

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 September 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)

Councillor David Anderson
Councillor Hugo Brown
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Substitute Members: Councillor Mark Cherry (In place of Councillor Barry Richards)
Councillor Nigel Simpson (In place of Councillor Alan MacKenzie-Wintle)
Councillor Barry Wood (In place of Councillor Douglas Webb)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Ian Corkin
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Alan MacKenzie-Wintle
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Tom Wallis

Officers: Paul Sutton, Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
Sanjay Sharma, Interim Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer
Lesley Farrell, Democratic and Elections Officer

25 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

26 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

27 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Budget Planning Committee held on 30 August 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

29 **Review of New Homes Bonus Allocation**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report which provided Members with a review of the allocation of New Homes Bonus (NHB) over the life of the scheme.

In response to Members' concerns that there were currently no approved schemes for economic development, the Interim Head of Finance explained that any plans in progress would not be accounted for until approved.

In the course of the discussion Councillor Mawer proposed a recommendation to Executive that New Homes Bonus funds be allocated to the areas in the district that had seen the housing growth. Councillor Woodcock seconded the proposal.

The committee requested that the new homes bonus allocation details be included with the budget reports in February 2018.

Resolved

- (1) That Executive be recommended to consider how best the remaining allocation of New Homes Bonus funds be spent for the benefit of those areas of the district where there has been housing growth.

30 **Review of Committee Work Plan**

The Committee considered its work programme.

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the work plan be noted.

31 **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.

32 **Medium Term Revenue Plan - 2017/18 to 2021/22**

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

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the exempt report be noted.

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Budget Strategy 2018/19 and Beyond

The Committee considered an exempt report of the Chief Finance Officer which informed the Committee of the service and financial planning process for 2018/19, the 2018/19 budget strategy and the budget guidelines for service managers to enable the production of the 2018/19 budget.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be endorsed.
- (2) That the overall 2018/19 budget strategy and service and financial planning process be endorsed.
- (3) That, having given due consideration, the budget guidelines and timetable for the 2018/19 budget process be endorsed.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

Chairman:

Date: