

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET
TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017**

Held At 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors A Edyvean, D J Mason, G Moore, S J Robinson, R G Upton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors J N Clarke, M Edwards, A MacInnes

OFFICERS PRESENT:

C Caven-Atack	Performance, Reputation and Constitutional Services Manager
A Graham	Chief Executive
P Linfield	Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services
K Marriott	Executive Manager – Operations and Transformation
D Mitchell	Executive Manager – Communities
G O’Connell	Monitoring Officer
A Pegram	Service Manager for Communities

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 April 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning Peer Challenge – initial actions requiring constitutional amendments

Councillor Upton presented the report of the Executive Manager – Communities which proposed significant changes in the operation of the planning committee. Councillor Upton reminded the Cabinet that the service had recently undergone a Planning Peer Challenge Review, not as a criticism of the service or in response to a problem, but in support of the Council’s goal of continuous improvement. The outcome of the Review was presented to Cabinet in April and that this report dealt with the remaining actions – namely public speaking, the focus of the committee, the role of ward members and the timing of the committee.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Edyvean who suggested that councillors may benefit from additional training to provide further confidence when responding to planning consultations. Councillor Upton responded that plans were in place to carry out additional training where needed. Councillor Edyvean also questioned the logistics of ward councillors from multi member wards speaking at committee. The proposals were clarified by the Executive Manager - Communities.

RESOLVED to support and forward to Council the acceptance of the following for introduction from the July 2017 meeting of the Planning Committee:

- a) That controlled public speaking is introduced in accordance with the attached draft protocol (**Appendix 1**).
- b) The focus of the Committee and role of Ward Councillors serving on the Committee, or that of Ward Councillors attending to speak on an item in their Ward, as set out in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.9.
- c) That Ward Councillors will be required to support any objection or support for a development proposal with material considerations, which may be subject to discussion with the Service Manager/Lead Specialist.
- d) That the start time of scheduled Planning Committees be brought forward to 6.30pm with a curfew of 10pm, with the potential for a 30 minute extension at the discretion of the Chairman.

5. **Leisure Strategy Update**

Councillor Mason presented the updated Leisure Strategy and thanked those that had been involved in shaping the document including Councillor Cottee, the Community Development Group and numerous consultees. The document defines the Council's leisure provision for the next ten years, meeting the needs of current and future residents, and supporting the Council's three key priorities. The Strategy highlights Bingham Leisure Centre as a priority for future investment and recognises the importance of the playing pitch strategy to local town and parish councils.

The adoption of the Leisure Strategy was seconded by Councillor Upton who also recognised the importance of the document in assisting town and parish councils to gain external funding to improve leisure facilities in their area. He was pleased to see that stake parks across the Borough would be reviewed to ensure they were safe and met the needs of users.

Councillor Robinson recognised the Strategy as an excellent piece of work which supports the efforts of town and parish councils in improving their communities through grant applications. He was also pleased to note the ambition of the Strategy despite the tight financial pressures the Council increasingly faced.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- a) Adopt the Leisure Facilities Strategy 2017-2027

- b) Supports work to develop a business case for capital investment into Bingham Leisure Centre resulting in an options report to Cabinet
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Manager - Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Leisure to approve the final content of the associated Playing Pitch Strategy.

6. Concluding Report of the Edwalton Golf Courses Strategic Asset Review Member Group

Councillor Robinson welcomed Councillor Clarke, Chairman of the Strategic Asset Review of Edwalton Golf Courses Member Group, to the meeting and invited him to present his report.

Councillor Clarke reminded Cabinet that the focus of the Group had been to consider the future of the strategic asset not the day to day operation of the Golf Centre. The Group had met on five occasions and considered information in the form of reports, presentations and visits. Based on this information, and an independent valuation of the site, the Group reached a majority decision to give Glendale Golf the opportunity to realise their recent investment and maintain this asset as it stands for the moment. The Group have agreed to reconvene following the review of the Local Plan or two years before the end of the existing Glendale contract (whichever is the sooner) unless the Council's financial position dictates otherwise.

Councillor Robinson thanked Councillor Clarke for his presentation and reiterated that the Edwalton site was now the Council's most valuable, and appreciating, asset.

The recommendations were seconded by Councillor Moore who acknowledged the hard work being done by Glendale Golf to revitalise the Club.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Barring any significant changes from the current position at Edwalton, the Edwalton Golf Courses Strategic Asset Review Member Group – should reconvene in line with the Local Plan review or two years before the end of the Glendale contract, whichever is the soonest. This will be subject to any significant adverse change to the Council's financial position.

7. 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 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.

8. **Strategic Land Acquisition**

Cabinet considered the report presented by Councillor Robinson generating further growth in the Bingham area.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- a) Agrees and authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and conclude the necessary legal agreements to conclude the purchase for the land as outlined in **Appendix A**, subject to Council approval
- b) Recommends to Council in June that the purchase is completed and the Council's capital programme is amended, this includes funding of the purchase via Council capital receipts.

The meeting closed at 7.26pm.

CHAIRMAN