

THE EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January, 2013

- PRESENT:** Councillor Bryan Owen (Leader)(Chair)
Councillor K.P.Hughes (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors W.J.Chorlton, R.LI.Hughes,
T.Lloyd Hughes, G.O.Parry, MBE,
R.G.Parry, OBE.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive
Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Community
Director of Lifelong Learning
Director of Sustainability
Head of Function (Resources)
Interim Head of Function (Resources)
Head of Service (Highways and Waste Management)
Head of Service (Finance)
Committee Services Manager
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors R.Dew, Tom Jones
- APOLOGY:** Councillor Selwyn Williams

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Clare J. Williams, newly appointed Head of Function (Resources) to her first meeting of the Executive. On behalf of the Executive and Officers he wished her every success in her new post.

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None to declare.

2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER.

None to declare.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive held on 3rd December, 2012, be confirmed as a true record.

4 INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR THE 2013-14 BUDGET

Reported - That the Executive on 3rd December, 2012 approved a base budget and identified a budget gap based on the provisional settlement. The provisional budget gap

for 2013-14 was £3.45m with a £10m gap over the three years to 2015-16. The Board of Commissioners had approved a savings target of 7% for services at its meeting in July, which was set at a higher figure than the budget gap in order to be able to prioritise and the responses to the challenges were challenged by a workshop of all members on 4th December.

Based on an assessment of the savings proposals and on initial consultation with officers and members, the Interim Head of Function (Resources) suggested an initial budget package as set out in Para 6.1.1. of the report.

The standstill budget and other budget information were updated for the final settlement and for other items so that the budget gap became £2.845m for 2013-14 as opposed to the provisional sum of £3.45m referred to above.

Having considered the savings and growth proposals, an initial budget package had been prepared with a number of potential options for consultation.

Attached to the report were the following appendices:-

Enclosure A – Summary of Draft Standstill Budget and Budget Gap 2013-14

Enclosure B – Proposed Savings and Growth 2013-14

Enclosure C – Summary of Proposed Savings

Enclosure CH – Summary of Growth Bids 2013-14 Budgets

RESOLVED to approve the initial 2013-14 budget proposals for formal consultation and to delegate to the Head of Function (Resources) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources, the authority to finalise the budget consultation document.

The meeting concluded at 11:00a.m.

**COUNCILLOR BRYAN OWEN
CHAIR**