

CABINET **11TH JUNE 2009**

PRESENT: The Leader (Councillor Preston)
The Deputy Leader (Councillor Bush)
Councillors Bokor, Fryer, Harley, Lewis, Osborne, Slater and Snartt.

Councillors Barkley, Harper-Davies and Wise (Cabinet Support Members) were also in attendance.

14. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

A disclosure of Personal Interest was made by Councillor Snartt – personal interest in Item 10 – Multi-Agency Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

15. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Leader's announcements.

16. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2009 were confirmed and signed.

17. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES 29(ii) AND 39

No questions had been submitted.

18. REFERENCE FROM SCRUTINY – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

A report of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee was submitted, which set out recommendations for Cabinet following consideration of the Sustainable Communities Act at a meeting of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 20th May 2009 (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8(c), Councillor Shepherd, as Chair of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, addressed Cabinet.

RESOLVED

1. that, as there was no requirement to opt in or out of the Act, the Act be used on a case by case basis, while being mindful of the potential costs of its use;

2. that officers be requested to include information in respect of the Act when there was potential for its use as an option for a specific report being submitted to the Cabinet; and
3. that the information contained in Appendix A of the report be noted.

Reasons

- 1.-3. To clearly set out how Charnwood Borough Council would be using the provisions in the Sustainable Communities Act.

19. REFERENCE FROM SCRUTINY – GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

A report of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee was submitted, which set out recommendations for Cabinet following consideration of matters relating to the Great Central Railway at a meeting of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 20th May 2009 (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8(c), Councillor Shepherd, as Chair of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, addressed Cabinet. Councillor Shepherd informed Cabinet that he had declared a personal interest in this item at Community and Partnership Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED

1. that due consideration and weight be given to the potential for Loughborough as a whole, in respect of land and resources in the area of the Loughborough GCR Station;
2. that a firm strategy be created for the area along the GCR corridor of land in respect of tourism and education;
3. that the importance of better co-ordination of tourist attractions in Loughborough be noted;
4. that due consideration be given to possible car parking solutions and infrastructure plans for the area around the GCR Loughborough Station;
5. that appropriate transport links to the area around the GCR Loughborough Station be fully supported; and
6. that the Cabinet Lead Member consider arranging for representatives of Charnwood Promotions to visit the GCR to view its attractions and potential.

Reasons

1. To ensure that the potential use of land in the area be highlighted and options for expanding tourism in the area be explored. This would include bridging the gap between the two separate areas of the GCR line, proposals to develop the Allsopps Lane area, moving the existing engine sheds and the possible development of that site as a marina.
2. To ensure that an opportunity for the area would not be lost and that options were made available to expand both tourism and education facilities in the area.
3. To ensure that an opportunity for Loughborough was not lost. There were approximately 23 tourist attractions in the area and at the present time there was no co-ordination of opening time or events between attractions to encourage people to remain in the area for a weekend or longer, thus expanding economic benefits to the town.
4. To mitigate the effects of possible congestion, as at the present time the parking facilities in the area of the Loughborough GCR station were limited and congestion would be exacerbated by the imminent loss of parking facilities at a local mosque.
5. To achieve excellent potential for the area, for example by addressing concerns in respect of a lack of public transport between the Midland Mainline Station and the GCR Loughborough Station, in particular at weekends. It was important to work with the relevant agencies and bus companies to improve the provision of public transport.
6. To provide an opportunity for Charnwood Promotions to view the potential of the GCR corridor of land.

20. REVENUE OUTTURN 2008/09 AND CARRY FORWARD OF BUDGET

A report of the Deputy Chief Executive, informing Cabinet of the Revenue Outturn position of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account for 2008/09 compared with the Revised Budget and requesting the carry forward of a budget, was submitted (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED that the Revenue Outturn positions of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account for 2008/09 be noted and that the carry forward of a budget of £46.3k to 2009/10 in respect of legal costs regarding a High Court case be agreed.

Reason

To enable the information to be used when considering future budgets and the Financial Strategy and enable budgets to be carried forward to cover committed expenditure.

21. CAPITAL PLAN OUTTURN 2008/09

A report of the Deputy Chief Executive was submitted, which showed the total expenditure on the Capital Plan for the year 2008/09 compared with the budget, which was reported to Cabinet on 28th February 2008 (minute 166), plus subsequent amendments on 15th May 2008 (minute 15), 17th July 2008 (minute 48), 25th September 2008 (minute 80), 18th December 2008 (minute 126) and 26th February 2009 (minute 184). In addition, the report details those schemes that require a carry forward of budget to 2009/10 and shows the provisional arrangements for the financing of the Plan (item 9 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED

1. that the outturn position for 2008/09 be noted and that the carry forward of project budgets totalling £1,737.8k be approved; and
2. that the provisional financing of the Plan be noted.

Reasons

1. To enable projects to be completed.
2. To indicate how the Plan was likely to be financed.

22. MULTI-AGENCY ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY

A report of the Director of Partnerships and Customer Services, advising Cabinet on the development of this Strategy and seeking approval for its adoption and implementation, was submitted (item 10 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED that the Multi Agency Anti Social Behaviour Strategy be adopted.

Reason

While the requirement to adopt and publish an Anti Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure lies with the housing function, and therefore with Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing, all members of the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership have been asked to adopt this strategy.

23. CHARNWOOD GRANTS – ROUND 3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS

A report of the Director of Governance and Procurement, determining applications for Community Facilities Grants applications from local organisations that exceed £20,000 in value, was submitted (item 11 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED

1. that the application for a Community Facilities Grant of £30,000 by the Gorse Covert Community Association for the renovation of the Community Centre be approved; and
2. that the application for a Community Facilities Grant of £30,000 by the Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough for redeveloping the building be refused.

Reasons

1. To provide financial support for a project that meets the criteria for an award and the aims of the Community Facilities Grant scheme.
2. To decline to provide financial support for a project that does not meet the criteria for an award and the aims of the Community Facilities Grant scheme.

24. EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED that members of the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

25. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY: DISPOSAL OF SOUTHFIELDS ANNEX SITE

A report of the Director of Governance and Procurement, in respect of creating a 150 year lease on land owned and to be acquired by the Council at Southfields Annex, Loughborough, was submitted (item 13 on the agenda filed with the exempt minutes).

RESOLVED that the recommendations set out in the exempt report of the Director of Governance and Procurement be approved.

Reason

To provide the optimum development proposals and maximise the value of the land.

NOTES:

1. The decisions in these minutes will come into effect at 5.00pm on Friday 19th June 2009 unless called in under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13.
2. Subject to note 1 above, no reference may be made at Council to the decisions in these minutes unless notice to that effect is given to the Head of Democratic Services by five members of the Council by 5.00pm on Friday 19th June 2009.
3. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of Cabinet on 9th July 2009.