

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 16 June 2016

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor David Ellis

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Observers: Councillor Chris Barnfather

Absent: Councillor Kathryn Fox

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington, J Robinson, D Wakelin, A Ball and
A Dubberley

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fox.

The Leader informed members that Lorraine Brown, a colleague from Community Relations heavily involved in planning the Arnold Carnival, was currently undergoing treatment for cancer and would miss the upcoming carnival. On behalf of all members he wished her well.

2 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2016.

RESOLVED:

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

4 COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET OUTTURN AND BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS 2015/16

The Chief Executive introduced a report, on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team, which set out the Gedling Plan achievements; budget outturn and budget carry forwards for 2015/16. Members were given some headline performance information from the the Chief Executive as well as some areas that he was particularly focused on for improvement.

Alison Ball, Chief Financial Officer, gave a summary of the budget outturn for the year which saw an underspend against the original budget. The Cabinet thanked officers, particularly Alison Ball and the Finance Team, for the report and their hard work in achieving a balanced budget for the year.

RESOLVED

to:

- 1) Note the Gedling Plan Performance and Budget Outturn figures for 2015/16;
- 2) Note the revenue carry forwards approved by the Chief Financial Officer of £83,400 included in Appendix 2, amounts not in excess of £10,000 and committed schemes above £10,000;
- 3) Note the capital carry forwards approved by the Chief Financial Officer of £225,400 included in Appendix 2, being amounts not in excess of £50,000 and committed schemes above £50,000;
- 4) Refer to Council for approval:
 - a) The capital carry forward of £470,200 for non-committed schemes in excess of £50,000;
 - b) The overall method of financing of the 2015/16 capital expenditure as set out in paragraph 3.3;
 - c) The capital determinations set out in paragraph 3.4.

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ANNUAL TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT 2015/16

The Chief Financial Officer presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing members of the outturn in respect of the 2015/16 Prudential Code Indicators, and advising of the outturn on treasury activity, both as required by the Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED:

To note the Annual Treasury Activity Report 2015/16, together with the appendices, and refer it to Council for approval.

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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.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- Green Flag Park award judges had recently visited the Borough and it was hoped the Council would gain the award for Gedling Country Park.
- Work was underway to connect the water supply to the new temporary toilets at the Country Park.
- Fly tipping was still a persistent issue in the Borough.

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

- There was concern locally at the recent closure of the Willows GP Surgery and this was being voiced to the County Health and Wellbeing Board.
- There were various upcoming health and wellbeing events focussing on mental health as well as training on the issue for partners and staff being developed.
- The Summer Leisure programme was now published with lots of activities for the school holidays planned.
- The Gedling Park run was going from strength to strength.
- Improvements to the Bonington Theatre were progressing and a new film timetable had been published.
- The workload of the Housing Needs Service remained high.

Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)

- At a recent South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership meeting it was noted that crime levels continue to fall. There was however, concern that anti-social behaviour may have increased very recently.
- Police resources were being targeted towards mental health care.

- Hate crime remains a shared priority for the Council and its partners.
- The Council continued to work with food premises that had received a zero food safety rating and some improvements had been noted. It was also hoped to offer food hygiene training through the accredited training centre.

Councillor Gary Gregory (Policy Advisor for Community Engagement)

- The Arnold Carnival was taking place this weekend and the Netherfield Carnival and Colwick Play Day would be taking place soon.
- Work with community groups on the asset transfer plan for community centres was continuing.

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)

- There had been a disappointing level of applications for diversification funding particularly from rural businesses.
- There would be 14 craft stall holders at the Arnold Carnival organised by the Young project.
- Gedling Business Partnership was still keen to recruit small businesses to its network.

Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)

- The contacts editorial board recently met and a feature on the Borough's range of green spaces would be on the next issue.
- The Keep Me Posted service remains popular as a tool to communicate with residents.
- Thanks to the Elections and Members Services team for their hard work supporting the upcoming EU referendum.
- In November there would be a commemoration to mark 25 years since the closure of the Gedling Pit.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- Work to acquire feasibility studies on the 4th Trent Crossing continued.

In response to a question from Councillor Weisz about an email scam that affected a member of the public in her ward, Councillor Clarke said that extra vigilance was needed and information about this potential scam should be communicated widely.

In response to a question from Councillor Collis it was explained that it was not a requirement for food premises to display the local authority hygiene star rating and this was a national position.

9 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at Time Not Specified

Signed by Chair:
Date: