

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 4 February 2013
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 Nigel Morris
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 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2012.

Value for Money and Performance

6. **Draft Budget 2013-14** (Pages 9 - 22)

6.35 pm

** Please note that Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 6 will follow as they are currently being finalised **

Report of Head of Finance and Procurement

Summary

The Council is required to produce a balanced budget for 2013/14 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 January 7 2013 Executive meeting. 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 25 February 2013.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the changes to the draft budget since 7 January 2013 and consider the draft revenue budget (detailed in Appendix 1) in the context of the Council's service objectives and strategic priorities.
- (2) To approve the balanced budget.
- (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.
- (4) To agree the proposed 2013/14 capital programme (detailed in Appendix 2).
- (5) To note the review of earmarked revenue reserves undertaken by the Lead Member Financial Management and the Head of Finance and Procurement and approve re-allocation between various earmarked reserves.
- (6) To endorse the draft corporate plan and public pledges 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. (detailed in Appendix 4 & 5).
- (7) To note the 2013/14 Business Plan and Budget Equality Impact Assessment (detailed in Appendix 6).

- (8) To note the latest MTFS financial forecast is currently being refreshed and will be part of the budget book.
- (9) To request officers to produce the formal 2013/14 budget book on the basis of Appendices 1-6.
- (10) To recommend ,subject to any further changes Members may wish to include tonight, the updated draft for adoption by the Council on 25 February 2013 (as a key decision).
- (11) 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 10.

7. New Homes Bonus (Pages 23 - 30)

7.05 pm

Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy

Summary

To consider the proposed use of the New Homes Bonus in the Cherwell District.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the proposed use of the New Homes Bonus for the first two year awards as set out in the report.

Strategy and Policy

8. High Speed 2 Consultation Responses - Property and Compensation; and Safeguarding (Pages 31 - 48)

7.15 pm

Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy

Summary

To consider the Council's draft responses to the Governments High Speed 2 consultations on Compensation and Safeguarding.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the draft response to the government's two consultation documents as set out in appendix 1 and appendix 2.

Service Delivery and Innovation

9. Revised Opening Hours (Pages 49 - 52)

7.25 pm

Report of Chief Executive

Summary

To consider that the opening time on Wednesday is changed from 08.45 to 09.45 with effect from 1 April 2013.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To revise the opening time on Wednesday from 08.45 to 09.45 with effect from 1 April 2013, subject to South Northamptonshire Council agreeing to do the same.

Urgent Business

10. Urgent Business

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

11. 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).

6 – Information which reveals that the authority proposes;

- (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
- (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment

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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 paragraphs 3 and 6 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

12. Oxfordshire County Council Sites Acquisition and Supported Housing Scheme **7.35 pm**

** Please note that with the Leader's agreement this report will follow as discussions are still underway with Oxfordshire County Council **

Exempt Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing

This report is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 6 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

(Meeting scheduled to close at 7.45pm)

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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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