

CABINET

29 JUNE 2010

Present: Councillor D K Watts, Chair

Councillors M Brown
S Heptinstall MBE
R I Jackson
J M Owen
F Prince
M Radulovic MBE
K E Rigby

78. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2010 were confirmed and signed.

79. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

80. **APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED that the Budget Working Group be re-appointed to consist of six executive members (2 Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour and 2 Conservatives).

Reason

To enable the effective workings of the Council.

81. **CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

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

Reason

The items included in the work programme will help to achieve the Council's key priorities and associated objectives.

82. SCRUTINY REVIEWS

The cabinet noted the matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny.

83. **RESOURCES**

83.1 Town & Country Planning School

The cabinet considered member attendance at the Town and Country Planning Summer School to be held at the University of York between 3-7 September 2010.

RESOLVED that the Liberal Democrat/Labour group has three places and the Conservative group has two places at the Town and Country Planning Summer School.

Reason

To involve members in training for planning purposes.

83.2 Reform of Council Housing Finance

Following consultation, the government had produced a further paper on proposals to reform the system used to control council housing finance through the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) subsidy system. The cabinet considered a response to the second paper which was specifically on the option of moving to a self financing option for council housing finance through removing the current subsidy system. The potential effects on Broxtowe were also considered.

RESOLVED that the response to the government consultation paper on changes to the HRA subsidy system as set out in the appendix to the report submitted be approved.

Reason

The government had requested a response on the latest consultation paper on proposals to replace the current centralised, redistributive system with a new system that devolves financing and accountability to local authorities.

83.3 Implementing Single Status

The cabinet considered the implementation of Single Status, the timetable and the financial implications.

RESOLVED that:

1. **The implementation of Single Status be approved in accordance with the timescales set out at appendix 2 of the report submitted.**
2. **The suspension of the lease car scheme continues in accordance with the implementation programme as set out at section 5 of appendix 1 of the report submitted.**

Reasons

1. The Council is committed to achieving single status for all its employees.
2. In view of the revised timescales the date of the postponement of the lease car scheme needed to be adjusted.

84. **ENVIRONMENT**

84.1 Economic Regeneration Strategy 2010/2013

The Economic Regeneration strategy had been produced to provide a clear vision and framework for the delivery of Economic Regeneration within the borough over the next 3 years.

Members considered and agreed that the production of a handbook for each town centre giving details about local businesses, services, doctors, police etc. be investigated.

RESOLVED that the Economic Regeneration Strategy 2010/2013 be approved.

Reason

The strategy is in accordance with the Council's Place Shaping Priority.

84.2 Beeston Business Improvement District (BID)

A Business Improvement District (BID) gave the local business community the power to "raise funds locally to be spent locally" with the aim of improving their own trading environment. As part of the process of the BID it was necessary for the Council to undertake and take part in a ballot of local businesses to determine support or opposition to the BID.

The cabinet considered a summary of the business plan, the Council's contribution to the bid, the vote in the ballot and the financial implications.

RESOLVED to

1. **Authorise the requirement to undertake a ballot at an approximate cost of £1,700, to be funded from revenue contingencies.**
2. **Cast a “Yes” vote in the ballot.**
3. **A voluntary contribution in the form of an interest free loan of approximately £89,000 to the BID company in 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 and £45,000 in 2013/14 be approved.**

Reasons

1. The Council is required by law to undertake a ballot of Beeston business.
2. The essence of the bid is in accordance with the Council's the interest free loan would provide necessary interim finance to a project which supports the Council's economic regeneration activities and bringing people together priorities.
3. Should the outcome of the bid be positive it will support the Council's economic regeneration activities and bringing people together priorities.

85. HOUSING, LEISURE & CULTURE

85.1 Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

RESOLVED that the draft Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy be approved.

Reason

This is in accordance with the corporate priority for housing to ensure everyone has a good quality affordable home with access to excellent community facilities.

86 PLANNING, BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

86.1 Corporate Plan Performance Measures

The cabinet noted the progress made against corporate plan performance measures.

86.2 Ombudsman's Recommendations – Temple Lake

The Local Government Ombudsman had received three complaints by Mrs Ogden, Mr Watkinson and Mr Vickers regarding the Temple Lake planning applications. The cabinet considered the Ombudsman's report on the complaints, the decision and recommendations to the Council. The synopsis recommended that the Council should commission a report from an independent planning expert to determine the extent of the injustice caused. It was also recommended that the planning expert review the planning file to assess whether a legitimately claimable diminution in value existed.

The Leader stated that whilst having reservations as to the success of any further meetings with Mr Vickers to achieve a local settlement acceptable to both parties, he would endeavour to meet with him again to see whether this would be a possibility.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Ombudsman's proposals be accepted.**
- 2. A supplementary revenue estimate of £5,000 be approved to cover the cost of the planning consultant with funding to be provided from within the Council's revenue contingencies.**

Reasons

1. To seek approval to carry out the Local Government Ombudsman's recommendations regarding Temple Lake planning applications.
2. To make appropriate finance provision for the costs likely to be incurred.

86.3 Moorgreen Show 2010

The cabinet considered grant aid to the 2010 Moorgreen Show.

It was moved and seconded that a grant of £5,000 be made. During discussion of the grant aid it was felt that in view of the current financial constraints on the Council and the level of reserves held by the show committee a reduced amount would be more acceptable and a figure of £3,000 was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED that grant aid of £3,000 towards the Moorgreen Show be approved.

Reason

This is in accordance with the Council's objective of bringing people together and the aim to support events which bring people together and encourage pride in the borough.

86.4 Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
Charitable Bodies and Individuals Involved in Sports
The Arts and Disability Matters 2010/11

The cabinet considered four applications for grant aid.

RESOLVED that the applications be dealt with as follows

	£
Nuthall Age Concern Day Centre	325
Nottingham Voluntary Sector Forum	4,400
Hannah Birkin	200
Luke Howdle	100

Reason

The grants will assist in achieving the Council's key priority of bringing people together through the objectives of encouraging healthy participation in arts, culture and leisure and by promoting equality and fairness.

87. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

88. **RESOURCES**

88.1 Contract for Provision of Glazing Services and
Associated Responsive Repairs for the
Council's Housing Stock

RESOLVED that the contract for the provision of glazing services and responsive repairs for its Council's housing stock be awarded to KWT Glass Glazing Service.

Options Considered and Rejected

Six suppliers were invited to tender. Two submitted insufficient detail and four were asked to provide a schedule of rates.

Reason

This tender process is required to meet legislative requirements and to ensure that the Council is achieving value for money in its procurement of glazing services and responsive repairs for its housing stock.