

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive (Budget) held on Thursday 31st January 2008 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor R.L. Tonge in the Chair

Councillors R.M.H. Berry, A.M. Bucknell T.R. Sturgis and V.A. Vines

Non-Executive Councillors Present:

Councillors C. Crisp, S.K. Doubell, I.J. Henderson, M.L. Singlehurst and A. Phillips

Officers Present:

D. Burbidge (Chief Executive) and J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant)

E158. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V.H. Greenman and C.V. Ramsey.

E159. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

E160. Questions from Non-Executive Councillors

There were no questions from Non-Executive Councillors.

E161. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 17th January 2008 were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 17th January 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

E162. Declarations of Interest

None.



E163. Leader's Announcements

The Leader made the following announcement:

Urgent Item for Consideration

“In accordance with Section 11(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 having regard to the special circumstances pertaining in this matter, which is the need to agree the member representation on this important body at the earliest opportunity and to support its role given the widespread concern in the North Wiltshire community following the recent severe flooding in July 2007 and January 2008 as evidenced by the recent public meeting organised by the Area 1 Committee, I am of the opinion that, despite its non-inclusion on the agenda, the matter of the Multi Agency Flood Working Group should be considered as a matter of urgency at this meeting.

The item will be considered after Agenda Item 8.”

E164. Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2008/09

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 (circulated on 29th January 2008) which presented the latest information concerning the proposed 2008/09 budgets and following year's forecast.

The Report was introduced by the Leader, Councillor R.L. Tonge.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The proposed increase of £100,000, in addition to the £100,000 in the Medium Term Finance Plan, which would mean that each Area Committee will receive a £40,000 capital budget;
- The Executive grant fund is proposed to be increased to £200,000 next year;
- Funds allocated to the Corsham Rail Link; and
- The increase in planning fees will occur on the 1st April this year. A rush of applications has, as yet, not been received.

Resolved that the Executive note the progress in compiling the proposed 2008-09 budget and the following year's forecast.

E165. Draft Transitional Corporate Plan 2008/09

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 (circulated with the Agenda) which requested comments on the draft Transitional Corporate Plan for 2008/09 which will then be presented to Full Council for approval.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- It is hoped that the target of collecting green waste from 15% of households will be met by more efficient routes through more dense areas rather than with

the provision of an extra vehicle. However, if take of this service is particularly high, the possibility of procuring an extra vehicle may be considered;

- The performance indicators NI185 and NI188 are new this year, there is therefore, no baseline for these figures. There is a sum of £180,000 allocated to the leisure centres for energy savings highlighted by the Carbon Trust; and
- The views of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Success Measures/Performance Targets column of the Draft Transitional Corporate Plan be enhanced to show 2007/08 figures where available.
- 2) The existing actions currently assigned to the Corporate Management Board (CMB) are re-assigned to the Chief Executive.
- 3) That following the aforementioned amendments, to the Draft Transitional Corporate Plan 2008/09, be presented to Full Council for approval.

E166. Urgent Item – Multi- Agency Flood Working Group

Consideration was given to an Urgent Report (circulated on 29th January 2008) which gave details about the creation of a Multi-Agency Flood Working Group and sought the approval of its proposed Terms of Reference.

Resolved that the Executive:

- 1) Note and support the creation of the Multi-Agency Flood Working Group and appoint Councillors Causer, Greenman and Lay as the North Wiltshire District Council representatives.
- 2) Approve the Terms of Reference for the Working Group as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the Report.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 7.20pm.

There were 0 members of the public present.