

Committee: Budget Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday 4 November 2014

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Nicholas Mawer

(Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE

Councillor Melanie Magee Councillor Nigel Randall Councillor Barry Wood Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes

Councillor Alastair Milne Home Councillor Barry Richards Councillor Sean Woodcock

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 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 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. **Review of Procurement Strategy Progress** (Pages 5 - 34)

Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

Purpose of report

The report summarises the Council's Procurement Strategy progress for the financial year 2014-15.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 That the Committee note the progress made during 2014-15 in implementing the Council's Procurement Strategy.

7. Work Programme 2014-2015 (Pages 35 - 36)

To review and note the Committee Work Programme.

8. Exclusion of Press and Public

The following items 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 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.

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. **2015-16 Budget Reduction Proposals** (Pages 37 - 42)

Exempt Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

Purpose of Report

To note the proposed budget reductions for the 2015-16 budget.

Recommendation

1.1 The meeting is recommended to note the proposed budget reductions for inclusion in the Council's revenue budget 2015-16.

10. Medium Term Revenue Plan Update (Pages 43 - 50)

Exempt Report of Head of Finance and Procurement

Purpose of report

To provide details of the latest position for the 2015-16 budget and beyond.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note and consider the contents of the 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@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or 01327 322043 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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