

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday 8 January 2007

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Goddard (Chair), Rundle (Vice-Chair), Armitage, Bance Fooks, Malik, Sellwood, Tall and van Zyl.

OFFICERS PRESENT FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MEETING: Brian Dinsdale (Interim Chief Executive); Mark Luntley and Michael Lawrence (Strategic Directors), Sarah Fogden (Financial and Asset Management Business Manager), Jeremy Thomas and Brenda Lammin (Legal and Democratic Services Business Unit).

OFFICERS PRESENT FOR PART OF THE MEETING: Val Johnson, Craig Buckby and Alun Davies (Neighbourhood Renewal Business Unit); Paul Einon (City Works Business Manager); Adrian Wood and John Kulasek (Financial and Asset Management Business Unit) and Adrienne Lingard (Business Systems Business Unit).

200. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Murray.

201. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

202. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions asked in accordance with Procedure Rule 13(iii).

203. PROPOSAL FOR THE SHOTOVER DAY CARE CENTRE WITH REGARD TO THE HORSPATH ROAD RESOURCE CENTRE – EVALUATION AND RESULTS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that: -

- (1) the approach advocated in the report be endorsed;
- (2) in future reports should be directed to the Cowley Area Committee which is encouraged to support this approach, oversee its implementation and explore the scope for delivering additional services (subject to available resources);

- (3) the Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager provide to the Area Committee as well as Executive Board the information previously requested by Executive Board, namely information on how the Council grant given to the Horspath Resource Centre in May 2006 had been used, and a full financial profile for the Resource Centre covering a period of 2 years, to include revenue implications.

204. PURCHASE OF CITY WORKS VEHICLES – MAJOR PROJECT APPROVAL AND BUDGET APPROVAL

The Financial and Asset Management Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that: -

- (1) Major Project Approval be granted for the purchase of additional vehicles, as set out in the report, subject to Council approving the request to increase the capital budget;
- (2) Council be RECOMMENDED to: -
 - a. approve an increase in the 2006/07 capital budget for replacement vehicles to £694,500 and note that the funding was in place;
 - b. note the revenue implications for budgets in future years if City Works needed the same numbers of vehicles.
- (3) the procurement of the vehicles be authorised, as specified in the report , through the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation, an approved purchasing consortium which has in place a framework arrangement compliant with EU procurement regulations, and by so doing the requirements of paragraph 8 of the Council's Contract Regulations be waived.

205. SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE 2007-08

The Financial and Asset Management Services Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that Council be RECOMMENDED that: -

- (1) the 2006/7 Council Tax Base for the City Council's area as a whole be set at 46,1808 (calculation shown in Appendix 1 of the report);
- (2) the projected level of collection be set at 98%;
- (3) the following tax bases for each of the parishes, and for the Unparished area (calculations shown in Appendix 2 of the report) be set at;

Unparished Area of the City	37,563
Littlemore Parish	2,442
Old Marston Parish	1,305
Risinghurst & Sandhills Parish	1,200
Blackbird Leys Parish	3,670
<u>City Council Total</u>	<u>46,180</u>

206. BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING

The Financial and Asset Management Services Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that: -

- (1) the recovery plan be endorsed;
- (2) a trial run of processes in 2007 be authorised;
- (3) the principles of continuity planning be built into future business planning;
- (4) the Audit and Governance Committee be asked to review the arrangements in 12 months' time.

207. AREA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no such recommendations for the Board to consider

208. PORTFOLIO HOLDER QUESTIONS

There were no such questions for the Board to consider.

209. DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNCIL

There were no such decisions for the Board to consider.

210. FUTURE ITEMS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a list (previously circulated and now appended) of future agenda items.

Resolved to note the list of future items.

211. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

Resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 the press and public on be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule I2A of the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason for exemption</u>	<u>Minute No</u>
C1	information relating to the business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	212

Summary of business transacted on Part II of the Agenda as required by Section 100C(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

The Board considered a report of the Financial and Asset Management Services Business Manager about progress on central office accommodation issues. The Board endorsed the officers' approach and noted that further reports would be submitted to the Board before any specific actions were taken.

The meeting began at 9.00 am, press and public were excluded at 9.30 am, and the meeting ended at 9.45 am.