

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Board Room, Council Offices, Coalville on TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2013

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chairman).

Councillors R D Bayliss, T Gillard, T J Pendleton and A V Smith MBE.

In attendance: Councillors J Geary, R Johnson and J Legrys.

Officers: Mr S Bambrick, Mr R Bowmer, Mr D Gill and Mrs M Meredith.

**46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N J Rushton.

**47. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

**48. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no questions received.

**49. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013.

Councillor R D Bayliss requested that the minutes be amended to reflect his statement in respect of the excellence of the service to read as follows: he hoped that the quality of work would continue.

RESOLVED THAT:

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Reason for decision:** To comply with the Constitution.

**50. CLIMATE LOCAL**

The Regeneration and Planning Portfolio Holder presented the report to Members. He welcomed the opportunity to continue to participate in this initiative, and to sign up to Climate Local, which had succeeded the Nottingham Declaration. He referred to the target of a 20 per cent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, and the success of the Green Footprints Challenge in achieving this target, having reached an 18.5 per cent reduction by March 2012. He drew Members' attention to the achievements and accolades of the Green Footprints Challenge as outlined in section 2 of the report, and the next steps should Cabinet agree to sign up to Climate Local at section 3.

Councillor R Blunt commended the success in achieving the target. He sought clarification on future targets.

Councillor T J Pendleton responded that having achieved a 20 per cent reduction in carbon emissions, there were no further targets to be met, however the Council would continue to work towards reducing carbon emissions.

Councillor R Blunt suggested that an informal target be set in respect of reducing carbon emissions.

It was moved by Councillor T J Pendleton, seconded by Councillor R D Bayliss and

Chairman's initials

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The opportunity to participate in the initiative be noted.
- 2) The decision to sign up to Climate Local be endorsed.

**Reason for decision:** Climate Local succeeds the Nottingham Declaration, which the Council signed up to on 28 November 2006. The initiative supports the Council's continued drive and ambition to act on a changing climate through the Green Footprints Challenge.

## 51. REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS POLICY

The Community Services Portfolio Holder presented the report to Members. She drew Members' attention to the high customer satisfaction rates with the waste collection service, and the reduction in costs year-on-year. She referred to the policy framework at Appendix 1 which brought together existing practice and new measures including the introduction of management software and the reduction in size of black bins for new properties and replacement bins, which would encourage recycling and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. She advised that Policy Development Group had considered the proposals and their recommendations were outlined at paragraph 3.1 of the report for inclusion in the policy. She thanked Councillor J Geary for elaborating on the issue in respect of solid fuel.

Councillor R Blunt welcomed the proposals in respect of smaller black bins. He referred to the changes to the type of waste being sent to landfill in recent years due to recycling.

In response to a question from Councillor R Blunt, Councillor A V Smith advised that the management software would be introduced in the next financial year.

It was moved by Councillor A V Smith, seconded by Councillor T J Pendleton and

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Refuse and Recycling Collections Policy at Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
- 2) The recommendations from the Policy Development Group detailed at paragraph 3.1 of the report be noted and adopted.

**Reason for decision:** To provide officers with a clear and consistent policy framework for the operation of the refuse and recycling collection service.

## 52. FORMER TENANT RENT ARREARS, CURRENT TENANT RENT ARREARS, COUNCIL TAX, NON DOMESTIC RATES AND SUNDRY DEBTOR WRITE-OFFS

The Head of Finance presented the report to Members.

It was moved by Councillor R D Bayliss, seconded by Councillor A V Smith and

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The write offs over £10,000 as detailed within the report be approved.
- 2) The amounts written off under delegated powers be noted.

**Reason for decision:** To comply with proper accounting practices.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5.00pm and closed the meeting at 5.12pm.

Chairman's signature