

Cherwell District Council

Executive

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 4 April 2011 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)
Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Nicholas Turner

Officers: Ian Davies, Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service
Karen Curtin, Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer
Chris Rothwell, Head of Safer Communities, Urban & Rural Services
Richard Hawtin, Team Leader Property & Contracts
Natasha Clark, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

132 **Declarations of Interest**

Members declared interests in the following agenda item:

10. Landscape Maintenance Contract Negotiations.

Councillor Nicholas Turner, Personal, as a member of Banbury Town Council which may be affected by the contract negotiations.

133 **Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

134 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

135 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

136 **Corporate Debt Recovery Policy 2011/12**

The Head of Finance submitted a report which presented to the Executive for discussion and onward approval to full Council, the draft Corporate Debt Policy. The policy set out the Council's framework for providing a consistent 'fair but firm' approach to collecting debt, ensuring that the Council continued to maximise collection performance.

Resolved

- (1) That the Corporate Debt Policy as set out in the annex to these minutes (as set out in the minute book) be recommended to Full Council for approval.

Reasons

It was recognised that that an updated corporate debt policy is required each year in order to document how we manage debt within the Council.

Options

Option One To agree the recommendation as set out in the report.

Option Two To amend the recommendation.

137 **Corporate Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2011/12**

The Head of Finance submitted a report which brought forward for Executive consideration, the refreshed Corporate Procurement Strategy and Action Plan for 2011/12 for the Council. The primary objective of the Corporate Procurement Strategy is to procure services that are affordable, fit for the purpose, meet the needs of local people and service users and provide value for money.

Resolved

- (1) That the Corporate Procurement Strategy and Action Plan for 2011/12 as set out in the annex to these minutes (as set out in the minute book) be approved.

Reasons

The refreshed procurement strategy has a fundamental role in helping the Council reduce its services budget from £18.5 to £15.9 million in 2011/12.

138 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

139 **Landscape Maintenance Contract Negotiations**

The Head of Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services submitted a report which advised the Executive on the position with regard to the landscape maintenance contract negotiations.

Resolved

That the recommendations as set out in the exempt report be approved.

The meeting ended at 6.50 pm

Chairman:

Date: