

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Wednesday 5 January 2011
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Daniel Sames (Chairman)	Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ann Bonner	Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor John Donaldson	Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Alastair Milne Home	Councillor Leslie F Sibley
Councillor Chris Smithson	Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Keith Strangwood	Councillor Lawrie Stratford

Substitutes

Councillor Tim Emptage	Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Simon Holland	Councillor George Parish
Councillor Rose Stratford	Councillor Douglas Williamson

AGENDA

Overview and Scrutiny Members should not normally be subject to the party whip. Where a member is subject to a party whip they must declare this at the beginning of the meeting and it should be recorded in the minutes.

- 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 which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Call In: Car Parking (Pages 1 - 82)

The Call-In

The following Call-in request has been received and determined to be valid by the Chief Executive:

We the named Councillors and non-executive members of Cherwell District Council hereby give notice that we wish to call in for further scrutiny the Executive decision's of Monday 6th December 2010 regarding the proposals to increase Car Parking Fees, the extension of car parking hours, the introduction of parking fees for Blue Badge Holders and the decision to begin negotiations with regards to Watts Way, Kidlington.

*Cllr. Les Sibley – proposer
Cllr Nick Cotter – seconder
Cllr. Doug Williamson
Cllr Alaric Rose*

A copy of the Call-In procedure to be followed at the meeting is attached at page 1.

The Decision

The decisions that have been called-in are regarding:

Executive Minutes	Report to Executive
82 (Page 3)	Pre Order Consultation - Car Parking Proposals (Page 7) Additional Consultation Responses Reported at meeting (Page 11)
92 (4) (Page 3 - 4)	Value for Money Review of Urban and Rural Services (Page 19)
93 (13) (page 5 - 6)	Budget 2011/12 Draft 1 (Page 46)

The Options

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the following options available to it:

1. Let the decision stand
2. Refer the decision back to the decision taker, stating their concerns and the decision that the Committee wish the decision taker to make
3. Refer the decision to full Council if the decision is contrary to the policy framework or contrary to or not wholly consistent with the budget (*Not applicable in this case*)

Additionally the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may make other recommendations as a result of the call-in to relevant bodies, which shall be considered after a decision has been reached on the call-in.

Attendance

Councillor Sibley, and the other Call In Councillors, will attend the meeting to present the evidence for the Call In. Further supplementary papers may be submitted as evidence and these will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Morris, Portfolio Holder Community Safety, Street Scene and Rural and Councillor Wood, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder, Policy, Community Planning and Community Development will attend the meeting to respond to the Call In and explain the decision. The interim Chief Executive and the Head of Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services will also be present.

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or (01295) 221583 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 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

Please contact Catherine Phythian, Legal and Democratic Services
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Mary Harpley
Chief Executive

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