

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET

### **TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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, S J Robinson and R G Upton

#### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors S J Hull, R M Jones and A MacInnes.

#### **OFFICERS PRESENT:**

A Graham	Chief Executive
P Horsfield	Monitoring Officer
P Linfield	Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services
A Poole	Constitutional Services Team Leader

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors D J Mason

#### 13. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

#### 14. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 15. Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2016/17 – Quarter 1 Update

Councillor Robinson presented a report on the financial position at the end of quarter 1. He explained that as this was the first quarter of the year, it was too early to predict trends and patterns for the year.

Regarding Revenue, Members were informed that this showed an underspend against profiled budget to date of £199,000 and a projected efficiency saving for the year of £227,000. He explained that there were a number of movements against the budget, with some positive variances which included employee cost savings; increased income from investment properties; the lack of current calls made on the contingency budget; and additional green waste income. There were several negative variances, the main one being in relation to a fall in expected planning income, particularly due to a reduction in solar farm applications. Councillor Robinson highlighted that this would need to be monitored to ensure that this did not continue. With regard to Capital expenditure, Councillor Robinson explained that, for the major capital projects being undertaken, timing remained a significant issue. He expected that expenditure against the redevelopment of Rushcliffe Arena and Bridgford Hall, and the loan to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, would move forward over the next quarter, although it was currently showing an underspend of £3.538m.

The Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services explained that the underspend of £659,000 against the housing provider was to support the provision of social housing in the future potentially through a property development company.

Councillor Robinson summarised that this was an excellent financial start for the first quarter of the year and recognised the excellent work of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services and his team for their management of the Council's finances.

Councillor Clarke supported the comments made and added that the financial variances detailed should balance out over the year.

RESOLVED that Cabinet note the projected revenue and capital budget positions for the year of £227k and £3,538k, respectively, in efficiency savings.

# 16. Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy and Planning Applications

Councillor Butler presented a report on the community consultation undertaken to revise the Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy and Planning Applications. He explained that this was last completed in 2007 and that it was timely to update the document. Members were informed that eight comments/representations had been received from different organisations in response to the consultation and that this had resulted in the now revised Statement of Planning Policy and Planning Applications.

Councillor Cottee explained that Keyworth Parish Council were concerned that they had been unable to comment as part of the consultation due to timing. Councillor Cottee had spoken with the Development Control Manager to allay fears that they had been ignored and had reassured Keyworth Parish Council that they were involved and would be consulted at the planning stage.

Councillor Butler reassured Members that parish councils were and would continue to be consulted throughout the process and that the Borough Council's consultation methods exceeded the requirements set out in the regulations.

Councillor Clarke recognised that the Statement of Planning Policy and Planning Applications was a lengthy document, but that it was worthwhile and necessary to ensure a proper consultation process was undertaken. RESOLVED that Cabinet adopts the revised draft Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy and Planning Applications.

## 17. 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 above Regulations on the grounds that it was likely that exempt information may be disclosed as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

#### 18. **Potential relocation sites for Rushcliffe Depot**

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive in respect of potential relocation sites for Rushcliffe Depot.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed to further work to enable the Authority to consider the relocation of the Rushcliffe Depot.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

CHAIRMAN