

THE EXECUTIVE

16th November 2006

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Dear Councillor

7th November 2006

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Executive (Budget) to be held on **Thursday 16th November 2006**, starting at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Level –1, Council Offices, 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.

The briefing for Executive Members only will be held on Tuesday 14th November 2006 at 11.00am in Committee Rooms C and D, Level -1, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

Yours sincerely

John Watling
Policy & Democratic Services Team Leader

To Councillors:

P. G. Allnatt
A. L. Davis
H. M. Dixon
S. K. Doubell

D. J. E. Evans
R. J. Henning
D. M. Moore

G. Offord
C. O’Gorman
O. J. Thomas

All other Councillors for information.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

To receive questions and petitions from members of the public. All questions and petitions should be submitted in writing before 5.00pm on Tuesday 14th November 2006.

3. Questions from Non-Executive Councillors

To receive questions from Non-Executive Councillors.

Members are requested to submit in writing all questions, including those in respect of items on this agenda, before 5.00pm on Tuesday 14th November 2006.

4. Minutes

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 9th November 2006 **(to follow)**.

5. Declarations of Interest

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

6. Leader's Announcements (if any)

7. Draft Corporate Plan 2007/10 (pages 5 - 12)

(Lead Member: Councillor C. O'Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B51 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 7 **(copy attached)** is to outline the key points that will be considered in drawing up the Corporate Plan for 2007/10.

8. Budget 2007/08 Update

(Lead Member: Councillor C. O'Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: A2 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 8 **(to follow)** is to update the Executive on the 2007/08 Budget as detailed below:

- (a) Identification of the major issues and scene setting;
- (b) Establishment of the base line budget for 2007/08;
- (c) Details of the current efficiency savings and growth bids; and
- (d) The proposed timetable for the above.

9. Council Tax Discount for Second and Long Term Empty Homes (pages 13 - 16)

(Lead Member: Councillor C. O'Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: None)

The purpose of Report No. 9 (**copy attached**) is to determine the level of Council Tax discount to be awarded to second and long term empty homes.

10. Calculation of Council Tax Base 2007/08 (*pages 17 - 23*)

(Lead Member: Councillor C. O’Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: A15 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 10 (**copy attached**) is to submit to the Executive the recommended Council Tax Base for 2007/08 and to recommend the necessary statutory resolution on General Fund Expenses.