

THE EXECUTIVE

7th February 2008

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Dear Councillor

30th January 2008

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Executive to be held on **Thursday 7th February 2008 at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, Level –1, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

The items for decision and information at the meeting are as listed on the attached Agenda.

Any papers listed as “to follow”, urgent items or supplementary papers will be made available as soon as possible and in any event no later than 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

The briefing for Executive Members only will be held Thursday 7th February 2008 at 5.00pm in Committee Rooms A & B, Level -1, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

Yours sincerely

John Watling
Democratic Services Manager

To Councillors:

R.M.H. Berry
A.M. Bucknell
R.A. Causer

V.H. Greenman
C.V. Ramsey
T.R. Sturgis

R.L. Tonge
V.A. Vines

To all other Councillors for information.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

To receive questions and petitions from members of the public. All questions and petitions should be submitted in writing before 5.00pm on Tuesday 5th February 2008.

3. Questions from Non-Executive Councillors

To receive questions from Non-Executive Councillors. Members are requested to submit in writing all questions, including those in respect of items on this Agenda, before 5.00pm on Tuesday 5th February 2008.

4. Minutes

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive (Budget) held on 31st January 2008 (**to follow**).

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any item contained in this Agenda.

6. Leader's Announcements (if any)

7. Land at Ernle Road, Calne (*Pages 7 - 14*)

(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: B382)

The purpose of Report No. 7 (**copy attached**) is to reconsider the disposal of land to the Calne Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses at Kingdom Hall, Ernle Road Calne, in the light of written objections received from the public and, if appropriate, to seek best and final offers for the land.

8. Recommendation from the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee

(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: N/A)

At their meeting on Wednesday 23rd January 2008, the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee considered a report entitled Flooding in the Malmesbury Area which set out the issues in the Area 1 parishes affected by flooding, gave updates from the various parishes and set out the findings and actions taken in the affected areas.

The Committee made the following recommendation to the Executive: (Minute M41)

(6) That the remainder of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee's capital funding of £14,518 be allocated to a central fund for use by the Multi Agency Working Group to address flood defence issues in Area 1 .

As this request is in contravention of the Community Area Awards Policy the matter must be referred to the Executive. Therefore the Executive is asked to consider approving the request made by the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee.

9. Debt Write-Offs (*Pages 15 - 18*)
(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: A23 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 9 (**copy attached**) is to submit the recommended debt write-offs identified during 2007/08.

10. Revenue Budget Monitor 2007/08 – Month 9 (*Pages 19 - 30*)
(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: A20 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 10 (**copy attached**) is to set out the Revenue budget monitor for Month 9 of the 2007/08 financial year, showing the financial position at the end of December 2007 and set out the anticipated variations in income and expenditure that could affect the Council by the end of the financial year.

11. Capital Budget Monitor 2007/08 – Month 9 (*Pages 31 - 42*)
(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: A19)

The purpose of Report No. 11 (**copy attached**) is to inform the Executive of the latest position and forecast outturn on the 2007-08 capital programme and note change to the Risk Assessment Table.

12. Revenue and Capital Budget 2008/09
(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: A5 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 12 (**to follow**) is to agree the Revenue and Capital Budget for 2008/09 and recommend its adoption by Full Council on 26th February 2008.

13. Annual Prudential Indicators Statement (*Pages 43 - 50*)
(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: A17 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 13 (**copy attached**) is to propose the Council's prudential indicators for 2008/09 as part of the 2008/09 Budget Setting process. This report will then be put to the Full Council for approval.

14. **Annual Treasury Management & Investment Strategy 2008/09** (*Pages 51 - 58*)
(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: A21 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 14 (**copy attached**) is to propose the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2008/09. This report will then be put to the Full Council for approval.

15. **Collection Fund Valuation**
(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: A22 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 15 (**to follow**) is to provide an update on the Collection Fund.

16. **Community Area Awards Criteria 2008/09** (*Pages 59 - 66*)
(Lead Member: Councillor C.V. Ramsey)
(Executive Workplan Reference: B379 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No.16 (**copy attached**) is to outline the amendments to the Community Area Awards criteria recommended by the Joint Community Area Funding Advisory Body (Task Group) and to seek approval of the revised criteria for the 'Community Area Awards', to be adopted for use by all five Area Committees in 2008/09.

17. **Request for Affordable Housing Grant (AHG) to Provide Affordable Housing at Sutton Lane, Sutton Benger and Fiddle Farm, Cricklade** (*Pages 67 - 74*)
(Lead Member: Councillor V.H. Greenman)
(Executive Workplan Reference: B377 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 17 (**copy attached**) is to seek authorisation for an allocation of Affordable Housing Grant to enable Jephson Housing Association to provide 7 affordable homes at Sutton Benger and Sarsen Housing Association to provide 13 affordable homes at Cricklade

18. **Lottery Funded Play Projects**
(Lead Member: Councillor V.A. Vines)
(Executive Workplan Reference: N/A)

The purpose of Report No. 18 (**to follow**) is to provide up to date information on the Big Lottery funded play portfolio and recommend that £40,000 is made available to cover a temporary shortfall of funding for the play project at the Reeds Farm Estate in Malmesbury which is part of the portfolio.

19. **Update on Cricklade Country Way Partnership**
(Lead Member: Councillor V.A. Vines)
(Executive Workplan Reference: B317)

The purpose of Report No. 19 (**to follow**) is to update the Executive on the Cricklade Country Way Partnership.