

**MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CABINET  
TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Held At 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

**PRESENT:**

Councillors J N Clarke (Chairman), R L Butler, J E Cottee, J A Cranswick, N C Lawrence, D J Mason, S J Robinson

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillors Mrs D M Boote, S J Boote and B A Nicholls.  
1 member of the public

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

A Graham	Chief Executive
K Marriott	Executive Manager - Transformation
V Nightingale	Senior Member Support Officer
P Steed	Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial
D Swaine	Executive Manager - Operations and Corporate Governance

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

There were no apologies for absence

**11. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

**12. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**13. Review of Leisure Specification**

Councillor Clarke presented the report in respect of a review of the leisure specification. He stated that, following consultation, he had requested that there should be a review of the indoor bowling element of the proposed development to ensure that the Council made the right decision. He recognised that the development had to be value for money whilst meeting the needs of residents. He therefore proposed that the Leisure and Civic Relocation Member Group should reconvene and review the information in regard to the indoor bowling element of the specification. The Group would then present a report to Cabinet at its meeting on 14 October 2014.

Councillor Lawrence supported the recommendation but felt that this could have an impact on other elements of the specification. He believed that the Group should also review the specification for swimming. He asked that the report of the Member Group should include details of the cost implications of the options it presented to Cabinet.

In response Councillor Clarke assured Members that the Member Group would have all the detailed information and costs. With regard to swimming he stated that any changes to the present specification could have an impact on several elements of the design and that the architects would be invited to attend the Group's meeting. The Chief Executive clarified that the final costs of the project, or any element within that, would not be known until the project was subject to the procurement process and tested against the market. Following that exercise the Council would know if the costs could be contained within the affordability envelope that had been discussed with Cabinet.

In conclusion, Councillor Clarke stated that it was vital that Members reconsidered the specification to ensure that the right decision was taken for both residents and the Council.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Civic Relocation Member Group be requested to:

- a) Review the requirements for indoor bowling at the Arena in light of representations made regarding the current and future demand, demographic changes, cost and other information;
- b) Provide a report of its findings to Cabinet at its meeting on 14 October. This report to identify and recommend
  - (i) the level of bowling facilities required in the design;
  - (ii) any consequential changes to other elements of the specification; and
  - (iii) any planning or other implications of accommodating change, including the likely impact on the cost of the development.

#### 14. **Designation of Radcliffe on Trent Parish Neighbourhood Area**

Councillor Butler presented the report of the Executive Manager - Communities regarding an application by Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council to the Borough Council to designate the parish of Radcliffe on Trent as a Neighbourhood Area. Under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, the Borough Council had a duty to consider any Neighbourhood Area applications, taking into account the submission made to it and any representations received during a period of consultation. The Parish Council's letter and associated map had been placed on both the Borough and Parish Councils' websites and residents had been able to view a copy at the Parish Council's offices. The six week consultation had run from 30 June to 11 August 2014 and there had been no responses received.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the application to designate the parish of Radcliffe on Trent as a Neighbourhood Area be approved.

## 15. Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2014/15 – Quarter 1 Update

Councillor Robinson presented the report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial regarding the budget position for the Council's revenue and capital accounts as at 30 June 2014. He stated that there was a projected underspend of £605,000 on the revenue account and £1,858,000 on the capital account for 2014/15. In the present economic climate and taking into account the many financial pressures on local authorities he felt that this gave a very positive message to residents.

Councillor Robinson further clarified that the underspend in respect of revenue was mainly due to increased income from garden waste and planning fees.

With regard to the capital budget the underspend was primarily due to requests not having been received for the release of the redevelopment loan to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club or for the Borough Council's contribution to the works on the A453. As part of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy £500,000 capital budget was proposed for potential investments via Funding Circle, which provided loans to local businesses to promote economic development. Furthermore, a loan of £516,000 was proposed to enable Streetwise Environmental Ltd to purchase vehicles from the fleet.

Following a question, Councillor Clarke was informed that a further £125,000 for the A453 development was included in the 2015/16 Capital Programme.

Councillor Cranswick queried the variances in the programme relating to the Cotgrave Master Plan. He was informed that this was because the Council was in the process of acquiring three properties.

In respect of the loan to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club Members were informed that the Club was reconsidering its options and requirements for the William Clarke Stand at the present time and that this would have an impact on when any requests for money would be received.

Councillor Butler was pleased to note that planning income had increased however, he felt that it was essential to ensure that the section was adequately resourced.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the projected revenue and capital underspend positions for the year of £605,000 and £1,858,000 respectively be noted;
- b) the increase to the Members' Community Support Scheme budget from £25,000 to £50,000 to be funded from the New Homes Bonus be approved; and
- c) the new capital budgets of £500,000 for Funding Circle and £516,000 for the loan to Streetwise Environmental Ltd be approved.

**16. Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

RESOLVED that

the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item of business pursuant to Regulation 4 (2) of the Regulations on the grounds that it is likely that exempt information may be disclosed as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**17. Investment Opportunity – Potential Site Acquisition**

Councillor Robinson presented the report of the Chief Executive regarding a possible investment opportunity.

RESOLVED that Cabinet authorises:

- a) the Chief Executive to submit an offer for the purchase of the landholding identified in the report in line with the figures detailed in paragraph 7.1.4. This offer to be subject to Council approval.
- b) that, if required, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources and the Section 151 Officer be authorised to increase this offer, ensuring the minimum projected return identified in paragraph 7.1.5, in order to secure this strategic asset.
- c) that, as required, this acquisition, and the resultant amendments to the 2014/15 Capital Programme, be referred to Council for approval.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN