

**MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CABINET  
TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017**

Held At 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby 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 R M Jones and A MacInnes  
1 member of the public

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

D Banks	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods
A Graham	Chief Executive
P Linfield	Executive Manager - Finance and Corporate Services
V Nightingale	Constitutional Services Officer
G O'Connell	Monitoring Officer

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

There were no apologies for absence

**43. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

**44. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**45. Revocation of Air Quality Management Area 2**

Councillor Mason presented the report of the Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods regarding the revocation of the Air Quality Management Area No 2 Order. She stated that this had been in effect since 2005 and that there had been an action plan developed to support the Order. The area had been monitored for twelve years and she highlighted the data for the past five years. She said that annual statements were sent to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and that because the level of nitrogen dioxide had been positively below the air quality standard for a number of years the Department were endorsing the Council's proposal to revoke the Order.

She highlighted that this was a success for the Council and the partners involved, such as, Highways England and transport planners. She stated that due to traffic management and cleaner vehicle technology there had been a sustained reduction in emissions of nitrogen dioxides. Councillor Mason pointed out that the Council had a duty to monitor air quality throughout the

Borough and therefore if there were any changes to the levels of nitrogen dioxide resulting in breaches of the national air quality standard further action could be taken. She concluded by stating that this action assisted the Council in meeting its priority of enhancing the residents' quality of life.

Councillor Clarke queried if the Order could be reinstated if necessary as there were several large developments proposed in the area. Councillor Mason responded that the Council would continue to monitor the air quality of the whole Borough and that if any changes to the levels of nitrogen dioxide were identified actions could be introduced.

RESOLVED that the Air Quality Management Area No.2 Order be formally revoked under the provisions of Section 83(2) of the Environment Act 1995.

**46. South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy 2017 - 2021**

Councillor Butler presented the report of the Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods regarding the development of a new Homelessness Strategy for 2017 – 2021. He stated that the Council was legally required to publish a Strategy every five years and that this was the second Strategy produced in partnership with Broxtowe and Gedling Borough Councils. The new Strategy built on the achievements of the present Strategy and sets a framework for continued improvements in preventing homelessness. It was noted that the document had undergone extensive consultation and that this had provided opportunities for Councillors and partners to have an input into its development.

He highlighted the action plan contained within the report and how this focussed on five priority areas. Councillors were informed that the action plan would be reviewed annually. Finally he concluded that, although this was a statutory duty, it was one that the Council was pleased to undertake on behalf of its residents.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy 2017 – 2021 (Appendix A).

**47. Revenue and Capital Monitoring – Quarter 3 Update 2016/17**

Councillor Robinson presented the report of the Executive Manager - Finance and Corporate Services regarding the budget position for the Council's revenue and capital as at 31 December 2016. He stated that the revenue account was projected to be underspent by £28,000 at the end of the financial year, although there was an underspend of £228,000 at the end of December. It was noted that there had been less income from planning applications due to the smaller number of applications for large developments being presented, however, there had been savings on staff costs and an increase in income for the green bin scheme.

With regard to capital it was noted that there was a projected £9,551,000 underspend for the year. Councillor Robinson explained that this was due to the phasing of, and the external influences on the major projects. He stated that there would be no work carried out on the Health and Wellbeing Land at Bingham, that the Cotgrave Masterplan was progressing and that there would

be a rescheduling of the loan to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club. He stated that the Council had a healthy position and thanked the Executive Manager - Finance and Corporate Services and his team.

In conclusion, Councillor Robinson highlighted the Council's investment at The Point and stated that the Council was receiving an 8% return on its investment; also it had been re-evaluated and the asset had increased by 26%. He said that not only was this asset bringing in income that would be used on front line services it was also appreciating.

Councillor Butler was not concerned about the phasing of the major projects as this was a usual occurrence. He informed Councillors that there had been a site visit at Colliers Way Cotgrave and that the industrial site was developing; also the work in the Town Centre was underway. He said that although different circumstances caused delays the Council was committed to these projects.

Councillor Robinson concurred with Councillor Butler and stated that the development of the industrial site at Cotgrave was a good example as businesses had shown an interest in many of the units being developed.

Councillor Clarke stated that it was encouraging to have a high level of interest and it signified that businesses were able to locate and flourish in the Borough.

RESOLVED that Cabinet note:

- a) the projected revenue and capital budget positions for the year of £28,000 efficiency savings and £9.551 million from capital scheme re-phasing;
- b) the carry forward of the anticipated underspend of £1.4 million for the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club loan; and
- c) the update on financial performance with regards to The Point.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

CHAIRMAN