

Cherwell District Council

Budget Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Planning Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 30 January 2018 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)
Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Hugo Brown
Councillor Ian Corkin
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Alan MacKenzie-Wintle
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Tom Wallis
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Substitute Members: Councillor Barry Wood (In place of Councillor David Anderson)

Also Present:: Councillor Debbie Pickford
Councillor Lynn Pratt

Apologies for absence: Councillor David Anderson

Officers: Ian Davies, Director of Operational Delivery
Chris Hipkiss, Interim Property & Investment Manager
Ed Potter, Assistant Director: Environmental Services
Paul Sutton, Executive Director: Finance and Governance /
Section 151 Officer
Claire Taylor, Director: Customers and Service Development
Jane Norman, Housing and Regeneration Development
Manager
Lesley Farrell, Democratic and Elections Officer

1 Declarations of Interest

6. Draft Budget and Business Plan 2018/19. – Fees and Charges

Councillor David Hughes, Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, In relation to a partnership in LC Hughes Re-cycling and would leave the room as and if necessary.

2 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

3 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Budget Planning Committee held on 28 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

5 **Draft Budget and Business Plan 2018/19**

The Committee reviewed the report of Executive Director for Finance and Governance and Interim Director which set out draft proposals for the Corporate Strategy, Revenue and Capital Budgets 2018/19 and Medium Term Revenue Plan.

In response to members concerns that group companies were not covered in the Risk Register the Executive Director for finance and Governance explained that this would go to the Account Audit and Risk Committee.

6 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

Resolved

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

7 **Exempt Appendices Draft Budget and Business Plan**

The Committee reviewed the exempt appendices. Lead officers attended the meeting and gave details of their capital bids and answered questions from the Committee (as set out in the exempt minutes).

In response to members' questions regarding the draft medium term revenue plan, the Executive Director for Finance and Governance explained that the figures were liable to change as many of the quantities were unknown at this stage and were subject to change.

The Chairman thanked the Lead Officers and Members who attended the meeting for their contribution.

8 **Re-admittance of Press and public**

Resolved

That the public and press be readmitted to the meeting.

9 **Draft Budget and Business Plan 2018/19**

Having re-admitted the press and public the Committee voted on the recommendations.

Resolved

- (1) That having reviewed the draft Corporate Strategy 2018/19 it be recommended to Executive and then Council.
- (2) That the draft Risk Register aligned to the draft Corporate Strategy be noted.
- (3) That, having given due consideration, the Fees and Charges for 2018/19 be noted.
- (4) That the 2018/19 draft revenue budget be recommended to Executive and then Council.
- (5) That the level of the Council Tax increase of 0% for 2018/19 be recommended to Executive and then Council.
- (6) That the Medium Term Revenue Plan be recommended to Executive and then Council.
- (7) That the contents of the report relating to 2018/19 expenditure be noted.
- (8) That subject to the following comments, Executive and then Council, be recommended to approve the capital bids and the proposed capital programme as part of the budget for 2018/19:
 - a) Cherwell Community Fund -
 - i) that an equivalent revenue reserve be considered.
 - ii) that the governance and reporting arrangements be considered.
 - b) Build – that a Housing Co-operative be considered to help the build programme.
 - c) Container bin Replacement – that a rolling 5 year programme be considered.

- d) Public Conveniences –
 - i) that the Committee be supportive of the aims and objectives of this programme and of Changing Places.
 - ii) that the programme be brought forward as soon as practicably possible across the district.
- e) Horsefair – that the political implications of tree felling should be taken into consideration and a consensus should be sought through consultation.
- f) Thorpe Way Industrial Units – that the investment in the light of the last 5 years investment and expenditure against the rental income and projected income be considered.

10 **Review of Committee Work Plan**

The Committee considered its work programme.

Resolved

- (1) That the Work Programme be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chairman:

Date: