



Committee: Budget Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday 5 December 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Patrick Clarke (Chairman)

Councillor Tom Beckett
Councillor Donna Ford
Councillor Matt Hodgson
Councillor Adam Nell
Councillor Barry Wood

Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Becky Clarke MBE
Councillor David Hingley
Councillor Simon Lytton
Councillor Dorothy Walker
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. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2023.

4. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

5. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

6. 2024/25 Budget Proposals - Revenue and Capital and Fees & Charges (Pages 11 - 84)

Report of the Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer)

Purpose of report

This report sets out the capital bids, revenue savings proposals and budget pressures for Cherwell District Council for the period 2024/25 to 2028/29 and proposed Fees & Charges schedule for 2024/25. Feedback on the savings proposals will be taken into account as part of the overall response to the budget consultation. Feedback from the Committee on the revenue pressures, capital bids and Fees & Charges will be provided to the Executive to consider in finalising its budget proposals for Council.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Provide feedback on the capital bids, revenue savings proposals, budget pressures and Fees & Charges schedule to provide to the Executive to consider in finalising its 2024/25 budget proposal.

7. Exclusion of Press and Public

The following report(s) contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

2- Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

3- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 2 and 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.”

8. 2024/25 Budget Proposals - Revenue and Capital and Fees & Charges - Exempt Appendix (Pages 85 - 92)

9. Readmittance of the Press and Public

The Committee to resolve to readmit the press and public

10. 2024/25 Budget Proposals - Revenue and Capital and Fees & Charges

The Committee to agree comments and recommendations to Executive

11. Review of Committee Work Plan (Pages 93 - 94)

To review the Committee Work Plan.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

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Declarations of Interest

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Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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