



JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TRANSITION BOARD

Minutes of the Special Meeting Held at County Hall –17 February 2009

In Attendance

Members
Cllr Anthony Molland WCC – in the Chair
Cllr Ian West WCC
Cllr Chris Humphries WCC
Cllr Mike Hewitt SDC
Cllr Pip Ridout WWDC
Cllr Ray Parsons KDC
Cllr Ricky Rogers WCC

Also in attendance

Cllr Margaret Taylor	WCC
Cllr Roy While	WCC
Cllr Judy Rooke	WCC
Cllr Pat Rugg	WCC
Cllr Margaret White	WCC
Cllr Ernie Clark	WCC
Cllr Andrew Davis	WCC
Cllr Robert Hall	WCC
Cllr Peter Fuller	WCC
Cllr Ross Henning	WCC
Cllr Julian Johnson	WCC
Cllr Bill Moss	WCC
Cllr Patrick Coleman	WCC
Cllr Stewart Dobson	KDC
Cllr Janet Giles	KDC
Cllr Charles Howard	KDC
Cllr Jeffrey Ody	KDC
Cllr Chris Caswill	NWDC
Cllr Richard Britton	SDC
Cllr Cheryl Hill	SDC
Cllr Graham Wright	SDC
Cllr Linda Conley	WWDC
Cllr Graham Hedley	WWDC
Cllr Osborn, Helen	WWDC

Members of the Implementation Executive (IE)

Cllr Jane Scott	WCC – Leader of the Implementation Executive
Cllr John Thomson	WCC
Cllr Mary Douglas	WCC

Cllr Bridget Wayman	WCC
Cllr Nancy Bryant	WCC
Cllr John Noeken	WCC
Cllr Toby Sturgis	WCC
Cllr Mark Baker	WCC
Cllr Fleur de Rhé Philipe	WCC
Cllr Lionel Grundy	KDC
Cllr Allison Bucknell	NWDC
Cllr Rod Eaton	WWDC
Cllr Tony Phillips	WWDC

1. Apologies and Membership

Apologies were received from Christine Reid NWDC, Keith Humphries WWDC and Jonathon Seed KDC.

Pip Ridout WWDC substituted for Keith Humphries WWDC, and Ray Parsons KDC for Jonathon Seed KDC.

2. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed all members to this special joint scrutiny meeting to consider and comment upon the budget recommendation of the Implementation Executive (IE) which would be determined at County Council on 24 February. All members of the five authorities had been invited to attend.

The Chairman reported that a summary of the key points made at this meeting would be submitted to County Council on 24 February.

3. Explanation of Proceedings

A report outlining and explaining the proceedings at this meeting had been circulated with the agenda. The Chairman introduced the report and highlighted that discussions would focus on strategic and operational matters, rather than local issues and that each of the budget blocks would be taken in turn.

4. 2009-10 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme

Prior to the special meeting of the JOSTB, a number of reports had been produced and circulated to the IE meetings on 28 January and 11 February.

On 28 January, the Implementation Executive had considered a series of reports on the 2009-10 budget by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as follows:

- (I) Budget Context and Key Issues for 2009-10
- (II) Projected Revenue Spending 2008-09
- (III) Fees & Charges 2009-10
- (IV) Salisbury Parish Precept
- (V) Revenue Budget 2009-10
- (VI) Capital Programme 2009-10 Through To 2011-12
- (VII) Treasury Management Strategy 2009-10
- (VIII) Housing Revenue Account (HRA) & Rents

In addition, a supplementary booklet of reports had been considered on the

- i. Consultation on the “One Council” Budget for 2009-10
- ii. Performance Information for the Budget Booklet
- iii. Transition Cost and Savings,

together with the report on the Robustness of Estimates and Adequacy of Reserves – Revenue Budget 2009-10.

At the meeting on 11 February, the Implementation Executive had considered the report of the IE Budget Working Group (IE BWG) which listed and explained its recommendations for the 2009-10 budget.

Revised appendices B and E to report V (Revenue Budget 2009-10) and revised appendices B and F to report VI (Capital Programme 2009/10-2011/12) of the budget booklet were circulated prior to the meeting which reflected the proposed changes within the recommendations of the IE BWG.

The minutes of the IE meeting on 11 February had also been published prior to this meeting.

The Leader of the IE presented the budget recommendations including the context in which they had been prepared. Members were then invited to question the proposals in detail under each of the main budget blocks.

Resolved

To recommend to the County Council to take into account the main comments made and questions raised by members at the special meeting of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Transition Board (JOSTB) as set out in the appendix to these minutes when determining the 2009-10 Budget and Council Tax.

(Duration of Meeting: 10:30 – 13:05)

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