

## **Cherwell District Council**

### **Appeals Panel**

Minutes of a meeting of the Appeals Panel held in at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 4AA, on 6 May 2009 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Luke Annaly  
Councillor Colin Clarke  
Councillor P A O'Sullivan  
Councillor Carol Steward  
Councillor John Wyse

Also Present Councillor Barry Wood, Leader of the Council  
Mary Harpley, Chief Executive

Apologies for absence: Councillor James Macnamara  
Councillor Ann Bonner  
Councillor Fred Blackwell  
Councillor Eric Heath  
Councillor Douglas Webb

Officers: James Doble, Democratic, Scrutiny and Elections Manager

#### 13 **Apologies for absence**

#### 14 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of business.

#### 15 **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

#### 16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 17 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

##### **Resolved**

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as defined in paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of that act.

18 **Chief Executive - Performance Appraisal and Performance Targets for 2009/10**

The Panel considered a report submitted by the Chief Executive setting out her achievements against her performance targets for the year 2008/09 and proposed objectives for 2009/10.

The Panel noted that this had been a significant year for the Council both in terms of achieving 'Excellence' in the Corporate Performance Assessment and also the way the Council had risen to the challenge in dealing with the proposed Eco-town. It was noted that both these items involving significant resources and leadership had not been included in the objectives set for the Chief Executive, but none the less had been achieved.

The Panel also noted that whilst the objectives themselves could appear to be simplistic, behind each target were significant work streams and challenges, each of which had been successfully progressed in the year. It was noted that the targets proposed for 2009/10 were similarly challenging.

The Panel wished to place on record their thanks to the Chief Executive for the way in which she had shown direction to the Council in the last year and the significant achievements which had been achieved as a result. The Panel also wished to make clear their support for and confidence in the Chief Executive in taking forward her objectives for 2009/10.

The Chief Executive thanked the Panel for their kind words and continued support.

**Resolved**

- 1) That the significant achievements reported by the Chief Executive against her performance targets for 2008/9 be welcomed and endorsed, including the achievement of 'Excellence' in the Corporate Performance Assessment and the Council's opposition to the proposed Eco-town.
- 2) That the proposed objectives for 2009/10 (as set out in the minute book) be agreed.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

Chairman:

Date: