



Committee: Executive

Date: Monday 3 October 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)

Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Adam Nell
Councillor Eddie Reeves

Councillor Ian Corkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Richard Mould
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Dan Sames

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. Minutes (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2022.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. **Responding to the Cost of Living Crisis**

** Report to follow “”

Report of Corporate Director of Resources

7. **Air Quality Action Plan** (Pages 15 - 24)

Report of Assistant Director Regulatory Services and Community Safety

Purpose of report

This report provides an update on the air quality monitoring carried out across the district in 2021 and the air quality data obtained, the current district Air Quality Action Plan, and other air quality related matters.

Air quality monitoring data shows significant air quality improvements over a 5-year period in the air quality management areas of the District.

The Council’s Business Plan includes a specific commitment to “Work with partners to improve air quality” within the Supporting Environmental Sustainability priority.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the work undertaken by the Council its partners in relation to air quality in the District and the 2021/22 air quality monitoring data.

8. **Domestic Abuse - Strategic Briefing and Support Services Contract Commissioning** (Pages 25 - 32)

Report of Assistant Director Regulatory Services & Community Safety

Purpose of report

The Council works in partnership with the other local authorities in Oxfordshire and the Police and Crime Commissioner to commission support services for domestic abuse victims in the county. Cherwell contributes £25k per annum to the current domestic abuse support services contract with A2 Dominion. This current contract expires in April 2023 and therefore work is underway in preparation to tender for a new domestic abuse support services contract.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 introduced new statutory duties on local authorities in relation to support for domestic abuse victims in safe accommodation. Subsequent national guidance published in the Domestic Abuse Plan 2022 includes additional recommendations for prevention and perpetrator services to help reduce domestic homicides, suicides, risks, and harm to victim-survivors.

This paper updates the Executive on progress in Oxfordshire to meet the new statutory duties and to commission a new domestic abuse support services contract.

Ensuring there is an effective response to domestic abuse in Cherwell contributes to the corporate priority to promote healthy, resilient and engaged communities. In particular it supports the commitment to work with partners to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour, and it also supports our commitment to equalities, diversity and inclusion and work with partners to address the causes of health inequality and deprivation.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the work taking place across Oxfordshire to meet the new statutory duties and to commission a new domestic abuse support services contract.
- 1.2 To agree that Cherwell will maintain its contribution to the costs of this contract.

9. Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report August 2022 (Pages 33 - 88)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance and Interim Assistant Director – Customer Focus

Purpose of report

This report summarises the Council's Performance, Risk and Finance monitoring positions as at the end of August 2022.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report August 2022.
- 1.2 To create an income and expenditure budget of £0.503m for the Homes for Ukraine Grant.
- 1.3 To agree additional Capital Project to be included within the Capital Programme for a new mains electrical connection to accommodate the newly installed Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) to operate at Kidlington Leisure Centre.
- 1.4 To approve the changes to reserves as detailed in Appendix 5.

10. Budget and Business Planning Process 2023/24 - 2027/28 (Pages 89 - 102)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance

Purpose of report

This report is to inform the Executive of the proposed approach to the 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning Process and provides context and background information on the existing Medium-Term Financial Strategy and information on latest government announcements relevant to the Strategy.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Approve the Budget and Business Planning Process for 2023/24
- 1.2 Approve a five-year period for the Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2027/28 and five-year period for the Capital Programme to 2027/28.

11. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

Information about this Agenda

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Declarations of Interest

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