

CABINET

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st March 2011 at Worksop Town Hall

Present: Councillor M W Quigley (Chair),
Councillors K H Isard, M G Pugsley, K Sutton, C Wanless and T E Yates.

Liaison Members: Councillors H Burton, G A N Oxby and G J Wynne.

Officers: G Blenkinsop, S Brown, C Forster, J Hamilton, M Hill, L Hull, M Ladyman,
R Schofield, N Taylor and R Theakstone.

Also present: Councillors D Challinor and J W Holland – Select Panel Vice and Chair
Councillors B Hopkinson and S May

Standards Members: None.

142. QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

Council Procedure Rules were suspended for fifteen minutes to allow questions from the public; one member of the public was present.

Is it possible to issue an enforcement order on the owner of the now empty and derelict Bracebridge Community Centre?

The Leader of the Council replied that a Scrutiny Select Panel had recently reviewed derelict buildings within the District, and the Director of Community Services added that this particular building had not been included in the list under review but would ask officers to look at it and would write to the member of the public once a course of action had been agreed.

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Miss M Stokes.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

Councillors G J Wynne and T E Yates declared personal interests in Agenda Item No 10(c) – Update on the Sustainable Community Strategy, as they are both members of the Bassetlaw Town Centre Partnership. They remained in the meeting.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

145. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2011

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2011 be approved.

146. MINUTES FOR ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action and Implementation be received.

147. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

148. REPORT(S) OF THE CABINET MEMBER – COMMUNITY PROSPERITY – COUNCILLOR K H ISARD

(a) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (Key Decision No 284)

Members were informed about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and a decision was sought as to whether the Council should begin work to develop a District Levy, to be charged on all new development, in place of traditional Section 106 payments. The mechanics of the scheme were discussed.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

Option One – To continue with Section 106 agreements as a means of securing funding for new infrastructure in the District. The risk of doing so is that the Council is unable to secure the level of contributions that it may wish from new development, given the curtailment of pooled contributions.

Option Two – To develop a CIL Charging Schedule, relying on Section 106 contributions in the meantime. There are no significant risks in doing so but the Council would be proceeding without complete clarity over the detail of the Government's intentions in relation to revisions to the CIL Regulations. Although this will be a lengthy and complicated piece of work, it will, however, ultimately deliver considerable benefits to the District in terms of the monies raised for local infrastructure provision.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Council commences work on developing a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule.
2. Quarterly progress reports be presented to future meetings of Cabinet.

149. REPORT(S) OF THE CABINET MEMBER – SUPPORT SERVICES – MRS K SUTTON

(a) Older Person's Agenda (Key Decision No 285)

Members were asked to consider and agree an approach to supporting the Older Person's Agenda. Work the Council current does to support older people was outlined within the report, as were key recommendations agreed by Cabinet, the Council's broad aims and key themes that contribute to the quality of life.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

The Council needs to consider and agree the Authority's approach to understanding the needs and opportunities of an ageing population; and should consider how, working in partnership, the Council can address the shared challenges and opportunities of an ageing population.

RESOLVED that the broad principles and outline approach to the Older Person's Agenda, outlined within the report, be agreed.

150. REPORT(S) OF THE CABINET MEMBER – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE – COUNCILLOR M W QUIGLEY

(a) Council's Progress on Equality and Diversity Issues (Key Decision No 228)

Members were advised of the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duties and recent success in the Diversity Peer Challenge and approval was sought to develop responses to these issues.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

The Council will have a duty to comply with the requirements of the Public Sector Duty which will be enforced by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

RESOLVED that proposals to respond to both the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duties and the feedback from the Diversity Peer Review be developed and presented to a future meeting of Cabinet for approval.

Other Decisions

151. REPORT(S) FROM SELECT PANELS

(a) Review of Skin Cancer

Members were presented with the report of the Health Panel for consideration and approval of the recommendations for implementation.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

Cabinet could agree all, some or none of the recommendations within the report.

A number of the recommendations contained within the report require implementation by external bodies. While the organisations are required to co-operate with the Council, we have no power to force them to implement the recommendations.

RESOLVED that the recommendations within the Review of Skin Cancer report be considered and Cabinet's response be submitted to the next available Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(b) Review of Community Safety PIs – NI 20 (Assault with Injury Crime Rate)

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Panel presented the report of the Select Panel for consideration and approval of the recommendations for implementation.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

Cabinet could agree all, some or none of the recommendations within the report.

A number of the recommendations contained within the report require implementation by external bodies. While the organisations are required to co-operate with the Council, we have no power to force them to implement the recommendations.

RESOLVED that the recommendations within the Review of Skin Cancer report be considered and Cabinet's response be submitted to the next available Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

152. REPORT(S) OF THE CABINET MEMBER – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE – COUNCILLOR M W QUIGLEY

(a) Forward Plan – March to June 2011

Members were presented with the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the coming four months.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

The report is for noting.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan for the period March to June 2011 be approved.

(b) Paternity and Adoption Leave Policies

Members' approval was sought for the new draft Paternity and Adoption Leave Policies in readiness for new legislation which comes into effect from 1st April 2011. The Policies were appended to the report and had been agreed with the employee representatives at the Joint Employee Council on 14th December 2010.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

To approve the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave Policies will ensure that the Council manages leave requests in accordance with current practice and future legislation, and provides a mechanism for managers to ensure that the leave is applied fairly and consistently.

RESOLVED that the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave Policies be approved.

(c) Update on the Sustainable Community Strategy

Members were provided with the quarterly update on the implementation of the Sustainable Community Strategy. Appended to the report were lists of projects funded from the LAA allocation and those funded through the Communities Cohesion allocation in 2010/11. Also appended to the report was an update on work within the BLSP Sub-Groups.

It was confirmed that the £100,000 to develop CCTV to cover Bassetlaw had been reserved for the purchase of capital equipment.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

Council agreed that Cabinet would receive quarterly updates on the implementation of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

RESOLVED that the progress report on the implementation of the Sustainable Community Strategy be noted.

(Councillors G J Wynne and T E Yates declared personal interests in the above item but remained in the meeting.)

153. REPORT(S) OF THE CABINET MEMBER – FINANCE AND PROPERTY – COUNCILLOR T E YATES

(a) Update on the Implementation of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

Members were informed of the progress on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) compliance and approval was sought for a new Componentisation Policy and the revised Property, Plant and Equipment Accounting Policy which were appended to the report. It was noted that Bassetlaw District Council would be compliant with the Standards by the end of March 2011.

Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations

This is a legal requirement and therefore to do nothing is not an option.

Work is ongoing to identify components and finalise valuations as at 1st April 2010 which includes a comprehensive full valuation of the Council's housing stock. Any enhancements and new acquisitions capitalised at 31st March 2011 will also be required to comply with this policy, and the accountants and valuer are working together to ensure compliance. However, a number of risks and uncertainties remain which could require changes to the way in which the revised policy is implemented.

RESOLVED that:

1. The progress made towards the implementation of the International Financial Reporting Standards be noted.
2. The new Componentisation Policy be approved.
3. The revised Property, Plant and Equipment Accounting Policy be approved.

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

154. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

As there was no other business to be considered, the Chairman closed the meeting.