



Committee: Executive

Date: Monday 8 January 2024

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 5 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2023.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report November 2023 (Pages 13 - 62)

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 November 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 November 2023.
- 1.2 To approve the reserve requests in Appendix 5.
- 1.3 To approve the addition of £1.6m capital spend in relation to Grant agreements that have been concluded with two registered providers of social housing, Sanctuary Housing and South Oxfordshire Housing Association (SOHA) to bring homes forward under the central government resettlement scheme Local Authority Housing Fund Round 2 allocation received by Cherwell.
- 1.4 To delegate authority to Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing to award grants from the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 2 allocation, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and s151 Officer, to secure additional social housing in the district with the intention that first let is to refugee families.

7. Council Tax Support Fund Payment Policy 2023/2024 (Pages 63 - 70)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer

Purpose of report

To consider and approve the Council Tax Support fund payments policy attached at Appendix 1. The policy covers the mandatory payments made to Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) customers of £25.00 or less and the additional discretionary amount of £25.00 also paid to LCTS customers with the eligibility criteria mirroring the Governments scheme.

A one off discretionary payment of £85.00 will also be made to those customers in receipt of LCTS on 16 November 2023 this will be credited to the customers 2023 - 24 council tax account.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Agree the proposed policy (Appendix 1) for distributing the Council Tax Support fund received from Department for Levelling Up and the additional funds to be paid from Oxfordshire County Council.
- 1.2 Note a one off discretionary payment of £85.00 will also be made to those customers in receipt of LCTS on 16 November 2023.

8. Council Tax Base 2024-2025 (Pages 71 - 94)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance and S151 Officer

Purpose of report

To provide Council Tax Base for 2024-2025

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 approve the report of the Assistant Director of Finance for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2024-2025.
- 1.2 agree that, 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 2024-2025 shall be 59,027.2.
- 1.3 agree for the parishes which form part of its area shown in Appendix 1, the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2024-2025 in respect of special items shall be as indicated in the column titled Tax Base 2024-2025.
- 1.4 agree for the Flood Defence Areas which form part of its area, the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2024-2025 for the purposes of levies on Oxfordshire County Council by River Authorities, shall be:

Thames Flood Defence Area	56,667.7
Anglian (Great Ouse) Flood Defence Area	1,913.9
Severn Region Flood Defence Area	445.6
TOTAL	59,027.2

9. 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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