlaw District Council were undertaking a project looking at barriers to employment in Arnold and Worksop.
- 128 young people attended the National Apprenticeships Show at Arnold Methodist Church.
- Carlton Brass Band have recently relocated to Burton Joyce; there are plans for the former band room site to become starter homes.
- Discussions regarding the development of an extra care village in the Borough are ongoing.

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

- Crime and anti-social behaviour continues to decline in the Borough. This trend does not, however, reflect all crime, for example cyber-crime is increasing.
- Training had been undertaken by Members, Officers and a number of partner agencies regarding preventing radicalisation.
- Officers from various agencies had liaised to reduce the impact of a short term traveller encampment at Teal Close.

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

- The Council's COMA project had been selected by the Cabinet Office as a case study in local authority led asset transfer.
- A resource pack relating to community asset transfers would be available in April and a number of workshops would be available to community groups regarding business planning and sustainability, finance, governance and organisational structures.
- A Spring craft event will be held on 9 April from 1-5pm at the Civic Centre, with special educational needs support.
- Funding had been provided for young and elderly concessionary tickets to Nottingham Playhouse.
- Theatre outreach sessions would be held in Newstead, Killisick and Netherfield.

- Hope Nottingham and Eudaimonia have received funding to open a super kitchen and foodbank network.
- From October-November 2015 247 people were helped by the Citizens Advice Bureau. A debt case worker had assisted 52 people; managing almost £400,000 of debt and having £500,000 written off.
- International Women's Day and an associated programme of events had been successful, including an awards ceremony celebrating women in the community.
- An election to Gedling Youth Council had recently taken place and new Youth Councillors would hold their first meeting on 21 March.

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

- A new edition of Contacts magazine had just gone to print following a meeting of the Editorial Board. Feedback on content is welcomed.
- The Council had responded to the government's consultation on the New Homes Bonus.
- Some Gedling Homes Services will continue to be provided from the Civic Centre, with Gedling Borough Council Advisors providing some counter services.
- All of Borough Wide community grants had been awarded and the Portfolio Holder encourage Members with remaining funds to allocate before the end of the financial year.
- The Portfolio Holder mentioned the outstanding work of all involved in the Women's Day events.

### **Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)**

- Talks regarding a devolution deal are ongoing with Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire authorities.
- Feedback from a recent Erasmus visit had been positive and the Leader had requested a presentation to Cabinet on the project.
- Following recent visits to locality co-ordinators, the Leader had requested an update to Cabinet on their work.

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

Councillor Collis asked a question of the Portfolio Holders for Public Protection and the Environment regarding control of dogs on Gedling Country Park, following a dog biting a member of the public.

The Portfolio Holders and Director responded to the question, informing the Member that the identification of the dog's owner will be pursued by Police should a complaint be filed by the victim and that the Friends of Gedling Country Park and neighbourhood wardens do remind dog walkers of the need to keep their dogs under control.

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

Councillor Clarke informed Members that this would be Mark Kimberley's last meeting of Cabinet before leaving the authority. Councillor Clarke, on behalf of Cabinet, thanked Mark for his work in service of the Borough and wished him well for the future.

The meeting finished at 2.00 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: