

BUDGET WORKING PARTY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2006

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Ashbrook; AWM Norwood; P Watson.

T J Chilcott, Corporate Director (Quality of Life); F McMorrow, Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity & Sustainability) (Item 7 onwards); S Borwick, Head of Finance & Business Development; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; C Nicholson, Accountancy Services Manager; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; H Mitchell, Head of Policy & Performance; J Salt Head of Customer Services; K Parker Head of Leisure & Environmental Services .

Budget Bids – Neighbourhood Forum Consultation

Members considered and agreed a proposed schedule of BWP Members and officers to undertake consultations with Neighbourhood Forums on the budget. Presentation for all BWP members to be at 4.00 pm, 9 October.

Exclusion of Press and Public

AGREED That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Budget 2006/2007 – Resources and Savings

Members received and noted an update on resources available and savings required for next year's budget. Noted C Team to have away day on 4 October to consider recommendations for savings.

Service Reviews

Members considered information submitted by service units listing services as discretionary/mandatory, and details on implications for ceasing service provision.

Noted some information missing. C Team asked to ensure all relevant information circulated in time for meeting on 4/10.

Budget Bids

Members gave further consideration to all remaining budget bids for 2006/2007. Prioritisation using a scoring matrix would be undertaken at the next meeting. Members stressed that relevant officers expected to be present to support bids, otherwise bids will be rejected.

Further comments on bids:

Non Recurring:

NR6 Bid now £30,250

NR20 Delete

NR21 Delete

NR22 Note bid supported by OSC

NR23

NR24 Leader declares personal interest as member of Egremont MTI

NR25 Further information requested

NR31 Further information needed

NR32 Delete

NR33 Fund from additional income

NR34

NR35 Further information needed

NR36 delete

NR37

NR38 Defer for further information

NR39 Defer for further information

NR43 Withdrawn

Moresby Office Space - withdrawn

Recurring:

- R3 To be non-recurring
- R16
- R17 Further details needed
- R22 Withdrawn
- R23 Defer for more information
- R24 Requires separate report to Executive
- R26 Requires separate report to Executive
- R27 Fund from existing budget
- R28 Withdrawn
- R31 Withdrawn
- R33 Withdrawn

Capital:

- C1 Defer for report on revenue bid
- C3 Query £70K savings
- C5 £21.5K
- C8 £10K for health & safety only

Date of Next Meeting

Neighbourhood Forum Presentation - 9 October 4.00 pm
Next ordinary meeting - 23 October – 10.30 am

The meeting closed at 4.20 pm

Chairman