

## **Cherwell District Council**

### **Budget Planning Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Planning Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 19 January 2015 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 Melanie Magee  
Councillor Alastair Milne Home  
Councillor Nigel Randall  
Councillor Barry Richards  
Councillor Barry Wood  
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Apologies for absence: Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE

Officers: Karen Curtin, Commercial Director (Bicester)  
Paul Sutton, Head of Finance and Procurement  
Nicola Jackson, Corporate Finance Manager  
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer

#### **61 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **62 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

#### **63 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 November 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **64 Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

65 **Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015-16**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance and Procurement, which outlined the provisional local government finance settlement for 2015-16.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the report and the impact of the provisional local government finance settlement be noted
- (2) That it be noted that the final settlement announcement was expected towards the end of January 2015
- (3) That the impact of the provisional local government finance settlement upon the Council in consideration of its budget preparation for 2015-16 and beyond be noted

66 **Work Programme 2014-15**

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

Officers advised the Committee that the date of the next meeting needed changing, in order to allow them to consider the Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring report ahead of its consideration by Executive on 2 March 2015.

**Resolved**

- (1) That, subject to the next meeting being moved to Tuesday 17 February from Tuesday 10 March 2015, the work programme be noted

67 **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 grounds 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.

68 **Medium Term Revenue Plan and draft 2015-16 Revenue and Capital Budgets - Exempt Presentation and Appendices**

The Committee considered the exempt presentation and appendices of the Head of Finance and Procurement, relating to the Medium Term Revenue Plan and Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals for 2015-16.

The Commercial Director (Bicester) answered the Committee's questions in relation to Capital bids.

It was proposed by Councillor Nick Mawer and seconded by Councillor Barry Richards that Capital bid 3 be amended and be recommended to Executive for approval.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the exempt presentation and appendices be noted
- (2) That, subject to amendments as set out in the exempt minute, Capital bid 3 be recommended to Executive for approval

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

**Resolved**

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

70 **Medium Term Revenue Plan and draft 2015-16 Revenue and Capital Budgets**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance and Procurement, which detailed Revenue and Capital budget proposals for 2015-16.

It was proposed by Councillor Nick Mawer and seconded by Councillor Douglas Webb that a 0% Council Tax increase be recommended to Executive for consideration.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the updated Medium Term Revenue Plan be noted
- (2) That the Revenue Budget proposals for 2015-16 be noted
- (3) That the following Capital bids be recommended to Executive for approval:

<b>Bid number</b>	<b>Project</b>
1	Wood Green Leisure Centre Dry Side Refurbishment
2	Bicester Sports Village
3	The Hill Youth and Community Centre
4	Workshop Brake Rollers
5	Glass Recycling Bank Scheme
6	Public Conveniences
7	Vehicle Replacement Programme
8	Banbury museum – Emergency Lighting Replacement
9	Bodicote House – Access Control System

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16	Orchard Way Shopping Arcade
19	Unit 21 and 23 Thorpe Place
20	Woodgreen – Condition Survey Works
21	Discretionary Housing Grants
22	Disabled Facilities Grants
23	HR/Payroll System replacement (CDC/SNC)
24	Microsoft Licensing
25	Disaster Recovery
26	Email Archiving
27	5 year rolling Hardware/Software replacement programme
28	Business Systems Harmonisation Programme
29	Visualfiles Upgrade

- (4) That Executive be recommended to propose a 0% Council Tax increase to full Council for approval in February 2015

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

Chairman:

Date: