

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Monday, 13 November 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Policy and Resources Committee:-

Councillors:

Sarah Nelmes (Chair)
Jon Tankard
Paul Rainbow
Chris Lloyd
Andrew Scarth
Oliver Cooper
Chris Mitchell

Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Vice-Chair)
Steve Drury
Keith Martin
Philip Hearn
Abbas Merali
Stephen Cox

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Friday, 3 November 2023*

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For those wishing to speak:

Members of the public are entitled to register and identify which item(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the meeting. Those who wish to register to speak are asked to register on the night of the meeting from 7pm. Please note that contributions will be limited to one person speaking for and one against each item for not more than three minutes.

In the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will be given the right to speak on that item at the next meeting of the Committee.

Those wishing to observe the meeting are requested to arrive from 7pm.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

(Pages 7
- 14)

To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 11 September 2023.

3. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

(Pages
15 - 66)

This report shows the expected financial position over the three year medium term based on the Council's actual financial performance at the end of quarter two (30 September 2023) set against the latest budget.

Recommendation:

That the revenue budget virements as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.

That the revenue budget supplementary estimates as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.

That the revenue variances to be managed as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be noted.

That the capital variances as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.

6. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL EXTENSION POLICY

(Pages
67 - 78)

This report is introduce a new policy to allow for the extension of the Exclusive Right of Burial for a further 50 years, once the original 100-year Exclusive Right of Burial has lapsed.

Recommendation

That a 50-year extension to the EROB is approved and that a Deed would be issued accordingly.

That the fee for the 50-year extension is set annually through the fees and charges budget setting process, at 50% of the full EROB resident fee, at the time it is required.

7. CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN UPDATE, CLIMATE CHANGE, LEISURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (Pages 79 - 158)

The purpose of this report is to follow up on the consultation of the draft update of the Climate Emergency and Sustainability strategy, which was agreed at CCLC in March 2023, and to seek adoption of the final strategy.

Recommendation

That the Policy and Resources Committee approve the proposed UPDATED Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy and recommend to Full Council for adoption.

Note the updates arising from the Climate Change and Sustainability Action Plan.

8. ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE RISK REGISTER (Pages 159 - 186)

This report is to present Adaptation and Resilience Risk Register to Policy and Resources Committee.

Recommendation:

That Members approve the Adaptation and Resilience Risk Register and recommend to Council on 12th December 2023 for adoption.

Note that the actions arising from the register will form part of service plans.

The finance and budgetary risk register should add a direct reference to the adaptation and resilience risk register.

9. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY 2023-26 (Pages 187 - 238)

This report presents the final Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy (Appendix I), taking into consideration feedback from the Equalities Sub-committee and public consultation, and summarises feedback from the public consultation.

Recommendation:

That the Policy and Resources Committee recommend the policy to Council.

That public access to the report be immediate.

That public access to the decision be immediate.

10. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS POLICY 2023 (Pages 239 - 266)

This report recommends changes to the Council's Safeguarding Children Young People and Adults at Risk Policy to bring it up to date and in line with the requirements of the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

Recommendation:

That Policy and Resources Committee adopts the new Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk Policy 2023-2026 and recommends to Council on 12th December 2023.

That public access to the report be immediate.

That public access to the decision be immediate.

11. Service Planning 2024-27 (Pages

267 -

310)

12. THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2023-28 (Pages

311 -

380)

Recommendation:

That the Policy and Resources Committee recommend adoption of the Strategy to Council.

Council adopts this strategy for Three Rivers District Council.

That public access to the report be immediate.

That public access to the decision be immediate.

13. HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY 2023-2028 - PUBLIC CONSULTATION (Pages

381 -

468)

To provide Committee with a review of the Council's Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2017-2022 and a pre-consultation draft of the Council's proposed Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-2028.

Recommendation:

That the Policy and Resources Committee approve the proposed Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-2028 for progression to public consultation.

14. OTHER BUSINESS - if approved under item 3 above

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

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