

COUNCIL

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

15 February 2008

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Council to be held on **Tuesday 26 February 2008 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, 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.

Yours sincerely

John Watling
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA

Prayers

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 January 2008 (**copy included in the Minute Book**).

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Chairman's Announcements

5. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

To receive public questions and/or petitions in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 11 and 12. Questioners must give their name and address in advance in writing to the Proper Officer.

6. Question Time

To receive questions from Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1. Questions will only be accepted if they relate to the Minute Book. When submitting their questions Members will be required to indicate which minute number they relate to. Question Time will be limited to 15 minutes.

7. Transitional Corporate Plan 2008/09

The purpose of report no. 7, **copy attached**, is to set out the Transitional Corporate Plan for 2008/09 for approval.

8. Budget and Council Tax Proposals 2008/09

The purpose of Report No. 8, (**to follow**), is to agree the Budget and Council Tax proposals for 2008/09. The Executive considered a report on the Budget and Council Tax proposals at its meeting on 7 February 2008 and its recommendation is set out below:

Recommendation to Council that:

(1) **The 2008/09 Budget with supporting papers be approved.**

(2) **There be a Council Tax increase of 1.6%.**

9. Annual Prudential Indicators Statement

The purpose of report no. 9, **copy attached**, is to propose the Council's prudential indicators for 2008/09 as part of the budget setting process. The movement to Unitary Council in 2009/10 avoids the normal three year plan.

The Executive considered this report at its meeting on 7 February 2008 and its recommendation is set out below:

Recommendation to Council that the Prudential Indicators be approved.

10. Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2008/09

The purpose of report no. 10, **copy attached**, is to set out the objectives of the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy and policies in force to enable their achievement.

The Executive considered this report at its meeting on 7 February 2008 and its recommendation is set out below:

Recommendation to Council that the Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2008/09 be adopted.

11. Supporting Councillors: A Manifesto for Councils

The purpose of report no. 11, **copy attached**, is to consider signing up to the Manifesto for Councils put forward by the Local Government Information Unit.

12. Report on Implementation Executive Meeting

To receive an oral update from the Leader of the Council on the meeting of the Implementation Executive held on 13 February 2008.

13. Questions on Notice from Councillors – Council Procedure Rule 14.2

To receive any written questions asked by Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.2. Questions must be submitted in writing to the Proper Officer by Tuesday 19 February 2008.

14. Notices of Motion – Council Procedure Rule 15

To consider any Notices of Motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.