

CABINET

11 JULY 2006

Present: Councillor M Radulovic, Chair

Councillors S Doo
S Foster
M Garrett
S Heptinstall MBE
R I Jackson
M G Rich

81. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2006 were confirmed and signed.

82. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M G Rich declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 7.1 – minute no. 86.1 refers.

83. **CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED that the work programme, including key decisions be approved.

84. **REFERENCES**

84.1 **Resources Select Committee**
14 June 2006

Minute No. 29
Electoral Administration Bill

RESOLVED that:

1. **A supplementary revenue estimate of £27,600 be approved to complete the canvass, with funding being allocated from revenue contingencies.**
2. **A letter be sent to the government and the Local Government Association expressing the Council's concern about the cost of implementing the emerging legislation.**

Minute No.30
Corporate Debt Policy

RESOLVED that the corporate debt policy be approved.

Minute No. 31
Corporate Governance Progress Report

RESOLVED that the further areas of work identified in appendix 2 of the report submitted be approved.

Minute No. 33
Review of the Strategic Risk Register

RESOLVED that the amendments to the risk register and the action plans to mitigate risks be approved.

Minute No. 35
Statement on the System of Internal Control (SIC)

RESOLVED that the statement on the System of Internal Control be included within statement of accounts.

Minute No. 36
Concessionary Allowances Update

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance and the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to conclude the agreement with the other Nottinghamshire authorities in the concessionary travel partnership on the basis as set out in the report submitted.

85. **RESOURCES**

85.1 Freemen/Aldermen of the Borough

In accordance with sections 249(1) and 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council can, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose, admit Honorary Freemen and Aldermen of the borough.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the official admittance to the office of Honorary Freemen of the Borough and Honorary Aldermen will take place at a special meeting of the Council to be held on 9 November 2006.

85.2 Bramcote Leisure Centre –
Swimming Development Officer

The cabinet considered changes to the establishment at Bramcote Leisure Centre (BLC) in order to coordinate the swimming school within a national swimming development framework.

RESOLVED that with effect from 1 August 2006:

- 1. A permanent post of Swimming Development Officer graded scale 4 be established.**
- 2. Posts H518 and H512 graded scale 1/3 be deleted.**

85.3 Risk Assessment Management

The Council, under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR), had a responsibility to ensure so far as was reasonably practicable, the safety of all employees who may be exposed to risks in the course of their employment. The current method of assessing risk did not provide an opportunity to identify what risk assessments the Council currently held or for the assessment of the progress and monitoring compliance. The cabinet considered the purchase of a safety organiser, which would provide an effective and efficient method of assessing risk, together with the financial implications.

RESOLVED that a supplementary revenue estimate of £4,000 for the purchase of the Safety Organiser be approved, to be funded from the insurance fund.

86. **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

86.1 Response to the Report of Ian McLaren QC

Ian McLaren QC was commissioned to inquire into the circumstances of the handling of the Temple Lake planning application. The cabinet considered the report submitted and the recommendations to address the issues highlighted, areas of responsibility and a programme of action to ensure the errors would not occur again. The appendix to the report proposed a root and branch review of all processes, proper written documentation, training for employees and clear managerial process responsibilities for supervisors and managers. Internal audit, the scrutiny committee and cabinet would oversee the implementation of the actions. The proposal for the Temple Lake development would be considered by the Development Control Committee

Members expressed concern at the numerous errors made, the breach of trust and the lack of attention to detail. It was felt that in addition to the proposed improvements more member training must be introduced.

RESOLVED that the proposals set out in the appendix to the report of Ian McLaren QC be adopted with the inclusion of member training.

(Councillor M G Rich having declared an interest in this item left the meeting before discussion or voting thereon.)

86.2 Global Action Plan – Ecoteams in Broxtowe

Global Action Plan had funding secured until November 2006 and had requested financial support from the Council of £24,605 for the project to continue for the next three years. The cabinet considered details of the request, the achievements of Ecoteams in the borough, their future planned work and the financial implications.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Ecoteams initiative be supported financially for three years from November 2006 at a cost of £24,605.**
- 2. The cost of £3,312 in 2006/07 be funded from revenue contingencies.**