

CABINET

27 MARCH 2007

Present: Councillor M Radulovic. Chair

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Doo.

28. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2007 were confirmed and signed.

29. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Heptinstall MBE being a governor of Bramcote Hills School declared a personal interest in agenda item no. 8.3 – minute no 34.3 refers.

30. **REFERENCES**

Technical & Works Services Select Committee
14 March 2007

Min. No. 13 – Play Strategy

RESOLVED that the Play Strategy be approved.

Planning and Community Development Select Committee
21 March 2007

Min. No. 20 – Broxtowe Borough Council Travel Plan 2007-2012

RESOLVED that the Broxtowe Travel Plan 2007-2012 be approved.

31. **CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

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

32. RESOURCES

32.1 Conurbation Area Agreement for Nottingham City/Region

Ongoing discussions had been held with the City and County Councils, Gedling, Ashfield and Rushcliffe District Councils regarding an emerging conurbation area agreement for the Nottingham City/Region. The cabinet considered an update on the discussions, the areas of current activity, in particular the governance and planning roles for which Broxtowe had taken the leading role together with the financial implications.

RESOLVED that a supplementary revenue estimate of £5,000 be approved to be funded from revenue contingencies, in pursuit of developing the conurbation area agreement.

32.2 Twinning Grant Application – Eastwood Comprehensive School

Eastwood Comprehensive School had developed a twinning partnership with Janusz Korczak Gesamtschule in Gütersloh and had arranged a third visit to take place between 23 and 30 April 2007. The cabinet considered grant aid towards the twinning visit.

RESOLVED that a grant of £360 be awarded to Eastwood Comprehensive School.

33. HOUSING, HEALTH AND LEISURE

33.1 Home Repair Assistance

Interest free loans of up to £20,000 had been offered to vulnerable owner occupiers to carry out works to meet the decent homes standard. The loans were repaid upon sale of the property and the process managed by the South Nottinghamshire Home Improvement Agency.

The cabinet considered a proposal that the applicant's fee element of home repair assistance be met by way of a non-repayable grant, paid out of the home repair assistance capital budget. The financial implications and revised conditions attached to assistance were also considered.

RESOLVED that the South Nottinghamshire Home Improvement Agency fee for dealing with home repair assistance be awarded to applicants by way of a grant and the conditions attached to the assistance be amended in accordance with the details set out in the report submitted.

33.2 Private Sector Housing – Grant Awards

The East Midlands Regional Housing Board had invited bids for funding for 2007/08 to assist in achieving targets to increase the proportion of vulnerable households in the private sector living in decent homes. The cabinet

considered details of the successful bid of £500,000 and the financial implications.

RESOLVED that supplementary capital estimates totalling £500,000 for private sector housing be approved, to be funded from the Regional Housing Board grant.

33.3 Housing Capital Programme 2007/08

Provision had been made within the approved capital budget for 2007/08 for housing modernisation expenditure of £2,375,000 including capital salaries. The cabinet considered the programme for housing modernisation works for 2007/08 which included kitchen and bathroom replacement, roofing repairs and electrical installation upgrading.

RESOLVED that the housing modernisation programme be approved.

**33.4 Kimberley Leisure Centre –
Extension to Fitness Suite**

The main contractor for refurbishment works to the fitness suite at Kimberley Leisure Centre had requested increases in the project expenditure beyond the available budget. The works were withdrawn from this contractor and it was proposed to proceed through the traditional tender process. A formal tender process would delay the project and the cabinet considered the carry forward of the budget originally set up for 2006/07.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The contract for works in connection with fitness facilities, first floor toilets and Disability Discrimination Act works be subject to the Council's normal tendering procedures.**
- 2. The capital allocation totalling £178,600 be carried forward to the 2007/08 capital programme.**

34. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

34.1 Beeston Town Centre – The Square Redevelopment

The Beeston Town Centre Area Action Plan contained a number of preferred options relating to redevelopment of The Square and its environs. Detailed consideration of the Council's landholdings in Beeston was required in order to balance town centre vitality. Nottingham Regeneration Limited (NRL) had been approached to help source the advice and had quoted a sum of up to £7,500 to take the Council to a point where an implementation plan for the redevelopment was prepared. The cabinet considered details of the proposal, the risks involved, background information on NRL and the financial implications.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Nottingham Regeneration Ltd to provide advice to the Council in the redevelopment of The Square and surrounding areas at a cost of £7,500 be approved with funding allocated from the business growth reserve.

34.2 Derby and Derbyshire Waste Sites
Development Plan Document: Possible
Sites for New Waste Management Development

Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils had produced booklets which identified possible waste management sites and described the types of facilities envisaged. The site closest to Broxtowe's boundary was the Stanton Works, which was suggested as one of two possible sites for the "disposal to land" of "non-hazardous" waste from the Derby area.

The cabinet considered a proposed response and expressed concern that the proposals would have detrimental effects on the residents of Trowell and Stapleford and the infrastructure, in particular transportation.

RESOLVED that the comments contained in the report submitted together with the concerns of cabinet be submitted to the Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils in response to the consultation process.

34.3 Capital Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2007/08

The cabinet considered two applications for grant aid.

RESOLVED that the applications be dealt with as follows:

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Friends of Bramcote Hills Sport & Community Centre	*deferred
Hilltop Lunch Club	5,000

*Consideration was deferred for further information

34.4 Grants to Voluntary Organisations & Individuals
Involved in Sport or the Arts 2006/07

The cabinet considered an application from Kenneth Clifford for grant aid.

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be approved.

35. 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 paragraphs 1 and 9 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

36. **RESOURCES**

36.1 Contract for the Supply of Electrical Materials

RESOLVED that the contract for the supply of electrical materials be awarded to Newey and Eyre.

36.2 Contract for the Supply of Timber, Joinery and Building Materials

RESOLVED that the contract for the supply of timber, joinery and building materials be awarded to Buildbase.

36.3 Appointment of Consultants for Work in Connection with Housing Services

RESOLVED that a consultancy contract for housing services be awarded to KPMG in accordance with this report and that expenses (unspecified but stated in the tender to be a maximum of 5% of the engagement fee) be payable only if at least these savings are made by the Council within 6 months of the work being completed.

37. **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

37.1 Development Control Review

Consideration of this item was deferred to the next meeting.

38. **RESOURCES**

38.1 Neighbourhood Wardens

RESOLVED that the proposed management arrangements for the operation of the Neighbourhood Warden Service from 1 April 2007 as detailed in the report be approved.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the delegation arrangements in the Council's constitution be amended accordingly.

38.2 Education and Enforcement Officer

RESOLVED that the appointment of an education and enforcement officer in the Environmental Health Division as from 1 April 2007, including essential user car allowance, be approved.