

Cherwell District Council

Budget Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Planning Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 17 February 2015 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman, for agenda items 6 - 8 and 11 as apologies given for later arrival)
Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair for agenda items 1 - 5 and 10)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Nigel Randall
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Substitute Members: Councillor Mark Cherry (In place of Councillor Barry Richards)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Barry Richards

Officers: Karen Curtin, Commercial Director (Bicester)
Paul Sutton, Head of Finance and Procurement
Chris Honey, Facilities Manager
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer

71 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

72 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

73 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 January 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

74 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that agenda items 10 and 11, Proposed Capital Bids for CCTV at Thorpe Lane Depot and Bodicote House and the Hill Community Centre, would be moved up the agenda and taken as the first two items.

75 **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 items of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would likely be 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.

76 **Proposed Capital Bids for CCTV at Thorpe Lane Depot and Bodicote House**

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Commercial Director (Bicester), which detailed Capital bids relating to Thorpe Lane Depot and Bodicote House.

The Facilities Manager answered specific technical questions from the Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted
- (2) That the Capital bids relating to Thorpe Lane Depot and Bodicote House be recommended to Executive for consideration

77 **The Hill Community Centre**

The Commercial Director (Bicester) gave an exempt verbal update to the Committee on the progress of work relating to The Hill Community Centre.

Resolved

- (1) That the update be noted

78 **Re-admittance of the Press and Public**

Resolved

That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

79 **Discretionary Rate Relief - amendment to Retail Relief Policy and introduction of Transitional Relief Policy**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Finance and Procurement which detailed an amendment to the Retail Relief Policy and proposed the introduction of a Transitional Relief Policy, following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

Resolved

- (1) That full Council be recommended to approve the proposed amendments to the Business Rates Retail Relief Policy and the introduction of a Transitional Relief Policy

80 **Quarter 3 2014-15 - Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Resources which detailed Revenue and Capital budget monitoring for Quarter 3 of 2014-2015.

The Head of Finance and Procurement answered budget specific questions asked by the Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That the projected revenue and capital position at December 2014 be noted
- (2) That the Quarter 3 performance against the 2014-15 investment strategy and financial returns from the funds be noted

81 **Work Programme 2014-15**

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

Following the verbal update on The Hill Community Centre from the Commercial Director (Bicester), the Committee requested that further updates on the project be added to the work programme.

Resolved

- (1) That, subject to the inclusion of updates regarding The Hill Community Centre, the Work Programme be noted

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The meeting ended at 7.50 pm

Chairman:

Date: