



Committee: Executive

Date: Monday 4 December 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

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

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)

Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Donna Ford
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Dan Sames

Councillor Adam Nell (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Sandy Dallimore
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Eddie Reeves
Councillor Nigel Simpson

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 - 20)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2023.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership will meet on Tuesday 2 November 2023. The agenda is publicly available on the [Vale of White Horse website](#).

The Chairman, the council's representative on the Future Oxfordshire Partnership, will update Executive on the outcomes of the meeting.

6. Everybody's Wellbeing - A new strategy for Cherwell (Pages 21 - 36)

Report of Assistant Director – Wellbeing and Housing

Purpose of report

To present the new Wellbeing strategy for 2024 – 2028 'Everybody's Wellbeing'

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the new Wellbeing strategy for Cherwell – Everybody's Wellbeing 2024 – 2028.

7. Infrastructure Funding Statement 2022/23 (Pages 37 - 66)

Report of Assistant Director – Planning and Development

Purpose of Report

To seek approval of the Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement 2022/23 for publication by 31 December 2023 and to note the updated guidance removing the previous requirement to submit accompanying data to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the Infrastructure Funding Statement 22/23 at Appendices 1 and 2 to this report for publication by 31 December 2023, subject to any minor or presentational changes considered to be necessary by the Assistant Director – Planning and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development.

8. Annual Monitoring Report 2023 (Pages 67 - 286)

Report of Assistant Director – Planning and Development

Purpose of report

To seek approval of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2023 including a housing land supply update (November 2023).

To seek approval of accompanying updates to the Local Plan's Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the Brownfield Land Register.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve for publication the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) presented at Appendix 1 including a housing land supply statement and a 2022/23 Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) update.
- 1.2 To approve for publication the 2022/23 Brownfield Land Register (BLR) presented at Appendix 2.
- 1.3 To authorise the Assistant Director - Planning and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Planning and & Development to make any necessary minor and presentational changes to the Annual Monitoring Report, and Brownfield Land Register if required prior to publication.

9. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/2024 (Pages 287 - 292)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance

Purpose of report

To enable members to consider the proposed banded scheme for Council Tax Reduction for 2024- 25.

The current scheme was introduced from April 2020 following a period of consultation and engagement. In general, it has been well received with limited contact from customers. It is proposed to continue with the current scheme, uprated for inflationary factors.

The scheme assesses the maximum level of Council Tax Reduction based on the net income of the applicant and household members, the main principles of the scheme remain unchanged. Pensioners are protected and continue to be eligible to receive 100% Council Tax Reduction.

If the applicant or partner is in receipt of a passported benefit such as Income Support Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) income based and income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or receiving War widows or War disablement pensions they will be placed into the highest band and will receive 100% Council Tax Reduction.

Working age households will receive a discount, depending on their level of income and the band that they fall into.

The current scheme is understood by customers and has enabled them to budget for their council tax payments, and this is reflected in the Council Tax collection rates with Cherwell being the highest performer across the county for 2022 -23.

The current scheme reduces the number of changes that the customer will experience with less bills and notification letters generated and enables better personal budgeting. There is still a lot of financial uncertainty for many customers

and in the current financial climate with the ongoing cost of living crisis it is therefore recommended that the existing scheme should be retained for 2024/25.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the contents of the report, and any financial implications for the Council.
- 1.2 To note the comments of the Budget Planning Committee at Section 5.
- 1.3 To recommend to Council that the current scheme (adjusted for inflationary factors) is retained for 2024/25.

10. Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report October 2023 (Pages 293 - 344)

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

Purpose of report

To update Executive on how well the council is performing in delivering its priorities, managing potential risks, and balancing its finances during October 2023.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and note the contents of the Council's Performance, Risk and Financial report for the month of October 2023.
- 1.2 To approve the use of reserves in Appendix 5.
- 1.3 To approve the use of £0.351m Commercial Risk within Policy Contingency to mitigate the increased recycling processing costs.

11. Sale of Bodicote House Site, White Post Road, Bodicote, OX15 4AA

(Any questions in relation to the exempt version of this report and the exempt appendices must be asked in private session, following Executive resolution to exclude the press and public)

****Report to follow****

Report of Corporate Director of Resources

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following items contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following items have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider them in private or in public. In making the decision, Members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

No representations have been received from the public requesting that these items be considered in public.

Should Members decide not to make decisions in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items 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.”

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Report to follow

Exempt report of Corporate Director Resources

14. Readmittance of the Press and Public

Following consideration of the exempt papers, Executive is recommended to resolve to readmit the press and public to consider the recommendations set out at agenda item 11.

15. Sale of Bodicote House Site, White Post Road, Bodicote, OX15 4AA

Following readmittance of the press and public, Executive to consider the recommendation set out at agenda item 11

16. 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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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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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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