

Date: 23 August 2006

TO: All Members of the Executive  
FOR ATTENDANCE

TO: All Other Members of the Council  
FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** to be held in the **GUILDHALL, ABINGDON** on **Friday, 1st September, 2006 at 2.30 pm.**

Yours faithfully

Terry Stock  
Chief Executive

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct, and Standing Order 34 regarding the declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

## **A G E N D A**

### **SECTION I** (Open to the Public including the Press)

A large print version of this agenda is available. Any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement. Contact Jason Lindsey, Democratic Services Officer on telephone number (01235) 540306.

#### **Map and Vision**

**(Page 8)**

A map showing the location of the venue for this meeting, together with a copy the Council Vision is attached.

#### **STANDING ITEMS**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the public minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 4 August 2006, (previously circulated).

**3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

In accordance with Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct and the provisions of Standing Order 34, any Member with a personal interest must disclose the existence and nature of that interest to the meeting prior to the matter being debated. Where that personal interest is also a prejudicial interest, then the Member must withdraw from the room in which the meeting is being held and not seek improperly to influence any decision about the matter unless he/she has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee.

**4. Urgent Business and Chair's Announcements**

To receive notification of any matters which the Chair determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the Chair.

**5. Statements and Petitions from the Public Under Standing Order 32**

Any statements and/or petitions from the public under Standing Order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

**6. Questions from the Public Under Standing Order 32**

Any questions from members of the public under Standing Order 32 will be asked at the meeting.

**7. Referral under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules or the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules**

None

**8. Referrals from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Other Committees**

None

**9. Financial Monitoring**

(Pages 9 - 10)

Members are requested to consider any significant budget variances and any requests for

virement or permanent budget adjustment.

*Recommendation*

*With regard to approved supplementary estimate 4 (set out on page 8), the Deputy Director (Contracts and Procurement) is requested to report the effectiveness of the use of the promotional budget to the Executive after the year-end.*

**KEY DECISIONS**

**10. Forward Plan**

**(Pages 11 - 14)**

To receive the Forward Plan containing Executive decisions to be taken from September to December 2006.

*Recommendation*

*that the Forward Plan be received.*

**OTHER MATTERS**

**11. Corporate Governance - First Quarter 2006/07**

**(Pages 15 - 43)**

To receive and consider report 59/06 of the Directors' Group.

Introduction and Report Summary

To receive the Corporate Governance Report for the first quarter of 2006/07.

The Contact Officer for this report is Tim Sadler, Strategic Director (01235) 540360.

*Recommendation*

*That the Directors' Group Corporate Governance Report for the first quarter 2006/07 be noted.*

**12. Commitments to the Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement**

**(Pages 44 - 77)**

This report sets out in one place the commitments made by this Council in respect of the Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement

The Council has agreed to support in principle the generality of the Local Area Agreement for Oxfordshire and to support both stretch and non-stretch targets by adjustments to work plans where this does not conflict with Council policies and priorities and is achievable within existing resources.

In addition more specific support has been signalled in respect of certain elements of the four blocks of the agreement and the twelve specific targets agreed with the Government Office for the South East.

Appendix 1 (report 60/06) sets out these specific agreements.

**Recommendations**

- (a) *that the Executive confirms that the commitments made by the Council in respect of the Local Area Agreement for Oxfordshire are those as set out in Appendix 1; and*
- (b) *that these are communicated to Members, staff and partners.*

**13. Oxfordshire County-Wide Waste Strategy**

**(Pages 78 - 222)**

To receive and consider report 61/06 of the Strategic Director.

**Introduction and Report Summary**

The strategy employed by the Council in respect of waste minimisation, recycling and composting and residual waste collection has been influenced by a wide range of considerations. An extensive programme of joint working between the Oxfordshire Councils has led to a revised Oxfordshire Joint Household Waste Strategy. As one of the partner councils the Vale is invited by the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership (OWP) to approve the new strategy.

In order to assist Members in considering the strategy this report: summarises its scope and content; refers to the associated developments and Action Plans; outlines the main strategic considerations for the Vale's own waste strategy; and identifies which of the waste collection options modelled by OWP should be developed further in Oxfordshire.

The contact officer for this report is David Stevens, Assistant Director (Environmental Health) telephone (01235 540378).

**Recommendations**

*That Executive recommend to Council:*

- (a) *that Members confirm support for "No time To Waste" – The Oxfordshire Joint Municipal Waste Strategy of August 2006 (The Strategy) and adopt its principles in the development of the Vale's strategy for waste management;*
- (b) *that Members note the outcome of the modelling work set out in Appendix A;*
- (c) *that Members recommend to the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership (OWP) that on the basis of the results of the modelling work, the Strategy and the additional information presented in this report, Option I as detailed in the Appendix A is supported for further development in Oxfordshire;*
- (d) *that Members delegate to the Executive authority to agree the individual Action Plan for the Vale as required by The Strategy.*

**14. Reservoir**

**(Pages 223 - 227)**

To receive and consider report 62/06 of the Chief Executive and Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy).

**Introduction and Report Summary**

Thames Water Utilities (TW) has announced its intention to begin public consultation on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006. It is understood that an exhibition will be open to the public at the Guildhall in Abingdon, followed by venues in Steventon, East Hanney and Wantage and that the consultation period will last 8 weeks. It is further understood that this first consultation will set out the needs case for a reservoir and the case for it being located in the Vale of White Horse area. It is possible that an indication only of its location will be provided at this stage with no more than a concept design.

TW has indicated that it foresees a second public consultation on design and after use proposals taking place early in 2007, again with an 8 week consultation period.

The purpose of this report is to draw some of the immediate issues for this Council to the attention of the Executive inviting it to set a framework for this Council's response and to consider future working arrangements with potential partner organisations involved in assessing the reservoir proposal.

The contact officer for this report is Mike Gilbert (01235 540681)

**Recommendations**

- (a) *that the Head of Communications and Leader of the Council be designated as the official contact points at the Council;*
- (b) *that all members of the Council be invited to a private briefing on the proposal prior to the submission of the Council's response to the first consultation;*
- (c) *that an extension of time by four weeks be sought from Thames Water to enable this Council to consult widely on views before submitting its response;*
- (d) *that the Council should consult its residents for views in a variety of ways, including*
  - *a special Vale Voice exercise*
  - *a special edition of Vale Views*
  - *an invitation to each Town and Parish Council to express a view*
  - *a whole area structured survey undertaken by an accredited organisation such as IPSOS MORI;*
- (e) *that the County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council be invited to join the proposed consultation exercise, both to avoid duplication and to share the costs;*
- (f) *that the Environment Agency be approached to see whether agreement can be reached to share consultants on those aspects which directly affect both bodies;*
- (g) *that the County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council be approached to explore the scope for joint working in order to avoid duplication and additional costs;*
- (h) *to request the Officers to bring a further report to the next meeting of the Executive, in the light of the public consultation by TW, on the resource implications (in both time and finance) and proposals on how the Council could best approach its obligations to respond to this potential major development.*

**15. Treasury Management - Review of Activities in 2005/06**

**(Pages 228 - 230)**

To receive and consider report 63/06 of the Strategic Director.

**Introduction and Report Summary**

The Council's Treasury Management Policy requires a report to be made on Treasury Management performance in the previous financial year.

The purpose of this report is to detail the Council's cash investment performance in the financial year 2005/06 and to raise any treasury management issues.

The Contact Officer for this report is Steve Lawrence, Head of Asset Management, tel: 01235 540321.

**Recommendations**

- (a) *To note the return on cash invested during 2005/06 and the balances of the funds at 31 March 2006; and*
- (b) *To note the prospects for the return on cash investments in 2006/07.*

**16. Invitation from the Friends of Abbey Meadow Outdoor Pool**

**(Pages 231 - 233)**

(Wards Affected: Abingdon Abbey and Barton)

An invitation has been received from the Friends of Abbey Meadow Outdoor Pool for the Vale to nominate a representative to sit on this management committee. A copy of the invitation is attached.

**Recommendation**

*that the Executive determines whether it wishes to nominate a representative to the Friends of Abbey Meadow Outdoor Pool.*

**17. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press**

The Chair to move that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the remainder of the meeting to prevent the disclosure to them of exempt information, as defined in Section 100(l) and Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, to the Act when the following items are considered:-

- Item 18 Minutes  
*(Category 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information.)*
- Item 19 Oxfordshire County-Wide Waste Strategy  
*(Category 3)*
- Item 20 Property Matters (if any)  
*(Category 3)*

**STANDING ITEMS**

**18. Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Exempt minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 4 August 2006, (previously circulated).

**KEY DECISIONS**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**19. Oxfordshire County-Wide Waste Strategy**

(Pages 234 - 235)

To receive and consider Exempt Appendix B to report 61/06.

**20. Property Matters**

To consider any property matters.