

**Committee:** Executive  
**Date:** Monday 4 July 2011  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Venue:** Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

### **Membership**

<b>Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)</b>	<b>Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)</b>
<b>Councillor Ken Atack</b>	<b>Councillor Norman Bolster</b>
<b>Councillor John Donaldson</b>	<b>Councillor Michael Gibbard</b>
<b>Councillor James Macnamara</b>	<b>Councillor Nigel Morris</b>
<b>Councillor D M Pickford</b>	<b>Councillor Nicholas Turner</b>

## **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest that they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

**3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

**4. Urgent Business**

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

5. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2011.

## **Strategy and Policy**

6. **Response to Department for Transport Consultation on High Speed Rail**  
(Pages 11 - 120) **6.35 pm**

Report of Strategic Director, Planning, Housing and Economy

### **Summary**

To enable Members to agree the proposed responses to the seven questions posed in the Department for Transport's consultation upon High Speed Rail with respect to both the proposed national high speed rail strategy and on the recommended line of route for an initial London to West Midlands section of the railway.

### **Recommendations**

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To agree that the Council should make representations in response to Consultation questions 1-3 objecting to the national high speed rail strategy in general accordance with the comments expressed in Section 3 of this report, those made by the "51M" group to the Transport Select Committee, and subject to the agreement of the Lead Member for Planning, in accordance with the "51M" group's further comments on this matter
- (2) To agree that the Council should make representations in response to Consultation questions 4-6 expressing severe concerns about the paucity of information and concerns about several details of the scheme as consulted upon in general accordance with the comments contained in sections 4-6 of this report, and subject to the agreement of the Lead Member for Planning in accordance with any further representations made on behalf of "51M" as a critique of the Appraisal of Sustainability
- (3) To agree that the Council should make representations in respect of Consultation question 7 in accordance with the comments in Section 4.33-4.34 of this report
- (4) To delegate to the Strategic Director of Planning Housing and Economy, in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning, the final wording of the consultation responses to be made in general accordance with recommendations 1-3 above

7. **Armed Forces Community Covenant** (Pages 121 - 130) **6.50 pm**

Report of the Chief Executive and the Corporate Strategy and Performance Manager

## **Summary**

This report provides an update on the Oxfordshire Armed Forces Community Covenant and Cherwell District Council's response to it.

## **Recommendations**

The Executive is recommended:

- 1) To note the importance of the Armed Forces Community Covenant and request that officers work across all Council services to ensure there are clear plans in place to deliver the aspirations of the Covenant.

## **Service Delivery and Innovation**

### **8. Horton General Hospital and Health Sector Changes**

(Pages 131 - 142)

**6.55 pm**

Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community

## **Summary**

To consider the progress and current position regarding the implementation of alternative service models for the Horton General Hospital. To consider also the radical changes in the health sector and the latest position in changes locally.

## **Recommendations**

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To note the good progress in implementing sustainable service delivery models at the Horton General Hospital.
- (2) To urge the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust to implement as soon as possible the revised model for maternity and gynaecology.
- (3) To support the establishment of a Community Partnership Network with membership drawn from local health and social care service commissionaires and providers plus relevant stakeholders.

## **Value for Money and Performance**

### **9. Value for Money Review of Economic Development**

(Pages 143 - 158)

**7.10 pm**

Report of Strategic Director Planning, Housing & Economy, Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development and Improvement Project Manager

## **Summary**

To consider the findings of the Value for Money Review of Economic Development and the recommendations arising from the report.

## **Recommendations**

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To note that the Value for Money Review concludes that Economic Development Service is a top performer, making a real difference to Cherwell's businesses and residents affected by the downturn.
- (2) To adopt the Economic Development Service Vision to 2016 which sets out a forward looking framework, drawing on the Council's contribution to the emerging Economic Development Strategy.
- (3) To accept gross savings of £35,000 with immediate effect, as a contribution towards the Council delivering its Medium Term Financial Strategy, recognising this reduces the flexibility of the service to undertake economic development activity in the future.

## **10. 2010/2011 End of Year Finance and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update Report (Pages 159 - 192) 7.20 pm**

Report of the Head of Finance

### **Summary**

This report summarises the Council's provisional Revenue and Capital performance for the financial year 2010/2011 and reports on performance against the procurement action plan. The figures are still subject to further validation work to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and proper accounting practices. The report also considers the process and timetable for refreshing our Medium Term Financial Strategy

### **Recommendations**

The Executive is recommended:

- 1) To note the provisional revenue out-turn position for 2010/2011 detailed in Appendix 1.
- 2) To note the continued improvement in accuracy and reliability that the Council has made in projecting the year end position through the embedding of the Corporate Dashboard.
- 3) To note the provisional capital out-turn position for 2010/2011 detailed in Appendix 2a.
- 4) To agree the balances on capital schemes which have slipped in 2010/2011 to be carried forward into the 2011/2012 capital programme as set out in Appendix 2b
- 5) To note progress against the Councils Procurement Action plan – Appendix 3 and savings achieved Appendix 4.
- 6) To note the Medium Term Financial Strategy Update.

11. **Performance Management Framework 2010/2011 End of Year Performance Report** (Pages 193 - 248) 7.35 pm

Report of Chief Executive and Corporate Strategy and Performance Manager

**Summary**

This report covers the Council's performance in 2010/2011, as measured through the Corporate Performance Management Framework.

**Recommendations**

The Executive is recommended:

- 1) To note that, despite tough performance targets and a challenging economic environment, the Council has met or made satisfactory progress on 97% of the performance targets in the Corporate Scorecard (the basket of priority measures) and met or made satisfactory progress on 95% of the performance targets in the Corporate Plan which sets out activities and targets under each of the Council's four strategic priorities.
- 2) To note that the Council has delivered a challenging programme of improvement projects and value for money reviews. Of the 22 projects and reviews scheduled for 2010/11 21 were completed with good or satisfactory outcomes and only 1 delayed due a changing government policy. The improvement programme has directly contributed to the delivery of savings and efficiencies to balance the Council's budget.
- 3) To note the progress in delivering the Council's strategic objectives and the many achievements referred to in paragraphs 1.4 and 1.5
- 4) To request an update on the issues highlighted in paragraph 1.6 in the first quarter report of 2011/12.

**Urgent Business**

12. **Urgent Business**

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

13. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

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3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

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“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(s) of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

**14. Value for Money Review of Tourism (Pages 249 - 276)**

**7.50 pm**

Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community

**Summary**

To consider the findings of the Value for Money (VFM) Review report and the recommendations arising from the report.

**Meeting scheduled to close at 8.05 pm**

**Information about this Agenda**

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**Sue Smith**  
**Chief Executive**

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