

**Summary of the Decisions Taken at the Meeting
of Budget Planning Committee held on 28 February 2017**

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| <p align="center">4</p> | <p>Business Rates Monitoring 2016-2017</p> <p>Report of the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy.</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To provide members of Budget Planning Committee with an update on the business rates position as at the end of Quarter 3 of the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To note this report.</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the report be noted.</p> |
| <p align="center">5</p> | <p>Solihull Partnership Steering Group</p> <p>To receive a verbal update from the Solihull Partnership Steering Group.</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the contents of the verbal update be noted.</p> <p>(2) That a full independent investigation with a root cause analysis of what went wrong and a service improvement plan be completed to ensure that the same mistakes are not made again.</p> |
| <p align="center">6</p> | <p>Review of Procurement Strategy Progress</p> <p>Report of Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To summarise the Council's Procurement Strategy progress for Quarter 3 of the</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the progress made in implementing the Council's Procurement Strategy during Q3 2016-17 be noted.</p> |

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| | <p>financial year 2016-17.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the progress made during Quarter 3, 2016-17 in implementing the Council's Procurement Strategy.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Business Rates Incentives Scheme</p> <p>Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy.</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>Members of Budget Planning Committee are requested to consider the proposed Business Rates Incentives Scheme which details proposals for awarding business rates incentives to bring back into use empty properties and sustain the vitality and diversity of Banbury and Bicester town centres.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the contents of the report.</p> <p>1.2 To consider any amendments to the proposed draft Business Rates Incentives Scheme.</p> <p>1.3 To recommend to Executive the adoption of the final Business Rates Incentives Scheme.</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the contents of the report be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the following amendments to the proposed Business Rates Incentives Scheme be recommended to Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the scheme be more flexible to avoid lower rateable value properties being disadvantaged. • That the scheme be expanded to include Kidlington and the cap be increased to reflect the inclusion. • That conditions be included to avoid misuse of the scheme. • That pound shops be included. • That there be minor amendments to the inclusion maps. <p>(3) That subject to the amendments in resolution (2) above, the Business Rates Incentive Scheme be recommended to Executive for approval.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Quarter 3 2016-17 - Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report</p> <p>Report of the Chief Finance Officer.</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To summarise the Council's Revenue,</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That having reviewed the projected revenue and capital position it be noted and no comments forwarded to Executive</p> |

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| | <p>Capital and Reserves position for the first nine months of the financial year 2016-17 and projections for the full year.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To review the projected revenue and capital position at the end of December 2016 and make any comments to Executive.</p> <p>1.2 To review the current position on reserves at the end of December 2016, and note the use of reserves.</p> | <p>(2) That having reviewed the reserves the current position be noted and no comments forwarded to Executive.</p> |