

## **CABINET**

**6 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor M Radulovic MBE, Chair

Councillors: M Brown  
S Heptinstall MBE  
R I Jackson  
P Lally  
J M Owen  
R S Robinson  
D K Watts

109. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2011 were confirmed and signed.

110. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors R I Jackson and D K Watts declared personal interests in item number 10.2 due to their respective roles as cabinet member at Nottinghamshire County Council and appointed councillor to Attenborough Nature Reserve, minute number 117.2 refers.

111. **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.

112. **REFERENCES**

112.1 **Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 27 July 2011**  
**Service Financial Plans and Performance Outturn 2010/11**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered variances in performance levels and achievements against service delivery plans and performance targets during 2010/11.

**RESOLVED that the variations listed at appendices A to I be approved.**

Reason

The items provided an explanation in support of the Council's cross cutting theme of cost effectiveness.

113. SCRUTINY REVIEWS

The cabinet noted the matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny. It was suggested that the item regarding the Community Covenant, to be discussed at the Council meeting on 7 September 2011, should be subjected to scrutiny should it be adopted at that meeting.

**RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to consider the topic of the Community Covenant as a subject for scrutiny.**

Reason

A scrutiny review would present an opportunity to determine the best method of support for the Community Covenant.

114. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2012

The proposed programme of meetings for 2012 was submitted.

**RESOLVED that the programme of meetings for 2012 be approved.**

Reason

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

115. **RESOURCES**

115.1 Consultation on Proposals for Police Premises in Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire Police Authority had informed the Council of its intention to make significant changes to the number of police premises open to the public and consequently to change the operational bases from which neighbourhood policing teams operate.

Cabinet considered the consultation and suggested there were a number of errors in the report supplied by the Police Authority. Members were informed that the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire Police Authority had agreed to attend a meeting with members at the Council on 12 September 2011.

It was suggested that the Police Authority should clarify the proposals and the potential affects of them. Assurances were required over police response time and the impact of closures on the public's perception of the police.

**RESOLVED that cabinet's comments be raised at the forthcoming meeting with the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire Police Authority.**

Reason

The meeting will enable members to gain a greater understanding of the impact of the proposals.

115.2 Open Public Services White Paper

Members were informed of the contents of the Open Public Services White Paper and considered its implications. The cabinet examined the proposed consultation response and suggested that the white paper assumed that public services were best delivered by organisations other than local councils. Members considered that there should be retention of local services in order for the local community to benefit.

**RESOLVED that the comments made in the appendix to the report, with minor amendments, comprise the Council's response to the consultation document.**

Reason

The response will assist the Council with all of its priorities and cross cutting themes.

115.3 Local Area Agreement – Performance Reward Grant

The cabinet noted the allocation of the LAA1 reward grant by the Broxtowe Borough Partnership.

Subject to approval by the County Council's cabinet, a further revenue allocation of reward grant in respect of LAA1 totalling £151,882 was expected to be received and members discussed how this should be distributed.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. A supplementary capital estimate of £48,850 to be met from unallocated capital contributions be approved.**
- 2. Dependent on approval by Nottinghamshire County Council, the additional allocation of £151,882 be used to protect front line services.**

Reason

1. & 2. This will assist the Council in achieving all of its priorities and cross cutting themes.

115.4 Essential Maintenance – Stapleford Cemetery Chapel

Cabinet considered the transfer of the remaining budget for Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) works into public buildings maintenance to allow for essential repairs to Stapleford Cemetery Chapel. Members welcomed the proposal and confirmed that the Council regards its responsibility towards listed buildings and the DDA seriously.

**RESOLVED that the remaining DDA budget of £23,650 be allocated to support essential safety repairs to Stapleford Cemetery Chapel.**

Reason

The repairs will assist the Council to achieve its key priority of community safety and the cross cutting theme of cost effectiveness.

115.5 Temple Lake, Nuthall

Cabinet noted a report which informed members of the exercise by the Chief Executive, of powers pursuant to Standing Order 32, to make a prompt payment to Mr R G Vickers of a sum recommended by the Ombudsman of £25,000 by way of a local settlement of his complaint in respect of a residential development at Temple Lake.

116. **HOUSING**

116.1 Implementing Social Housing Reform: Directions to the Social Housing Regulator – Consultation

The cabinet considered a response to the Department for Communities and Local Government in respect of the published consultation paper entitled “Implementing social housing reform: directions to the Social Housing Regulator”. The report set out proposals for regulatory changes to ensure that the reforms to the provision of social housing within the Localism Bill can work in practice.

**RESOLVED that the comments made in the appendix to the report comprise the Council’s response to the consultation document.**

Reason

This will assist the Council with its key priority of housing.

## 117. ECONOMY AND REGENERATION

### 117.1 Confirmation of Article 4(1) Direction within Kimberley Conservation Area

Members considered an Article 4(1) direction which limited 'permitted development' rights to residential properties on Oak Lodge Drive, within the Kimberley conservation area.

**RESOLVED that the confirmation of the Article 4(1) Direction be approved.**

#### Reason

This will assist in achieving the Council's place shaping priority.

### 117.2 Developers' Contributions to Transport Measures: Progress Report

Cabinet considered the allocation of section 106 funding received in respect of public transport related contributions for integrated transport measures. Members suggested that this provided an opportunity for the Council to consult with members and the public for improving a range of transport measures in the borough.

The efficacy of real time bus information displays was discussed. It was suggested real time information would only operate successfully with the cooperation of all transport providers. Further comments included the cabinet's satisfaction at the proposed resolution of disability access at Beeston Station and assurances that footpaths at Attenborough Nature Reserve would be redressed sensitively with regard to the area.

**RESOLVED that a supplementary capital estimate of £93,000, funded from section 106 receipts, be approved towards the implementation of integrated transport schemes as set out in the appendices to the report.**

#### Reason

This will assist the Council to achieve its corporate objective of place shaping.

### 117.3 Business Innovation Centre Report

In March 2011 the Economic Development team, working with Nottingham Regeneration Ltd, had commissioned a study to consider the need and demand for a Business Innovation Centre (BIC). Focusing on the southern part of the borough, the report needed to explore developing existing links with The University of Nottingham, South Nottingham College, Nottingham Science Park, Boots, Business Centre Beeston on Technology Drive and transport links including the train and proposed tram extension.

Members suggested that a BIC would allow residents to apply for jobs locally and receive training and apprenticeships. A preference was expressed for a unit to be operated in Beeston but accessed from all over the borough. It was stated that various organisations should be invited to fund the BIC.

**RESOLVED that the Business Innovation Centre Action Plan as given in the appendix to the report be approved.**

Reason

The BIC will assist the Council to achieve its corporate objective of place shaping, encourage the development of knowledge intensive businesses and provide employment opportunities.

**117.4 Town Centre Management Update (including Beeston Bid)**

Members noted a report on town centre management, town centre activity and on the Beeston Business Improvement District (BID). Cabinet congratulated those involved and suggested that it was the intention to include Eastwood and Kimberley in funding activity, although more pressing challenges were in Stapleford. When considering the night time economy in Beeston it was suggested that more work should be undertaken to improve perceptions of the town centre and encourage a recreational evening atmosphere.

**RESOLVED that a supplementary revenue estimate of £20,000 be approved for town centre management activity, to be funded from revenue contingencies.**

Reason

The funding will assist with the Council's corporate priority of place shaping.

**117.5 Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations, Charitable Bodies and Individuals involved in Sports, the Arts and Disability Matters 2011/12**

The cabinet considered eight applications for grant aid.

**RESOLVED that the applications be dealt with as follows:**

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Hope Café	4,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts	1,750
5 <sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group	2,000
Moorgreen Show	3,000
Claire Harper	200
Joshua Harris	200
Vicky Hart	200
Andrew, Jake and Curt Stevens	200 each

Reason

The grant aid will assist in achieving the Council's key priority of bringing people together through the objective of encouraging healthy participation in arts, culture and leisure.

**118. ARTS, CULTURE & LEISURE**

**118.1 Establishment Review – D H Lawrence Heritage**

The cabinet considered changes to the establishment at D H Lawrence Heritage.

**RESOLVED that, with immediate effect, the changes to the establishment and associated budgets as set out in the report be approved.**

Reason

To make the service more efficient and cost effective.

**119. 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

**120. HOUSING**

**120.1 Contract for the Provision of Housing and Housing Repairs Mobile Solution**

**RESOLVED that the contract with Capita for the provision of the “open housing and open mobile” system be extended for a period of seven years in accordance with option 3 of the report.**

Reason

Option 3 will provide annual savings for the Council as well as provide greater sanction, if deemed necessary.

Options considered and rejected

Option 1 – The Council would continue to pay the same amount plus retail prices index increases.

Option 2 – Although this option would achieve the largest saving it would not provide sanction in the event that it was deemed necessary.