

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016**

Held at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors J N Clarke (Chairman), R L Butler, J E Cottee, D J Mason,
S J Robinson, R G Upton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors A MacInnes, G R Mallender

OFFICERS PRESENT:

N Carter	Deputy Monitoring Officer
P Linfield	Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services
K Marriott	Executive Manager – Transformation and Operations
A Poole	Constitutional Services Team Leader

28. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

29. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. Streetwise Environmental Ltd – Accounting Treatment for Pensions

Councillor Robinson presented a report on the revision of pension arrangements for Streetwise Environmental Ltd. He informed Cabinet that the proposal was to move to a pensions ‘pass through’ arrangement, back dated to 1 April 2016, with the transfer of all pensions’ assets and liabilities to the Council. He assured Cabinet that the liability was insignificant for the Council compared to the total funding pot and that the liability rested with the Council anyway as it was responsible to underwriting Streetwise’s contributions to the existing pension scheme.

He added that an unforeseen consequence of Streetwise Environmental Ltd being created was that it became exposed to the volatility of actuarial risks in respect of liabilities within the Local Government Pension Scheme. He highlighted that the transfer of pensions arrangements would result in an improved financial position for Streetwise Environmental Ltd, with a stronger balance sheet and higher operating profits which would increase by £80,000. A Deed of Agreement would be signed.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- a) approve the pensions 'pass through' arrangement backdated to 1st April 2016 with Streetwise Environmental Ltd pensions' assets and liabilities transferring back to the Council;
- b) approve the principle that the 'pass through' arrangement is the default position for future company arrangements; and
- c) that a Legal Admission Agreement is completed and agreed by both the Council and Streetwise Environmental Ltd.

31. Rushcliffe Country Park Off-Street Parking Places Order

Councillor Cottee presented a report on the Off-Street Parking Places Order at Rushcliffe Country Park. He explained that the proposal had been included in the 2016/17 budget setting report and the Council's medium term financial strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21, which were considered by Council on 3 March 2016. As part of this, it was agreed that the current voluntary car parking charges at Rushcliffe Country Park would become compulsory from June 2017. The fee of £1 per day would generate an additional annual income of £20,000. Changes would be made to the existing car park layout to increase car parking capacity. Individuals with an annual pass for the Country Park would be exempt from the car parking tariff.

Councillor Cottee informed Cabinet that the Council contributed around £250,000 per year to the running of the country park. The timetable for introduction of the new arrangements included a consultation period in January/February 2017 with necessary changes to the current car park layout made in March/April 2017.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the introduction of an Off-Street Parking Places Order at Rushcliffe Country Park, to be implemented by the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Communities.

32. Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2016/17 – Quarter 2 Update

Councillor Robinson presented a report on the budget position for revenue and capital as at 30 September 2016, details of which were considered by Corporate Governance Group on 1 December 2016.

Regarding revenue, he highlighted that there were a number of adverse variances including under Development Control where a reduction in the number of large scale planning applications had resulted in a reduction in revenue generation of £83,000. Positive variances included employee cost savings due to vacancies not being filled and a fall in diesel prices. This had resulted in a projected efficiency saving for the year of £442,000.

Regarding capital, Councillor Robinson informed Cabinet that the ambitious capital programme which included the completion of two major redevelopment schemes – Bridgford Hall and the Arena – resulted in an expected underspend of £5.473 million. A number of factors had contributed to this underspend,

including the fact that the loan to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club would be requested over 3 years instead of in one lump sum.

A further £2.5 million of Growth Deal Funding had been allocated to the development of Land North of Bingham although it was unlikely that works would commence this financial year and the scheme would need to be re-profiled. He added that the £75,000 brought forward would be used for the capital investment in Edwalton Golf Club in 2017.

Councillor Mason supported the proposal and the investment in Edwalton Golf Club.

Councillor Clarke said that the variances regarding Development Control supported the lobbying for the localisation of planning fees, which would enable the Council to charge for planning applications in line with the costs to administer the process. He recognised that the variances in capital spending were expected in light of the major capital projects currently being undertaken by the council.

Councillor Robinson recognised the work of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services and the Finance Team.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- a) note the projected revenue and capital budget positions for the year of £442k in efficiency savings and £5,473k from capital scheme re-phasing; and
- b) approve the accelerated budget provision in relation to Edwalton Golf course to enhance the facilities (specifically the toilets and showers).

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

CHAIRMAN