

THE EXECUTIVE

20th September 2007

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Dear Councillor

11th September 2007

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Executive (Budget) to be held on **Thursday 20th September 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 Thursday 20th September at 5.00pm in the Brookfield Room, Level +2, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

Yours sincerely

John Watling
Policy & Democratic Services Team Leader

To Councillors:

R.M.H. Berry
A.M. Bucknell
R.A. Causer

V.H. Greenman
C.V. Ramsey
T.R. Sturgis

R.L. Tonge
V.A. Vines

To 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 18th September 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, before 5.00pm on Tuesday 18th September 2007.

4. Minutes (*pages 5 - 12*)

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 30th August 2007 (**copy attached**).

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. Transitional Corporate Plan (*pages 13 - 34*)

(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B354 – Key Decision)

The purpose of Report No. 7 (**copy attached**) is to set out the latest position in producing a Transitional Corporate Plan for 2008/09. The Plan will be transitional in light of the Government's recent announcement to create a new unitary council for Wiltshire. It will clarify the Council's priorities for improvement and key actions for the next 12 –18 months.

8. Revenue Budget Scene Setting 2008/09

(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)

(Executive Workplan Reference: B356)

The purpose of Report No. 8 (**to follow**) is to set the scene for the 2008/09 revenue budget.

9. Capital Budget Scene Setting 2008/09

(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: B355)

The purpose of Report No. 9 (**to follow**) is to set the scene for the 2008/09 capital budget.

10. Gershon Annual Efficiency Statement 2006-07 Backward Look *(pages 35 – 44)*

(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: B334)

The purpose of Report No. 10 (**copy attached**) is to present the backward looking Annual Efficiency Statement for 2006-07 to the Executive for their information.

11. Councils' Proposals for Unitary Local Government – An Approach to Implementation *(pages 45 - 50)*

(Lead Member: Councillor R.L. Tonge)
(Executive Workplan Reference: N/A)

The purpose of Report No. 11 (**copy attached**) is to seek the Executive's instructions as to any comments it may wish to make in response to the consultation paper published by the Department for Communities and Local Government previously provided to all members of the Council.