

JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2011 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE.

PRESENT:

Overview & Scrutiny Organisation and Resources Select Committee

Cllr Nigel Carter	Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Tony Deane (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Christopher Devine	Cllr Jeff Osborn (Chairman)
Cllr Peter Doyle	Cllr Bill Roberts
Cllr Charles Howard	Cllr Judy Rooke

Environment Select Committee

Cllr Rosemary Brown	Cllr Peter Doyle
Cllr Nigel Carter (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Mollie Groom (Chairman)
Cllr Peter Colmer	Cllr Ian McLennan

Childrens Services Select Committee

Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Peter Fuller	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Mark Griffiths	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Russell Hawker *	Cllr Pip Ridout
Cllr Jon Hubbard	

* Left the meeting at 10:55am

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Cllr Desna Allen	Cllr Pip Ridout (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mike Hewitt (Chairman)	Cllr Bill Roberts
Cllr Peter Hutton	Cllr Judy Rooke
Cllr Nina Phillips	Mr Phil Matthews (WIN rep)

ALSO PRESENT:

Cabinet Member/Portfolio Holder:

Cllr Jane Scott (Leader)
Cllr John Thomson (Deputy Leader)
Cllr Alison Bucknell
Cllr John Brady
Cllr Richard Clewer
Cllr Fleur de Rhe Philipe
Cllr Richard Gamble
Cllr Lionel Grundy

Cllr Alan MacRae
Cllr Laura Mayes
Cllr Jemima Milton
Cllr John Noeken
Cllr Sheila Parker
Cllr Toby Sturgis
Cllr Dick Tonge
Cllr Stuart Wheeler
Cllr Christopher Williams

Other Councillors:

Cllr Trevor Carbin
Cllr Ernie Clark
Cllr David Jenkins
Cllr Jerry Kunkler
Cllr Tony Trotman
Cllr Roy While
Cllr Bridget Wayman

1. **Election of Chairman for the meeting**

Cllr Jeff Osborn was elected Chairman.

2. **Apologies and Membership**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Jane Burton
Cllr Chris Humphries
Cllr John Smale
Cllr Carole Soden
Cllr Peter Davis
Cllr Chris Cochrane
Cllr Jose Green
Dr Mike Thomson
Cllr Nick Fogg
Cllr Jonathon Seed
Peter Biggs
Cllr Tom James

3. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

4. **Explanation of Proceedings**

A report outlining the proceedings of the meeting was circulated with the Agenda.

The Chairman reminded all present that the meeting was an opportunity for all non-executive members to consider and comment upon the draft Cabinet budget recommendations before consideration by Full Council on 22 February 2011.

A summary of the key points arising from this meeting would also be submitted to Cabinet on 15 February.

Councillors were asked to consider the papers provided but were reminded that the focus of discussion would be the Financial Plan with reference to the Business Plan where relevant. Councillors would be invited to present questions to the Leader following her introduction of the Budget and its context and also following details of any amendments made subsequent to publication of the papers.

The structure of the meeting would focus on the revised base budgets by directorate and services as outlined from page 65 of the Financial Plan and would be considered department by department commencing with the Department of Children and Education.

Prior to questioning, the Chairman wished to acknowledge the challenges faced by the Executive in developing the financial plan taking into consideration the pressures of the comprehensive spending review. Although the late release of the documentation had proved a challenge to scrutiny, the four year approach would allow for easier monitoring over future years.

The Chairman also confirmed that Select Committees had previous involvement in areas of the plan, such as the Library Services Review and that the Resources Select Committee would be requesting a report with details on how the Systems Thinking Review would lead to future savings.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Peter Fuller, Roy While, Jon Hubbard, Nigel Carter and John Brady declared an interest in relation to Housing.

6. **2011/12 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme**

The Committee was invited to question the proposed budget in detail under each of the Departmental categories as follow:

Overall Budget
Department of Children and Education
Department of Community Services
Department of Neighbourhood and Planning
Department of Public Health and Wellbeing
Department of Resources and Chief Executive

A report outlining the main issues raised during discussion is attached as an appendix.

Resolved:

To recommend that the Council take into account the main points made at the Special Meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee when determining the 2011/12 Budget and Council Tax as outlined in the Appendix.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 1.17 pm)

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