

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 5 November 2012
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)	Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ken Atack	Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor John Donaldson	Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Tony Ilott	Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor D M Pickford	Councillor Nicholas Turner

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 1 October 2012.

Strategy and Policy

6. Review of Parking Arrangements over Christmas and New Year Period

(Pages 11 - 14)

6.35pm

Report of Head of Community Services

Summary

To seek approval for a Christmas and New Year Parking promotion.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To consider the options and approve a Christmas and New Year Parking promotion in Council operated car parks.
- (2) To note that the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed to waive call-in as any delay to implement the decision would seriously prejudice the public interest.

7. Cherwell District Council Revised Allocation Scheme 2012

6.50pm

(Pages 15 - 78)

Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing

Summary

To seek approval to adopt a new Allocation Scheme and to endorse the decision to dissolve the Oxfordshire Sub-regional Choice Based Lettings partnership

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the adoption of the new Allocation Scheme as at Appendix 1 effective from 1 April 2013 subject to required IT changes being completed.
- (2) To delegate to the Head of Regeneration and Housing in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing, the authority to amend this effective date, if required.
- (3) To approve the Cherwell District Council's exit from the Oxfordshire Sub-regional Choice Based Lettings partnership.

8. Revision of Private Sector Housing Policies (Pages 79 - 144)

7.05pm

Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing

Summary

To seek adoption of revised private sector housing policies and revised standards for houses in multiple-occupation.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To adopt the following operational policies in place of similarly named policies adopted in May 2008:
 - Housing (Private Sector) Policy
 - Housing Health & Safety Rating Scheme (HHSRS) Policy
 - House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licence Policy
 - Recovery of Costs Policy
 - House Condition Enforcement Policy
 - Private Sector Housing Grants and Assistance Policy
- (2) To adopt the house in multiple-occupation standards (entitled HMO Standards 2012) as the Council's standards in place of earlier adopted standards.

Service Delivery and Innovation

9. Collective Energy Switching Scheme (Pages 145 - 152)

7.15pm

Report of Head of Environmental Services

Summary

To inform members of collective energy purchasing and switching scheme proposals and provide information for progressing a scheme in Cherwell

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To take forward a collective switching scheme for domestic energy consumers in Cherwell and to collaborate with other interested Districts to achieve the best deal for residents.
- (2) To further explore engaging iChoosr as an intermediary to negotiate with energy companies in order to achieve the best value for money.
- (3) To consider the setting up of a working group to implement and deliver a collective switching project

10. Localism Act 2011 - Register of Community Assets (Pages 153 - 160) 7.25pm

Head of Law and Governance

Summary

To enable the Executive to consider the implications of the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in relation to assets of community value and to approve appropriate decision-taking mechanisms to ensure that the statutory requirements can be met.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) Note the implications of the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in relation to the obligation of the Council to maintain a list of assets of community value ('the List').
- (2) Delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Lead Member for Estates and the Economy to consider and determine nominations for inclusion on the List.
- (3) Delegate authority to the Director of Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council to consider and determine requests from asset owners for review of decisions to include an asset on the List.
- (4) Delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Head of Finance and Procurement to consider and determine applications for compensation from asset owners for loss and expense incurred through assets being included on the List.
- (5) Delegate authority to the Director of Development in consultation with the Director of Resources to consider and determine requests for review of compensation determinations from asset owners for loss and expense incurred through assets being included on the List.

Value for Money and Performance

11. Local Government Resources Review (LGRR) Update and 2013/14 Budget Process Update (Pages 161 - 164) 7.35pm

Report of Head of Finance and Procurement

Summary

To inform the Executive of the latest position on the LGRR project regarding council tax and pooling localisation and an update on 2013/14 budget planning.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) Note the latest position on council tax localisation and consultation responses.
- (2) Note the latest position on business rates localisation and pooling.
- (3) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Lead Member for Financial Management to make an application to join an Oxfordshire pool if the financial modelling supports
- (4) Note the changes to the budget timetable.

Urgent Business

12. Urgent Business

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

(Meeting scheduled to close at 7.45pm)

Information about this Agenda

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Declarations of Interest

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Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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