# THE EXECUTIVE

# 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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

Dear Councillor 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Executive to be held on **Thursday 8**<sup>th</sup> **February 2007 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 6.00pm in the Brookfield Room, Level +2, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

O. J. Thomas

S. R. Walls

Yours sincerely

John Watling
Policy & Democratic Services Team Leader

To Councillors:

P. G. Allnatt
R. J. Henning
H. M. Dixon
D. M. Moore
S. K. Doubell
G. Offord
D. J. E. Evans
C. O'Gorman

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

#### 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, <u>before</u> 5.00pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

#### 4. Minutes

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 **(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. Consideration of the Views of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (7<sup>th</sup> February 2007) on the revised Capital and Revenue Budgets

The purpose of Report No. 7 **(to follow)** is to consider the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007 on the revised Capital and Revenue budgets.

#### 8. Revised Capital Budget 2007/10

(Lead Member: Councillor C. O'Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: A5 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 8 **(to follow)** is to consider whether the revised Capital Budget report should be amended, in the light of the comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

#### 9. Revised Revenue Budget 2007/10

(Lead Member: Councillor C. O'Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: A5 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 9 (to follow) is to consider whether the revised Revenue Budget report should be amended, in the light of the comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

#### **10.** Business Rate Relief (pages 5 - 26)

Lead Member (Councillor C. O'Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: N/A - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 10 (**copy attached**) is for the Executive to review and determine the policy and procedure for awarding discretionary business rate relief.

#### 11. Corporate Plan Progress Update - October to December 2006 (pages 27 - 48)

(Lead Member: Councillor C. O'Gorman)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B51 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 11 (**copy attached**) is to provide an update and exceptions report on the delivery and performance of the Corporate Plan for the period October to December 2006.

#### 12. Request for Affordable Housing Grant - Westcroft, Chippenham (pages 49 - 54)

(Lead Member: Councillor O. J. Thomas)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B303 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 12 (**copy attached**) is to seek the Executive's approval for allocation of £122,000 of Affordable Housing Grant to provide 10 homes for affordable rent, for older people, spinal injury rehabilitation and people with learning disabilities, at Westcroft in Chippenham.

#### **13.** Empty Homes Strategy 2007 - 2009 (pages 55 - 80)

(Lead Member: Councillor O. J. Thomas)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B307 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 13 (**copy attached**) is to seek the Executive's approval for the Empty Homes Strategy 2007-2009.

#### **14.** Community Area Awards Policy (pages 81 - 100)

(Lead Member: Councillor R. J. Henning)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B314 - Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No.14 (**copy attached**) is to outline the amendments to the Community Area Awards Policy recommended by the Joint Community Area Funding Advisory Body (Task Group) and to seek approval for the revised criteria for the 'Community Area Awards', to be adopted for use by all five Area Committees in 2007/08.

#### **15.** Amendments to Car Parking Order (pages 101 - 110)

(Lead Member: Councillor D. J. E. Evans) (Executive Workplan Reference: B136)

The purpose of Report No. 15 (**copy attached**) is to request that the Executive approve amendments to the Off-Street Parking Places Order.

#### 16. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider and, if appropriate, pass the following resolution:

That in accordance with Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following item of business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as follows and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Agenda item/Report name	Paragraph(s) of the Act / Schedule describing the exemption
Item 17 – North Wiltshire Leisure Limited - Update Report	Paragraph 3

## 17. North Wiltshire Leisure Limited - Update Report

(Lead Member: Councillor D. M. Moore)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B272 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 17 **(to follow)** is to update the Executive on the latest position regarding North Wiltshire Leisure Limited and to consider the short and longer term service provision options.