

Cherwell District Council

Budget Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Planning Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 26 July 2016 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)
Councillor Nigel Randall (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Ian Corkin
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Alan MacKenzie-Wintle
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Tom Wallis
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Substitute Members: Councillor Sean Gaul (In place of Councillor Hugo Brown)

Apologies for absence: Councillor David Anderson
Councillor Hugo Brown

Officers: Paul Sutton, Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
Belinda Green, Joint Revenues and Benefits Manager
Geni Hotchkiss, Business Support Unit Manager
Mandy Emery, Joint Benefits Team Leader
Vicki Taplin, Joint Revenues Team Leader
Lesley Farrell, Democratic and Elections Officer

12 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

13 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

14 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 May 2016 were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

16 **2015-16 Revenue and Capital Outturn**

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report which summarised the Council's Revenue and Capital performance for the financial year 2015-2016.

In considering the report members commented on the large reduction in income for Castle Quay and requested that the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy be invited to a future meeting of the committee to discuss the role of the Town Centre Co-ordinators.

The Committee raised concern about the slippage in projects designated to the Solihull Partnership and requested that the Head of Regeneration and Housing be invited to the meeting of 30 August 2016 to discuss this matter and that it be recommended to the Accounts Audit and Risk Committee to consider the non-delivery of the Solihull Partnership projects.

Resolved

- (1) That a recommendation be made to the Accounts Audit and Risk Committee to consider the non-delivery of Solihull Partnership projects
- (2) That the budget underspends be carried forward from 2015/16 to 2016/17
- (3) That the review of reserves be agreed
- (4) That the capital out-turn position for 2015-2016 be noted
- (5) That the balances on the capital schemes which slipped in 2015-16 be carried forward into the 2016-17 capital programme

17 **Business Rates Monitoring 2015-2016**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report which provided the Budget Planning Committee with details of the business rates income outturn position for the 2015-2016 financial year.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted.

18 **Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2017-2018**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report which provided members with an update on the implications of the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the changes to discounts, including the impact on collection rates and to

provide members with options to consider for a Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/2018 so that consultation may be undertaken.

The Committee were satisfied with the current scheme and agreed that Executive be recommended to agree there be no change to the scheme.

Resolved

- (1) That the report and financial implication for the Council be noted.
- (2) That Executive be recommended to agree Option 1 - No change to the current local Council Tax Reduction scheme, as the preferred Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017-18 in order for consultation to be undertaken.

19 **Review of Committee Work Plan**

The Committee reviewed its workplan 2016-2017.

Resolved

- (1) That the Head of Regeneration and Housing be invited to the meeting of 30 August 2016 to discuss the Solihull Partnership
- (2) That the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy be invited to a future meeting to discuss the Business Support Unit.
- (3) That subject to resolutions (1) and (2) the contents of the Work Programme be noted.

20 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

21 **Medium Term Revenue Plan 2017-18 to 2021-22**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted an exempt report which provided members of the Budget Planning Committee with an update on the Council's Medium Term Revenue Plan for 2017/18 to 2021/22.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted

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The meeting ended at 7.50 pm

Chairman:

Date: