

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on Thursday 15th May 2008 in the Committee Rooms C & D, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor R.L. Tonge in the Chair

Councillors R.M.H. Berry, A.M. Bucknell, R.A. Causer, V.H. Greenman, C.V. Ramsey, T.R. Sturgis and V.A. Vines

Non-Executive Councillors Present:

Councillors C. Caswill, C. Crisp and A. Phillips

Officers Present:

D. Burbidge (Chief Executive), S. McGregor (Section 151 Officer) and L. Pullin (Policy & Democratic Services Officer)

E225. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies received.

E226. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor Petitions received.

E227. Questions from Non-Executive Councillors

There were no questions from Non-Executive Councillors received.

E228. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 24th April 2008 were considered.

The Leader informed the Executive that the need for confidentiality for Minute E224 – Development of Bath Road Car Park and the Bridge Centre, Chippenham has now passed and that the papers considered at the meeting on 24th April 2008 are no longer exempt.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 24th April 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.



E229. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

E230. Leader's Announcements

The Leader made the following announcement:

Calne Phase 3 Update

Tenders for the first part of the project, construction of shops and homes, have been received by Westlea, with costs below budget. A preferred contractor has been identified. The construction period is offered less than originally estimated, and work is now planned to start towards the end of June 2008, still finishing by the required date for completion. The Council's contribution to the project is now being finalised, as are the legal agreements between the parties. Work on the second and third parts - refurbishment of Phelps Parade and the new Square, are progressing. Following discussions and an in principle agreement with the developer of the fourth part, namely the construction of additional shops and homes - it is expected that a planning application will be submitted shortly.

E231. Revenue Budget Monitor 2007/08 – Month 12

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 (circulated with the Agenda) which set out the Revenue budget monitor for Month 12 of the 2007/08 financial year, showing the financial position at the end of March 2008 and setting out the anticipated variations in income and expenditure that could affect the Council by the end of the financial year.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- A query why there had been an increase in costs of the Council's premises. This would be investigated and a written answer supplied to the Executive and Councillor A. Phillips.

Resolved that the Executive note the report forecast under spend of £921k.

E232. Capital Budget Monitor 2007/09 – Month 12

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 (circulated with the Agenda) which informed the Executive of the latest position and forecast outturn on the 2007/08 capital programme and noted change to the Risk Assessment Table.

Resolved that the Executive note:

- (1) The contents of the Report and the figures contained in Annex 1 in relation to the Capital Programme for 2007/08;

- (2) The information on Capital Schemes at Annex 2 of the Report;
- (3) The Capital Risk Assessment contained in Annex 3 of the Report; and
- (4) That the Capital programme is part of the ongoing consultation with Wiltshire County Council as a result of the Unitary proposal.

E233. A Local Area Agreement for Wiltshire

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 (circulated with the Agenda) which presented Members with the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for 2008-2011 and sought approval of it.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The number of groups indicated as leaders within the agreement and who would actually lead on the actions.

Resolved that the Executive:

- (1) Give approval for North Wiltshire District Council to be a signatory to the Local Area Agreement 2008-2011;
- (2) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to sign the Agreement; and
- (3) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve any amendments to the final draft of the Agreement submitted to Government.

E234. Traffic Management Act 2004 – Joint Adjudication Committee – Appointment of Representative

Consideration was given to Report No. 10 (circulated with the Agenda) which sought the appointment of a representative to serve on the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLAJC).

Resolved that the Executive delegate the appointment of a representative to serve on the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee, established under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

Admin Note: Councillor R.M.H Berry was appointed as the PATROLAJC representative for North Wiltshire District Council following the meeting.

E235. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to the appointment of one member to the South West Regional Assembly and two members to the South West Local Government Association.

Resolved that the Executive:

- (1) Delegate the appointment of a representative to the South West Regional Assembly to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
- (2) Appoint Councillor R.L. Tonge to the South West Local Government Association.
- (3) Delegate the appointment of a representative on the South West Local Government Association to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Liberal Democrat Group Leader.

Admin Note: Councillor C. Caswill was appointed as the Council's second representative on the South West Local Government Association.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 7.12pm.

There were no members of the public present.