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Agenda

Name of meeting FULL COUNCIL

Date WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2013

Time **5.00 PM**

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

WIGHT

Members of the All Members of the Council Committee

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PRAYERS led by Revd Canon Graham Morris.

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 January 2013 (Paper A)

2. Declarations of Interest

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.



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3. To deal with any questions from members of the public – maximum of 15 minutes.

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 5.00 pm on Monday, 25 February 2013. The Procedure for asking oral questions is set out below.

- 4. <u>Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.</u>
- 5. Medium Term Budget Strategy 2013/14-2015/16 and Council Tax Setting 2013/14

To consider the following matter as recommended by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 12 February 2013:

THAT Cabinet agreed to the following:

(a) Considered the Equality Impact Assessments set out in Appendix 2 in the Cabinet report and the results of the budget consultation exercises set out in Appendix 3 to the Cabinet report and whether the budget proposals were consistent with them and that any potential adverse impacts were understood and that appropriate mitigating actions are proposed to be taken. And that it recommends to Council that it also considers all of these when making its decisions.

Recommends to Council that it also considers all of the above when making its decisions.

- (b) Considered the overall financial and budget position facing the Council in 2013/14 and future years and agreed to recommend to Council on 27 February 2013 an overall budget and Council Tax strategy and in particular:
 - (i) The updated Medium-Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report;
 - (ii) The overall Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 7A to the Cabinet report;
 - (iii) The Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Borrowing Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 7B to the Cabinet report;
 - (iv) Acceptance of the Council Tax Freeze Grant and consequent setting of the Isle of Wight Council element of council tax for 2013/14 at the same level as for 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13;
 - (v) The schedule of savings set out in Appendix 6 to the Cabinet report;

- (vi) The allocation of £100k from the net savings in 2012/13 as a reserve to support the implementation of the post-Ofsted Improvement Plan for Children's Safeguarding;
- (vii) Confirms that General Fund balances should not be used for any element of recurring expenditure in 2013/14 due to the future financial challenges the Council faces;
- (viii) Agrees to the deletion of the post of Chief Executive with effect from 31 March 2013 and the appointment of the Strategic Director of Resources as Acting Head of Paid Service and Chief Officer with effect from 1 April 2013 until such time as new senior management arrangements are agreed for implementation through decisions made by Annual Council on 15 May 2013;
- (ix) Agrees that the Head of Financial Management is appointed as Section 151 Officer for the period referred to in (viii) above, after which time it will revert to the Strategic Director of Resources;
- (x) Agrees that the Deputy Director of Resources (Corporate Governance) and Monitoring Officer is appointed to act as Returning Officer for the Local Elections in May 2013 and is authorised to agree fees and charges for election staff (as recommended by the Joint Working Party of Chief Executives and District Secretaries throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight) and to fulfil the role of Electoral Registration Officer for the Isle of Wight (for the period referred to in (viii) above) and is permitted to appoint Deputies to act on all matters relating to Electoral Registration as considered appropriate.
- (xi) That officer's work up initial options for dealing with the significant budget gaps projected for 2014/15 and that these are included in a Budget Review report to Cabinet in July 2013, followed by a further report to Council in September 2013.
- (c) Recommends to Council, in the event that all precepts are not notified by the time of the Council meeting on 27 February 2013 that they agree to set up a Council Tax Setting Committee with the delegated authority to consider and approve the overall budget requirement and level of Council Tax for 2013/14 being that element agreed by Council for the Isle of Wight Council for 2013/14 plus the notified police precept plus the notified Parish and Town Council precepts.

The report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources as submitted to the Cabinet on Tuesday, 12 February 2013 is attached at Paper B.

Updated final budget and council tax recommendations are attached <u>here</u>.

6. Cabinet

Members and the Chairman of Scrutiny to present a written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy:

- (i) The Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources (Cllr David Pugh)
- (ii) Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy and Regulatory Services (Cllr George Brown)
- (iii) Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Cllr Vanessa Churchman)
- (iv) <u>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Housing</u> (Cllr Stuart Hutchinson)
- (v) <u>Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education</u> (Cllr Dawn Cousins)
- (vi) <u>Cabinet Member for Procurement, Fire, Highways and Transport</u> (Cllr Edward Giles)
- (vii) Cabinet Member for Public Health, Community Safety and Local Services (Cllr Dave Stewart)

To guarantee a full reply Members must submit a question in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 26 February 2013. A further period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for oral questions to each Cabinet Member.

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