

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 8 January 2018
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)	Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Colin Clarke	Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Tony Ilott	Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor Kieron Mallon	Councillor Richard Mould
Councillor D M Pickford	Councillor Lynn Pratt

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 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2017.

6. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

7. Bespoke / Custom Build Mortgage Pilot Scheme (Pages 13 - 58)

Report of Executive Director: Finance and Governance

Purpose of report

To consider joining a version of the existing Local Authority Mortgage Schemes (LAMS) which was developed by Arlingclose to promote access to self/custom build home ownership within the district. It sets out the Bespoke/Custom Build (BCB) scheme which offers support to local people to access self/custom build houses by reducing the risk of self-build and provides a return to the council which could be reinvested in housing related activities.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Agree to join the Bespoke/Custom Build (BCB) scheme, but limited to an initial pilot scheme of 10 BCB mortgages, for launch in early 2018.
- 1.2 Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management, to extend the scheme to new applications once the success of the pilot has been assessed and further capital funding is in place for additional bridging loans.
- 1.3 Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Lead Member for Financial Management, to enter into legal agreements required for the BCB scheme where land is owned by third parties.
- 1.4 Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director: Place & Growth and the Lead Member for Housing and the Lead Member for Estates & Economy to set the criteria for prioritising access to the scheme for applicants with a local connection.

8. Council Tax Base 2018-2019 (Pages 59 - 68)

Report of Executive Director: Finance and Governance

Purpose of report

To provide Executive with an estimate of the Council Tax Base for 2018-2019 and seek approval for the final determination of the Council Tax Base to be delegated to

the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 That the report of the Executive Director: Finance and Governance for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2018-2019 be considered and:
 - (a) That pursuant to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance's report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Cherwell District Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2018-2019 shall be **52,681.6**. This shall be subject to final confirmation by the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.
 - (b) As for the parishes which form part of its area shown in Appendix 2, the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2018-2019 in respect of special items shall be as indicated in the column titled Tax Base 2018-2019.
 - (c) As for the Flood Defence Areas which form part of its area, the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2018-2019 for the purposes of levies on Oxfordshire County Council by River Authorities, shall be:

Thames Flood Defence Area	50,381.7
Anglian (Great Ouse) Flood Defence Area	1,864.7
Severn Region Flood Defence Area	435.2
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	52,681.6.

- 1.2 To delegate final approval of the Council Tax Base for 2018-2019 to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to natasha.clark@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk or 01295 221589 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item.

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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