

CABINET

20 JUNE 2006

Present: Councillor M Radulovic, Chair

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Garrett.

73. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2006 were confirmed and signed.

74. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M G Rich declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 9.1 – minute no. 80.1 refers.

75. **CAPITAL WORK PROGRAMME**

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

76. **REFERENCES**

76.1 **Technical and Works Services Select Committee –
24 May 2006**

Minute No. 24
Provision of Toilet Facilities at Broadgate, Beeston

In reply to a question regarding the options presented for consideration members were advised that the Technical and Works Services Select Committee would be considering a review of the costs and times of opening of toilets in the borough in September 2006.

RESOLVED that the refurbishment of the toilet block at Broadgate, Beeston at a cost of £50,000 be approved and that funds be allocated from capital contingencies.

76.2. Housing, Health and Leisure Select Committee –
7 June 2006

Minute No. 29
Clean Neighbourhood-Scheme of Delegation

RECOMMENDED that the Council's constitution be amended in accordance with the detail in the report submitted.

Minute No. 30
Neighbourhood Wardens Services

RESOLVED that:

1. **The level of fixed penalties be approved in accordance with the details in appendix 2 of the report submitted.**
2. **A supplementary revenue estimate of £1,000 for income and expenditure be approved.**

Minute No. 31
Neighbourhood Wardens – Microchip Scheme for Dogs

RESOLVED that:

1. **A microchipping scheme be introduced.**
2. **Supplementary revenue estimates of £2,100 for income and expenditure be approved.**

77. RESOURCES

77.1 Accounts Out-Turn 2005/06

The cabinet considered the revenue and capital out-turn position for 2005/06, the revenue carry-forwards to 2006/07 and the annual statement of accounts for 2005/06.

RESOLVED that:

1. **The accounts summary and the current draft annual statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 be approved, subject to audit and to further amendments to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.**
2. **Budget variations be submitted to the various select committees in accordance with standing order 45 (2).**

3. The revenue carry forward requests outlined in section 2 of appendix 1 be carried forward and included as supplementary revenue estimates in the 2006/07 budget.
4. The capital carry forward requests outlined in appendix 2B be carried forward and included as supplementary capital estimates in the 2006/07 budget.

77.2 Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07

The Local Government Act 1999 required all best value authorities to publish an annual performance plan by 30 June 2006. The cabinet considered the draft best value performance plan for 2006/07.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the draft best value performance plan 2006/07 be approved.

77.3 Friendship Agreement (Twinning) – Myszkow, Poland

Following successful visits by members and officers to the County of Myszkow consideration had been given to enter into a friendship agreement between the two municipalities. The cabinet considered the issues involved in the development of a new friendship relationship together with the financial implications.

A concern was expressed that there appeared to be no distinction between a friendship agreement and a formal twinning agreement and that the matter should be investigated further to show the benefits for people of Broxtowe and the future financial implications. It was stated that the friendship agreement was not a twinning partnership but an opportunity for the Council to enhance communication with another municipality, exchange experiences and to learn from others.

RESOLVED that:

1. A friendship agreement with Myszkow be approved.
2. A supplementary revenue estimate of £10,000 be approved to support the new twinning arrangements, including the provision of additional finance for twinning activities with Myszkow, to be funded from the policy reserve.

77.4 First Aid Provision in Council Premises

Following a review of the Council's requirement to ensure that there were sufficient employees trained in first aid and emergency aid, the number of office based first aiders was insufficient. The cabinet considered details of the review findings, a proposal for additional training to be undertaken, the need for the purchase of three additional defibrillation units and the financial implications.

RESOLVED that a supplementary revenue estimate of £11,952 for an increase in first aid provision be approved, to be funded from revenue contingencies.

77.5 Replacement Franking Machine

It was necessary to replace the existing franking machine at the Council offices and the cabinet considered the funding of a replacement machine.

RESOLVED that a supplementary capital estimate of £8,500 be approved to purchase a replacement franking machine, to be financed by leasing.

78. **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

78.1 Implementation of Gambling Act 2005

The cabinet noted the implementation process of the Gambling Act 2005 and considered a draft policy which had been produced by the countywide officers group to enable public consultation to be undertaken.

RESOLVED that the draft statement of premises policy be approved for public consultation.

78.2 Proposed Restructuring of Police Forces – Consultation Invitation

The Nottinghamshire Police Authority had requested the Council's views on the proposed restructuring of police forces in the East Midlands. The cabinet considered a brief summary of the government's proposal for merger of police forces and the police authority's concerns.

Members were advised that the Secretary of State had published a letter which acknowledged concerns about a number of matters that arose from amalgamation and proposed a revised timetable for discussion. The Chair also reported a letter from the Member of Parliament which advised that further discussions would take place regarding concerns raised.

RESOLVED that further consultation be carried out within the revised timetable and the consultation be referred to full Council.

78.3 Colliers Wood Environmental Improvement Scheme

Improvements to the Colliers Wood site had been made over a number of years and a comprehensive programme of works had been identified to be carried out through the 2005/06 Neighbourhood Pride programme, subject to additional funding. The cabinet considered a business plan aimed at improving the site together with funding for interpretation works at a cost of £11,000.

RESOLVED that:

1. The proposed interpretation works at Colliers Wood be approved at a cost of £11,000 with funding from Neighbourhood Pride (£5,000), North Broxtowe Regeneration Fund (£5,000) and Greasley Parish Council (£1,000).
2. A supplementary capital estimate of £1,000 met by the contribution from Greasley Parish Council be approved.

78.4 Revenue Grants

The cabinet considered an application for grant aid from the Stapleford Old People's Welfare.

RESOLVED that a grant of £800 be approved.

79. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 6 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

80. **RESOURCES**

80.1 Counsel Advice

RESOLVED that a supplementary revenue estimate of up to £15,000 be approved to cover costs incurred, with funding to be provided from within the Council's revenue contingencies.

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