

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Thursday 8 January 2009 at Monkton Park, Chippenham commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor R.L. Tonge..... in the Chair

Councillors R.M.H. Berry, A. Bucknell, C. Crisp, V. Greenman, C.V. Ramsey, R. Sanderson and V.A. Vines.

Non-Executive Councillors Present:

Councillors C Caswill, S Doubell and I Henderson.

Officers Present: P Jeremiah (Legal Services Manager), S McGregor (Assistant Chief Executive) and M Todd (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

E92. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

E93. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

No public questions or petitions were received.

E94. Questions from Non-Executive Councillors

There were no questions from non-Executive Councillors.

E95. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 4 December 2008 were considered.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 4 December 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

E96. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

E97. Leader's Announcements

There were no Leader's announcements.

E98. Service Plan Review – December 2008

Consideration was given to report no. 7 providing a performance update on key actions from the individual service plans prepared early in 2008.

The following issues were discussed:

- Members noted that some objectives showed progress of only 50% because they were ongoing projects which would continue beyond the life of this Council.
- There had been some problems and subsequent delays to the Whitespace Power Depot project. However the system had gone live on 15 December 2008.
- Overall the percentages relating to progress were high and the Executive thanked officers for their performance and hard work in meeting their targets.

Resolved to note the report.

E99. Risk Management Update

Consideration was given to report no. 8 providing an update on the Council's Risk Management arrangements and the Strategic Risk Register.

The following issues were discussed:

- The risks relating to IT Business Support were mainly due to the failure to update certain ICT systems because of the impending move to a unitary Council.
- The risks relating to the IT/Business Transformation Strategy were due to the resources being put into the transition to unitary status and therefore not being available for North Wiltshire District Council business.
- It was noted that the overall situation was continuing to improve.

Resolved to note the report and the Strategic Risk Register.

E100. Transitional Corporate Plan Progress Update

Consideration was given to report no. 9 which provided an update and exceptions report on the delivery and performance of the Transitional Corporate Plan.

Resolved to note the second quarter exception report for delivery and performance of actions under the priority areas in the Transitional Corporate Plan.

(Note: Councillor R Tonge left the meeting for the consideration of the following item of business and Councillor A Bucknell took the Chair)

E101. Grant Request – Homes

Consideration was given to report no. 10 which gave details of a request for grant funding for a scheme to provide four homes at affordable rents as part of a community scheme. The following issues were discussed:

- The Chairman of Colerne Parish Council, Symon Doliczny and the Vice Chairman, Helen Wright gave an outline of the proposed scheme. The old school building was currently available for community use and this would continue. Housing was required for single people within the village and the proposed homes would fulfil this need.
- It was noted that a robust business case for the scheme had been provided and this was available from Democratic Services on request.
- It was confirmed that legal and financial advice had been sought before bringing the request to the Executive for consideration.

Resolved to approve the request from Colerne Parish Council for a grant of £200k, to be funded from available affordable housing grant discretionary funds, towards the provision of a community hall and four homes at affordable rents.

(Councillor R Tonge resumed the Chair for the remaining items of business).

E102. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved 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 12 – Compulsory Purchase Order	Paragraph 3

E103. Compulsory Purchase Order

Consideration was given to report no. 12 considering what action, if any, should be taken in respect of the acquisition and disposal of the listed building identified in the report.

Resolved:

- (1) to delegate authority to the Legal Services Manager to withdraw the Compulsory Purchase Order made in May 2007 in respect of the Property at an appropriate time; and
- (2) to authorise the Legal Services Manager, in consultation with the Council's retained valuers, to take all necessary steps to enforce the charge secured on the Property, including repossession and sale.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 7.55pm.

There were 2 members of the public present.