

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 2 February 2015
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 Norman Bolster
Councillor John Donaldson	Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Tony Ilott	Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor D M Pickford	Councillor Nicholas Turner

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 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2015.

6. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

7. Draft Budget and Business Plan 2015-16 (Pages 13 - 80)

6.35pm

Report of Director of Resources

Purpose of report

The Council is required to produce a balanced budget for 2015-16 as the basis for calculating its level of Council Tax. It 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.

The first draft was reported to the Executive meeting on 1 December 2014. The information has now been updated to reflect changes since then and, subject to any further changes. Members may wish to include tonight, this final draft will be used to prepare a final budget proposal to be presented to Full Council on 23 February 2015.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and approve the draft budget in the context of the Council's service objectives and strategic priorities.
- 1.2 To approve the balanced budget.
- 1.3 To recommend to full council a Council tax freeze or amend the proposals contained within this report to recommend a different level of Council Tax.
- 1.4 To agree the proposed 2015-16 capital programme (detailed in Appendix 3).
- 1.5 That the draft 5 year strategy, 2015-16 council objectives, 2015-16 performance pledges, 2015-16 business plan be endorsed and to delegate authority to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Lead Member for Performance and Customers to make any minor amendments to the plan or pledges as required before final publication in March 2015. (detailed in Appendices 4, 5, 6 and 7).
- 1.6 To note the 2015-16 Business Plan and Budget Equality Impact Assessment (detailed in Appendix 8).
- 1.7 To note the latest MTFS financial forecast is currently being refreshed and will be reported back to the Executive once this exercise has been completed.
- 1.8 To Recommend, subject to any further changes Members may wish to include tonight, the updated draft revenue budget for adoption by the Council on 23 February 2015

- 1.9 To delegate authority to the Head of Finance and Procurement, in consultation with Director of Resources and the Lead Member Financial Management to amend the contributions to or from general fund balances to allow the Council Tax increase to remain at the level recommended by Executive to full council following the announcement of the final settlement figures and as a result of any financial implications arising from recommendation 1.8.

8. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following report contains 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 it 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.

No representations have been received from the public requesting that this item be considered in public.

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

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

9. Bicester Leisure Centre (Pages 81 - 92)

7.00pm

Exempt Report of Director of Community and Environment

(Meeting scheduled to close at 7.15pm)

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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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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