

## **BUDGET WORKING PARTY**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillors Miss E Woodburn (Chairman); M Ashbrook; Anne Bradshaw; J G Sunderland.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor AWM Norwood

L Murphy, Chief Executive; S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; C Nicholson, Accountancy Services Manager; M Tichford, Head of Regeneration, J Salt, Head of Customer Services, D James, Member Services Officer

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held on 14 November agreed as correct.

#### **Budget 2006/2007 – Update on Bids**

Over the last few months Budget Working Party have been considering all bids submitted and savings that can be made. This report puts forward the findings of the budget working party and other consultations prior to submission to the Executive and subsequently Full Council.

The figures detailed in the resources tables show Council tax increasing at both 2 & 3%. The Head of Business and Development recommended that due to the position of the base budget the Council Tax base should increase by no less than 3%. Members expressed their concern at this and it was moved duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** - That the meeting be adjourned for further Member consideration.

#### **RECONVENED**

It was

**RESOLVED** – That a) the Council Tax Levy be set at a 2% increase; and

b) the report be submitted to the Executive for recommendation to Council; and

c) due to the Head of Business Developments advice that due to the position of the base budget the Council Tax base should increase by no less than 3% a meeting be arranged in January to look at the budget strategy for reducing the base budget for 2007/08 and ahead.

Chairman