

# COUNCIL

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2006**

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***THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING***

10<sup>th</sup> February 2006

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Council to be held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006 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  
Policy and Democratic Services Team Leader

**A G E N D A**

**Prayers**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006, **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 (If Any)**

**5. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions**

To receive public questions and / or petitions in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 11 and 12.

**6. Question Time**

Members should submit their questions to the Policy & Democratic Services Team.

Members will be required to submit their questions in writing at least 10 minutes before the start of the meeting. Questions will only be accepted if they relate to the Minute Book. When submitting their questions, Members will be required to indicate the Minute Number they relate to. Questions will be taken in the order they are registered. Question Time will be limited to 30 minutes.

**7. Equalities & Diversity Policy**

At its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006 the Executive considered the Equalities & Diversity Policy and made the following recommendation:

**Recommended to Council that the amended draft  
Equality and Diversity Policy be approved and adopted.**

*Admin Note: The amended Equality and Diversity Policy & Action Plan has been circulated as Report No.7, **copy attached.** There have been no further comments received from consultees since the Equality and Diversity Executive Working Group approved the final draft on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.*

**8. Annual Prudential Indicators Statement**

At its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006 the Executive considered the Annual Prudential Indicators Statement and made the following recommendation:

**Recommended to Council that the prudential indicators  
as outlined in the Appendix to Report No.8 be approved.**

*Admin Note: A copy of the papers considered by the Executive has been included as Report No. 8, **copy attached.***

**9. Budget Proposals 2006/07**

The purpose of Report No. 9, **copy attached**, is to agree the Budget and Council Tax for 2006/07. For ease of reference the recommendations have been included on the Agenda.

At its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006 the Executive considered the Draft Budget Proposals 2006/07 and made the following recommendations:

**Recommended to Council that**

- (1) The revised continuation Revenue Budget for 2006/07 (as set out at Appendix 2) to these Minutes) be approved.**
- (2) The proposals for revenue growth (as set out at Appendix 3 to these Minutes) be included in the Revenue Budget for 2006/07.**
- (3) The Capital Programme for 2006/07 and the Outline Programme for 2007/08 and 2008/09 (as set out at Appendix 4 to these Minutes) be approved.**
- (4) The updated Medium Term Finance Plan (as set out at Appendix 5 to these Minutes) be noted.**
- (5) The Revenue and Capital risk assessments (as set out at Appendix 6 and 7 to these Minutes) be noted.**
- (6) The Corporate Plan priorities for 2006/07 (as set out at Appendix 8 to these Minutes) be approved.**
- (7) The measures to balance the Revenue Budget for 2006/07, having regard to feedback from public consultation (as summarised at Appendix 5 to these Minutes) be approved.**
- (8) A Band D Council Tax of £121.79 for North Wiltshire District Council for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 be approved.**

Following the recommendations of the Executive, officers will produce the statutory calculations relating to Council Tax. The suggested resolutions are included below:

- (1) That having made the calculations as required in sections 32 to 26 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Amended), the Council sets a Band D Council Tax of £121.79;**
- (2) That the Council approves the Council Tax related calculations in Appendix 9, to follow;**
- (3) That having calculated the aggregate of the precept amounts, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council hereby sets the following amounts of Council Tax for the 2006/07 financial year as listed in Appendix 10, to follow**

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**10. Questions from Councillors – Council Procedure Rule 14**

To receive any written questions asked by Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

**11. Notices of Motion – Council Procedure Rule 15**

To receive any new Notices of Motion submitted by Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.

(a) Councillor C. O’Gorman – ID Cards