

**CABINET  
1ST NOVEMBER 2007**

PRESENT: The Leader (Councillor Shepherd)  
The Deputy Leader (Councillor Bush)  
Councillors Fryer, Hampson, J.M. Hunt, Lewis, Preston, Slater and  
Snartt

100. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

A Disclosure of Personal Interest was made by Councillors Lewis, Preston, Shepherd and Snartt in Item 7 – Loughborough SportPark.

101. LEADERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader made the following announcement:

Local Democracy Week

“As part of Charnwood Borough Council's commitment to provide local leadership and help promote good citizenship, a range of events involving Borough Councillors were arranged with local schools and colleges to mark Local Democracy Week, which took place between 15th and 19th October”.

“Local Democracy Week is a national campaign aimed at engaging young people with local issues and the role of local government. In Charnwood, five schools and eight Councillors took part. Events included:

- Councillors giving an outline of local policies, listening to issues that the students raised and answering any questions; and
- Councillors engaging students in a card game based on ‘pokemon’ trading cards, in which the students spent a hypothetical Council budget.

In addition the Mayor attended a Civic Away Day in Shepshed”.

“I would like to thank all the Councillors who were involved and the schools which took part. I would also like to thank the officers who assisted with preparation and organisation. Positive feedback has been received from Councillors, schools and the students, all of whom felt it was an important and worthwhile exercise. Evaluation sheets will be circulated to the Councillors and schools involved to seek formal feedback in order that we can build on our achievements and reach out to more schools next year”.

102. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11th October 2007 were confirmed and signed.

103. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 30 (if any)

No questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30.

104. ALMO DELIVERY PLAN, PERFORMANCE MONITORING FRAMEWORK AND TENANT AND LEASEHOLDER BOARD MEMBER SELECTION POLICY

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted concerning the Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing Delivery Plan, Performance Monitoring Framework and Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing Tenant and Leaseholder Board Member Selection Policy (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Approval of the Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing Delivery Plan, Performance Monitoring Framework and Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing Tenant and Leaseholder Board Member Selection Policy was due to be considered at this meeting. However, at the request of the ALMO Shadow Board further time was required to consider and discuss with the Council the proposed Performance Monitoring Framework prior to agreement. The report would be submitted to Cabinet on 22nd November 2007.

105. LOUGHBOROUGH SPORTPARK

A report of the Director of Regeneration was submitted, which sought approval for a payment to Loughborough University of a capital grant of £250,000 as part of a joint funding package to support a bid to Sport England to develop Loughborough SportPark on the University Science and Enterprise Park (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

**RESOLVED**

1. **that the sum of £250,000 included in the Capital Plan for the Borough Council's contribution to the development of Loughborough SportPark at Loughborough University be confirmed and moved into the financial year 2009/10; and**
2. **that delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration to enter into a grant agreement with Loughborough University in respect of the Borough Council's contribution to the development of the SportPark and that the sum of £250,000 be released in 2009/10 in accordance with the terms of the agreement.**

Reasons

1. In order to demonstrate the Council's support for this project and to allow the development to proceed.
2. In order to ensure that the grant was available when needed and was used for the purposes for which it was intended.

## 106. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

A report of the Monitoring Officer concerning proposed amendments to the Constitution was submitted (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Monitoring Officer also submitted a revised page 16 of Appendix 1 of the report, which detailed proposed changes to Delegation 11 of the Deputy Chief Executive in relation to property in order to make the delegation more explicit (filed with these minutes).

### **RESOLVED**

1. **that the changes to the Executive delegations, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be approved;**
2. **that the budget associated with the delegated authority to obtain a District Valuer's report be moved from the Director of Risk Management to the Deputy Chief Executive; and**
3. **THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the changes to the Constitution, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report, be approved.**

### Reasons

1. To ensure the Constitution would be kept up to date and would fulfil its intended purposes.
2. To reflect the change in the responsibilities for the function.
3. To ensure the Constitution would be kept up to date and would fulfil its intended purposes.

## 107. GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REVISED BUDGETS 2007/08

A report of the Deputy Chief Executive was submitted, which sought the approval of the anticipated financial position of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account at 31st March 2008 and also set out the anticipated revenue spending together with brief reasons for the changes (item 9 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

### **RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

1. **that the Revised General Fund Budget for 2007/08 be agreed at £20,017k, including service pressures as set out in Table A in the report; and**

2. **that the Revised Budget for the Housing Revenue Account, including service pressures, be set at a surplus of £290k for 2007/08.**

Reasons

1 & 2. To ensure that the necessary finance was approved to deliver services in the year 2007/08 for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Accounts.

108. REVIEW OF VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

An urgent report of the Director of Partnerships and Customer Services was submitted concerning responding to the consultation on the appropriate model for Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure support in Leicestershire (filed with these minutes).

This item was considered urgent since if it was delayed to the next Cabinet meeting, due to be held on 22nd November 2007, the delay would result in the Council's comments not being submitted to Leicestershire Together Board by the closing date of 8th November. Notice of the consultation was given on 31st October 2007. This was important to the Council since this relates to a key partnership sector.

**RESOLVED that the 'hub and spoke' model with seven district VCS organisations supported by a central hub for specialist infrastructure functions, be approved.**

Reason

To endorse a model which provides for the optimum efficiency and quality control in infrastructure support while maintaining a local VCS presence and voice to support and promote the development of local volunteers and organisations.

NOTE:

1. The decisions in these minutes, which are not in the form of recommendations to Council, will come into effect at 5.00pm on Friday 9th November 2007 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, which are not in the form of recommendations to Council, unless notice to that effect is given to the Head of Democratic Services by five members of the Council by 5.00pm on Friday, 9th November 2007.