

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 15 June 2009
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)	Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)	
Councillor Ken Atack	Councillor James Macnamara	Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Norman Bolster	Councillor Kieron Mallon	Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Michael Gibbard	Councillor Nigel Morris	

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. Urgent Business

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

5. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2009.

6. **Forward Plan** (Pages 7 - 18)

6.35 pm

Report of Leader of the Council

Summary

To review the Leader's Forward Plan of the key decisions which will be taken by the Executive over the next four months.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Resolve to note the Leader's Forward Plan for the next four months.

Strategy and Policy

7. **Evergreen 3:Response to Public Consultation by Chiltern Rail for a New Oxford to London Route** (Pages 19 - 27)

6.40 pm

Report of the Strategic Director Planning, Housing and Economy

Summary

To present information to the Executive on the proposed improvements to the railway line between Bicester and Oxford as part of proposals by Chiltern Railways for a new route between Oxford and London.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Agree the contents of the report as the basis of the Council's response to the public consultation and in particular to agree the representations set out in paragraphs 1.17, 1.24, 1.26 and 1.28 of the report.
 - a) Paragraph 1.17: It is recommended that the Council supports the proposals provided Chiltern Railways can satisfy the criteria in PPG2 and PPG13.
 - b) Paragraph 1.24: It is recommended that the Council welcomes the proposed improvements to the station facilities and rail service at Bicester Town in providing a recognised station to complement the existing services from Bicester North. However, the response to Chiltern Railways should include the Council's concerns about the visual impact and traffic impact of Option 3 and note the need to work with the Highway Authority to look at traffic impacts within the Town. The Council should also discuss with Chiltern Railways the links between Bicester Town station and the Bicester North station. Chiltern Railways should be encouraged to improve links to Bicester Town

station from Bicester in order to support the creation of a sustainable community. This should include links with North West Bicester.

- c) Paragraph 1.26: The proposals for Islip are generally welcomed and should be supported.
 - d) Paragraph 1.28: The Council should support the proposed connecting line.
- 2) Ask Planning Committee to consider and make appropriate representations on the details of the scheme as the Transport and Works Act application proceeds.

Service Delivery and Innovation

8. Roadside Sale of Cars in Banbury 7.00 pm

** Report to follow **

9. Community Use of Places of Worship in Bicester (Pages 28 - 32) 7.20 pm

Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community

Summary

The Council has been approached to support three developments planned in Bicester's places of worship, all of which have some clear wider community benefits. This report considers these and proposes support for them.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Approve grant aid of £30,000 for St Edburg's Church and £10,000 each for The Church of the Immaculate Conception and Emmanuel Church.
- 2) Make these grants conditional upon the construction and operational financial viability plus a clear long term programme of accessible community use of each project.

Value for Money and Performance

10. Performance Management Framework 2008/2009 Year End Performance and Finance Report (Pages 33 - 96) 7.30 pm

** Appendix 9 to follow **

Report of the Chief Executive, Strategic Director Customer Service and Resources and Head of Improvement

Summary

This report covers the Council's performance in 2008/09 as measured through the Corporate Scorecard and summarises the Council's provisional Revenue and Capital performance for the financial year 2008/09.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Note that, despite tougher performance targets, the Council has met or made satisfactory progress on 86% of the performance targets in the Corporate Scorecard and met or made satisfactory progress on 96% of the performance targets in the Corporate Plan.
- 2) Note that, despite tougher performance targets, the Council met 89% of the targets in the Corporate Improvement Plan, compared to 79% in 2007/08, and made satisfactory progress on another 9%.
- 3) Confirm that the responses to the issues raised in the last quarterly report are satisfactory (section 2.1) or to request any further information or action.
- 4) Note the many achievements referred to in paragraph 1.3 and agree officer's report in the first quarter report performance report for 2009/10 on the issues shown in paragraph 1.4, where performance did not meet the required target.
- 5) Note the provisional revenue out-turn position for 2008/09 detailed in Appendix 9a.
- 6) Agree the carry forward revenue budgets which have slipped in 08/09 to be carried forward into the 2009/10 revenue budget as set out in Appendix 9b.
- 7) Note the continued improvement in accuracy and reliability that the Council has made in projecting the year end position through the embedding of the Corporate Dashboard.
- 8) Note the provisional capital out-turn position for 2008/09 detailed in Appendix 9c.
- 9) Agree the carry forward balances on capital schemes which have slipped in 08/09 to be carried forward into the 2009/10 capital programme as set out in Appendix 9d.

Urgent Business

11. Urgent Business

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

(Meeting scheduled to close at 8.10 pm)

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

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Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

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.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

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