

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

29th July, 2015

A meeting of the Cabinet was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Wednesday, 29th July, 2015.

Present

Councillor D. Harvey	(Finance and Civic Affairs (Leader))
Councillor J.A. Jackson	(Housing (Deputy Leader))
Councillor D. Aldington	(Planning and Development)
Councillor I.K. Lloyd	(Arts and Leisure)
Councillor N.J.P. Phillips	(Health and Environment)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G.D. Pomfrett.

CB17 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June, 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair.

CB18 **Declarations of Interest**

(a) Councillor J.A. Jackson declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any relevant item by reason of her husband's employment with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Sport and Leisure Management for which she has received dispensation to speak and vote on matters that do not relate specifically to his contract of employment or the unit in which he is employed.

Councillor Jackson also declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of her being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.

CB19 **Discretionary Rate Relief – Local Discount Scheme Pilot Progress Report**

The report of the Director – Finance and Procurement and Director - Regeneration and Public Protection updating Cabinet at the end of the pilot business rates local discount scheme which was launched in November, 2013 for an 18 month period, was considered.

RESOLVED that

(a) the outcome of the pilot local discount scheme be noted;

- (b) the Local Discount Scheme as attached at Appendix A to the report be adopted as Council Policy;
- (c) the Director – Finance and Procurement be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Civic Affairs, to make minor amendments to the policy; and
- (d) the Director – Finance and Procurement be given delegated authority in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Civic Affairs to agree how the policy will be promoted.

Speaker:

Councillor K.A. Kondakor

Options:

To accept the report, request further information on the pilot scheme or approve the Local Discount Scheme as Council policy.

Reasons:

The Council is encouraging greater economic growth in the Borough, to incentivise the creation of local jobs and to increase the business rates income to support the provision of General Fund services.

CB20 **Strategic Performance Report – End of Year**

The Maging Director presented, for Cabinet’s information, the Strategic Performance Report Summary April, 2015, together with the relevant commentaries.

RESOLVED that the end of year Strategic Performance Report be noted.

Speaker:

Councillor K.A. Kondakor

CB21 **Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

Asset Management and Council Leases Review

The report of the Economic and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel advising Cabinet of the work undertaken by the Asset Register and Council Leases Select Committee on behalf of the Economic and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel and seeking agreement to the recommendations contained therein was considered.

RESOLVED that Cabinet, having considered the evidence provided in the report, agree that:

- (a) the Asset Management Strategy and Action Plan be reviewed and brought up to date as soon as possible; and
- (b) a further report with regard to land and/or other assets, paying due reference to budgetary considerations and constraints, be brought back to a future Cabinet meeting.

Speaker:

Councillor K.A. Kondaor

Options:

To agree the recommendations
Not to agree the recommendations
To agree some of the recommendations

Reasons:

To identify where income for the Council could be increased or generated through the sale or letting of property or land in the Council's portfolio, to improve the information available on the Council's assets and give access to vacant property to community groups where appropriate.

CB22 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RECOMMENDED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CB23 Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels

Review of Grounds Maintenance Service

The report of the Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel advising Cabinet of the findings of the Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel's Grounds Maintenance Review Select Committee and seeking approval of the recommendations to be considered when the new Grounds Maintenance Contract is put out to tender and procured was considered.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be thanked for the work carried out to prepare this report; and
- (b) the recommendation will be taken into consideration as part of the budget setting process and taking into account future funding cuts.

Speakers:

Councillor K.A. Kondakor
Councillor I. Bonner

Options:

To agree the recommendations
Not to agree the recommendations
To agree some of the recommendations

Reasons:

To provide information to assist the Arts and Leisure Portfolio Holder and Cabinet relating to the future tender and procurement of the Grounds Maintenance Contract.

Chair

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