

Eden District Council

Budget Planning Committee Minutes

Date: 16 July 2020 Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith
Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman:	Councillor N McCall	
Vice Chairman:	Councillor P G Baker	
Councillors:	K Beaty	S Lancaster
	M Eyles	G Nicolson OBE
	M Hanley	D Ryland
Standing Deputies:	Councillor D Wicks	
Officers Present:	Paul Sutton, Interim Director of Corporate Services	
	Lisa Tremble, Assistant Director Governance	
Democratic Services Officer:	Vivien Little, Nichola Baker and Karen Wyeth	

BPc/8/07/20 Apologies for Absence

At the start of the meeting, the Monitoring Officer advised that this meeting was being hosted remotely using conferencing software which allowed Members, Officers and public attendance whilst being able to protect themselves and others, whilst observing the Government's lockdown measures.

The Monitoring Officer also stated that all votes during this meeting would be taken through an informal recorded vote, though would not be noted as such in the minutes.

A Roll Call of all those Members in attendance remotely was then taken.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Todd, Councillor Wicks attended as substitute.

BPc/9/07/20 Minutes

RESOLVED that the public minutes BPC/01/06/20 to BPc/08/06/20 of the meeting of this Committee held in 30 June 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of those proceedings.

BPc/10/07/20 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Eyles gave a personal explanation in that he was recording the meeting for his personal use.

BPc/11/07/20 Quarter 1 - Budget Monitoring 2020/2021

Members considered report F21/20 from the Interim Director of Corporate Services which summarised the Council's current Revenue and Capital position and full year projections for the first quarter of 2020/2021.

Proposed by Councillor McCall
Seconded by Councillor Nicolson

and **RESOLVED** that the Budget Planning Committee note the report, and make the following comments be presented to the Executive.

- a. Given the unprecedented impact that the Covid19 pandemic is having on the Council's finances and the uncertainty about how long this will continue the Executive should carefully monitor current spending and the impact it will have on the future;
- b. The Executive should also be vigilant the spending on the capital programme to the end of this year;
- c. Given the level of slippage in the capital programme the Executive should ensure that individual schemes are properly resourced and deliverable, and
- d. Executive decisions should be transparent and reported.

BPc/12/07/20 Medium Term Financial Plan Review

Members considered report F20/20 from the Interim Director of Corporate Services which reviewed the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and any actions that needed to or ought to be made.

Proposed by Councillor Nicolson
Seconded by Councillor Beaty

and **RESOLVED** that the Budget Planning Committee note the report, and the following comments be presented to the Executive:

- a. That the future budget in the long term should be considered taking into account the potential loss of income to the Council;
- b. That any budget considerations should bear in mind potential local government reorganisation; and
- c. Major spending in the short term should be kept under review to ensure the Council remains financially resilient and sustainable.

BPc/13/07/20 Work Programme Update

Members considered report F23/20 from the Interim Director of Corporate Services which asked Members to note the Work Programme for the Budget Planning Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Wicks
Seconded by Councillor Beaty

and **RESOLVED** that

- 1. An informal meeting of the Budget Planning Committee take place during September to give an update on the budget prior to the end of Quarter 2; and subject to this;
- 2. the work plan be approved; and
- 3. Councillor Greenwood be invited to attend this Committee whenever quarterly reviews are to be presented.

BPc/14/07/20 Any Other Items Which the Chairman Decides are urgent

There were no items which the Chairman felt were urgent.

BPc/15/07/20 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting of this Committee was confirmed as 30 September 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.31 pm

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