

Committee: Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board
Date: Tuesday 4 September 2012
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)	Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Alyas Ahmed	Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Patrick Cartledge	Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor Jon O'Neill	Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Nigel Randall	Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Douglas Williamson	Councillor Sean Woodcock

Substitutes

Councillor Andrew Beere	Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards	Councillor Tim Emptage
Councillor David Hughes	Councillor Alaric Rose
Councillor Rose Stratford	

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. Urgent Business

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

4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 July 2012.

5. Exclusion of the Public and Press

The following reports contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraphs 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 the 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

6. Budget Scrutiny 2013/14 (Pages 7 - 18)

The Head of Finance and Procurement, the Head of Environmental Services and the Strategic Housing Manager will be present for this item.

This will be an opportunity for Members to receive an overview of the Environmental Services, homelessness and temporary accommodation budgets and frame recommendations to the Executive as part of the budget 2013/14.

The timetable for the budget scrutiny 2013/14 review is attached for Members' information.

A private briefing note for Board Members on Environmental Services finances is attached for information. Officers are currently compiling information on homelessness and temporary accommodation budgets in light of the ongoing announcements regarding welfare reform and this will be presented to Members at the meeting.

Recommendations

The Board is recommended to consider the information and frame appropriate recommendations for consideration by Executive as part of the 2013/14 budget.

7. Readmittance of the Public and Press

The Board is requested to resolve:

“That the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.”

8. Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2012/13 (Pages 19 - 26)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Summary

This report presents the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board work programme 2012/13 for consideration.

Recommendations

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended:

- (1) To consider the Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board work programme 2012/13 as set out at Appendix 1 of the attached report.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

Information about this Meeting

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to

democracy@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk or 01295 221589 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.

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.

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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