

Committee: Budget Planning Committee
Date: Tuesday 8 September 2015
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)	Councillor Nigel Randall (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ken Atack	Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Ian Corkin	Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Russell Hurle	Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor Barry Richards	Councillor Douglas Webb
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 28 July 2015.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. Review of Capital Slippage 2015/16 (Pages 5 - 12)

Report of Head of Finance and Procurement.

Purpose of Report

To review the capital budgets slipped into 2015/16 and compare against spend at Quarter 1.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 To note the contents of the report.

7. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2016-2017 (Pages 13 - 18)

Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement.

Purpose of Report

To provide members with an update on the implications of the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme and to provide options for a scheme to consult upon for 2016-2017.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 To note the contents of the report and any financial implications for the Council.
- 1.2 To recommend to Executive which option(s) should be considered for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2016-2017 so that consultation may be undertaken.

8. Council Tax - Empty Homes Premium (Pages 19 - 22)

Report of Head of Finance and Procurement

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal from Executive that from 1 April 2016, an Empty Homes Premium of 50% be applied for properties that have remained empty for over two years.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the Executive proposal to Council that an Empty Homes Premium of 50% be introduced from 1 April 2016 for properties that have been empty for over two years.

9. Budget Planning Committee Work Programme 2015/16 (Pages 23 - 24)

To review the Committee Work Plan.

10. 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).

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.”

11. Medium Term Revenue Plan (Pages 25 - 30)

Exempt Report of the Director of Resources.

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 01295 221591 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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