

Committee: Budget Planning Committee
Date: Monday 19 January 2015
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)	Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ken Attack	Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE	Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor Melanie Magee	Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Nigel Randall	Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Barry Wood	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 18 November 2014.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015-16 (Pages 5 - 8)

Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

Purpose of report

The report informs the Committee of how the recent provisional local government finance settlement impacts on the Council and the 2015-16 budget.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the report and the impact of the provisional local government finance settlement.
- 1.2 To note that the final settlement is expected to be announced towards the end of January 2015.
- 1.3 To note the impact upon the council in consideration of its budget preparation for 2015-16 and beyond.

7. Work Programme 2014-15 (Pages 9 - 10)

To review and note the Committee Work Programme

8. Medium Term Revenue Plan and draft 2015-16 Revenue and Capital Budgets (Pages 11 - 14)

Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

Purpose of report

To set out the Medium Term Revenue Plan including the Revenue and Capital budget proposals for the Committee to consider and recommend to Executive.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider the updated Medium Term Revenue Plan (MTRP)
- 1.2 To consider the 2015-16 draft revenue budget proposals contained in Exempt Appendix 1 (to follow) before they are recommended to Executive and then Full Council in February.

- 1.3 To consider the 2015-16 capital bids contained in Exempt Appendix 2 (to follow) before they are recommended to Executive and then Full Council in February.
- 1.4 To consider and recommend to Executive the level of Council Tax increase for 2015/16 before this is formally approval by Full Council in February.

9. 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.”

10. Medium Term Revenue Plan and draft 2015-16 Revenue and Capital Budgets - Exempt Presentation and Appendices

Exempt Presentation and appendices for agenda item 8

Please note that the appendices will be to follow, as they were still being finalised at the time of agenda publication

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Information about this Meeting

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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