

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 24 May 2010
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA
Membership: To be confirmed at Annual Council, 19 May 2010
Distribution: All Councillors

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 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2010.

Strategy and Policy

6. Proposed Mollington Conservation Area (Pages 11 - 34) 6.35 pm

** The conservation area appraisal, amended following consultation, will be circulated separately with the agenda **

Report of Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development

Summary

To designate a conservation area in Mollington

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To consider the representations received following consultation and the changes made to the draft conservation area appraisal and to the proposed conservation area boundary as a result
- (2) To approve the conservation area appraisal for Mollington accordingly
- (3) To designate Mollington conservation area.

Service Delivery and Innovation

7. Bicester Market Square Highway and Environmental Improvement Scheme (Pages 35 - 42) 6.40 pm

Report of Head of Regeneration and Estates

Summary

To confirm the Council's approval of the final design for the environmental improvement scheme of Bicester Market Square.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the presented final design for the Environmental Improvement Scheme of Bicester Market Square, for it to proceed to the County Council for approval.

8. Bicester Car Parking (Pages 43 - 52) 6.55 pm

Report of Head of Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services

Summary

To identify likely impact on car parks income and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) arising from the Bicester town centre and Market Square developments.

To secure approval for changes to car parking arrangements in Bicester as a consequence of these developments to ensure a balanced and viable parking strategy for the town.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To note the potential effects on car parks income and the MTFs arising from the Bicester town centre and Market Square developments.
- (2) To approve the changes to car parking arrangements for Bicester as set out in the proposals section of this report.
- (3) To authorise the Head of Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Street Scene and Rural to finalise these arrangements.
- (4) To consult, subject to the agreement of the above, on these proposals with Bicester Town Council, Bicester Vision and Bicester Chamber of Commerce.

9. Request for Approval of Funding for various Affordable Housing Schemes from CDC Capital Reserves (Pages 53 - 58) 7.05 pm

Report of Head of Housing Services

Summary

To seek approval for grant funding from the Capital Reserves for Affordable Housing for an Extra Care Housing Scheme, Cassington Road, Yarnton and to explore options for funding affordable housing at Dashwood Road Primary School site, Banbury

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve funding for the Extra Care Housing Scheme at Cassington Road, Yarnton of £200,000 from the Capital Reserves for Affordable Housing in return for nomination rights.
- (2) To agree that the request for approval of funding for the Dashwood Road Primary School site is not approved at this time and that officers be instructed to explore ways in which the level of District Council social housing grant support required might be reduced and report back as appropriate.

Value for Money and Performance

10. Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Update (Pages 59 - 72) 7.15 pm

Report of Head of Finance

Summary

The Medium Term Strategy (MTFS) is the Council's key financial planning document. It is driven by our Corporate Plan and the four strategic priorities which lie at the heart of it. The 2010/11 local government finance settlement represented the final year of the "fixed" three year funding regime announced in 2008/09. Due to the current economic climate and national deficit it is clear that local authorities will continue to need to plan on the basis of a very restricted financial envelope from 2011/12 onwards. This report considers 3 scenarios for funding and calculates the potential shortfalls which will need to be addressed to deliver a balanced budget.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To note contents of report and MTFS scenarios detailed in Appendix 1.
- (2) To note the process and approximate timings of the Formula Grant Settlement and Concessionary Fares Transfer Impact
- (3) To agree that we should lobby Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) with our counterparties in Oxfordshire and approach Northamptonshire for a joint approach on the financial implications of the concessionary fares transfer.
- (4) To agree that each MTFS scenario modelled will have a specific action plan developed to address the projected shortfall.
- (5) To advise of any other scenarios they would like modelled and / or matters they would like taken into consideration in developing the action plans.
- (6) To agree Timetable and process for the development of the next MTFS forecast and action plans.

Urgent Business

11. Urgent Business

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following item contains exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) 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 item has been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of 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.

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

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

13. **Exempt Annex for Agenda item 9** (Pages 73 - 76)

7.45 pm

(Meeting scheduled to close at 7.50 pm)

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or (01295) 221587 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in Part 5 Section A of the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

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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