

Cherwell District Council

Budget Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Planning Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 4 November 2014 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)
Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Nigel Randall
Councillor Barry Richards

Substitute Members: Councillor Lawrie Stratford (In place of Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Officers: Paul Sutton, Head of Finance and Procurement
Nicola Jackson, Corporate Finance Manager
Richard Stirling, Corporate Procurement Manager
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer

43 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

44 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

45 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

46 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

47 **Review of Procurement Strategy Progress**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Finance and Procurement which summarised progress on the Council's procurement strategy.

In response to questions from the Committee, the Head of Finance and Procurement acknowledged the importance of contextual information where savings were referred to, and explained that the report would become a regular update item for the Committee, with the level of detail being increased for future meetings.

The Committee requested further information regarding the refurbishment of the Oxfordshire Academy athletics track, particularly on the impact on the existing facility.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted.

48 **Work Programme 2014-2015**

The Committee considered the draft work programme for 2014/15.

Resolved

- (1) That, subject to the inclusion of a Medium Term Revenue Plan update at the 18 November meeting and consideration of a directorate budget review in March 2015, the work programme be noted.

49 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved

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.

50 **2015-16 Budget Reduction Proposals**

The Committee considered an exempt report from the Head of Finance and Procurement which detailed proposed budget reductions for the 2015-16 budget.

The Committee requested further written information on some of the proposed category 1 savings.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted

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Medium Term Revenue Plan Update

The Head of Finance and Procurement presented an exempt update on the latest Medium Term Revenue Plan position for 2015/16.

Resolved

- (1) That the update be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm

Chairman:

Date: