

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 12 January 2009
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

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

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members**
- 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**

Minutes to follow

6. **Forward Plan** (Pages 1 - 13)

6.35pm

Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

To review the Forward Plan of the key Executive decisions which will be taken over the next four months. These are the key decisions of which the Council's Executive is currently aware.

Recommendation

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To resolve to note the Forward Plan for the period referred to above.

Strategy and Policy

7. **GP Led Health Centre in Banbury** (Pages 14 - 19)
to include a presentation from NHS Oxfordshire

6.40pm

Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community

Summary

To consider the Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust's (PCT) Proposals For A New GP Led Health Centre in Banbury

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) To receive a presentation on the proposal from the Oxfordshire PCT.
- (2) To determine the Council's position regarding the new GP led Health Centre in Banbury.

8. **Sustainable Communities Act 2007** (Pages 20 - 24)

7.10pm

Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

To provide the Executive with information on this Act and the timetable for the submission of first round proposals.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) Note the purpose of the Sustainable Communities Act and the timetable associated with the first bidding round.
- (2) Agree if Executive Members wish to develop a bid to this timetable.

Service Delivery and Innovation

9. Bicester Town Centre Redevelopment (Pages 25 - 29) 7.25pm

Report of the Head of Economic Development and Estates

Summary

To update the Executive on progress made on the scheme, and to consider the request that the Developer be granted a further Exclusivity Agreement

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To note the changes being made to the ownership of Town Centre Retail (Bicester) Ltd, (TCR) the Council's development partner.
- (2) To approve the grant of an Exclusivity Agreement to TCR for a period expiring on 31.12.09.

10. Affordable Housing Issues Paper (Pages 30 - 49) 7.40pm

Report of the Head of Housing Services

Summary

To provide Executive with information on the delivery of affordable housing within the context of a recession, and to consider a way forward that maximises opportunities for increasing the number and range of affordable housing units available for our community.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) Note the current position on affordable housing policy, Corporate Plan targets and delivery.
- (3) To consider, in the context of the 2009/10 budget process, options for extending local initiatives to maintain affordable housing delivery.

Value for Money and Performance

11. Service Plans and Budget (Pages 50 - 59)

7.55pm

Report of Strategic Director for Customer Service and Resources and the Chief Accountant

Summary

The Council has to adopt a budget for 2009/10 as the basis for calculating its level of Council Tax and has to base that budget on its plans for service delivery during the year, recognising any changes in service demand that may arise in future years. This is the second of three opportunities that the Executive has to shape and refine the interaction between service plans and financial matters before the final budget is presented to the Council on the 23rd February 2009. This report also considers an updated Medium Term Financial Forecast to 2013/14 building on the latest projection for 2008/09 and draft budget for 2009/10.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- 1) to consider the draft revenue budget 2 (detailed in Appendix 1) in the context of the Council's service objectives and strategic priorities;
- 2) to agree the approach to the overall capital programme and 09/10 expenditure profile (detailed in Appendix 2);
- 3) to note the draft MTFFS position (detailed in Appendix 3)
- 4) to request Officers review the current treasury management strategy in light of the current economic climate and present their recommendations at the February 1st Executive
- 5) to advise of any matters they would like taken into consideration in producing a balanced budget for the next meeting of the Executive ;
- 6) to consider the recommendations of the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board from their meeting of December 9th 2008 (detailed in Appendix 4)
 - to note the workshop conclusions from the meeting on 9 December 2009 and to consider them as part of their final discussions on the draft budget; and
 - to note the request that officers ensure that in 2009 the process for scrutiny of the budgets involves members at an earlier stage and provides additional detail.
- 7) to consider the recommendations of the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board in relation to concessionary fares. (detailed in Appendix 5)
 - not to change the current arrangements for the Concessionary Fares Travel Scheme at the present time but that the situation should be reviewed again in six months

Appendices 1,2 and 3 to follow

12. Council Tax Base for 2009/2010 (Pages 60 - 71)

8.10pm

Report of the Head of Exchequer

Summary

To consider the calculation of the council tax base for 2009/10

Recommendation

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the report of the Head of Exchequer, made pursuant to the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended, and the calculations referred to therein for the purposes of the Regulations;
- (2) To resolve that, in accordance with the Regulations, as amended, the amount calculated by the Cherwell District Council as its council tax base for the year 2009/2010 shall be 49,923; and
- (3) To resolve that the tax base for parts of the area be in accordance with the figures shown in column 13 of Appendix 2.

Other Matters

13. Meeting Dates 2009/10 (Pages 72 - 74)

8.40pm

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

The Executive is asked to consider a draft calendar of meetings for 2009/10, and to recommend the Council accordingly.

Recommendation

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) to recommended to the Council to approve the draft calendar of meetings for 2009/10;

Urgent Business

14. Urgent Business

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

15. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following report(s) contain 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(s) have 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(s) of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

16. **Town Centre Offices** (Pages 75 - 80) **8.50pm**

Report of Head of Economic Development and Estates

17. **Bicester Hospital** **9.00pm**

Report to follow

18. **Dry Recycling - Gate Fees** (Pages 81 - 96) **9.10pm**

Report of the Head of Environmental Services

(Meeting scheduled to close at 9.25pm)

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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