

23 January 2008

Dear Councillor

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee will be held in the Committee Room at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Thursday 31 January 2008 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

ALASDAIR BOVAIRD

Chief Executive

Commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions and make statements subject to having given two working days prior notice

A G E N D A PART I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 November 2007 (copy previously circulated and herewith) and of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee held on 15 January 2008 (copy herewith).
- 3 Business arising.
- 4 Chairman's Verbal Report (5 minutes).

Item for information

To receive the report of the Chairman of the Committee
- 5 Lead Officer Report (10 minutes).

Item for information

To receive the report of the Acting Chief Financial Officer and consider a set of performance indicators for the Finance Section

- 6 Anti Fraud Policy (10 minutes).

Item for decision

To consider the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and review the current policy to take account of the change in enforcement procedures and the emphasis being placed on dealing with offenders in ways which avoid prosecutions

- 7 Finance and Administration Revenue Budget 2007/8 and 2008//09 (15 minutes) (to follow)

Item for decision

Members are requested to consider the report of the Acting Chief Financial Officer on the Draft Revenue Budget for this Committee.

- 8 Finance and Administration Capital Budget 2007/8-20010/11 (15 minutes).

Item for decision

Members are requested to consider the report of Mr A Cowper the Capital Accountant on the Draft General Fund Capital Programme for this Committee details of which are included as Appendix 1 to the report. Members attention is particularly drawn to specific details of individual capital schemes contained within the report.

- 9 Redundancies and Redeployment Update (30 minutes) (to follow)

Item for decision

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

- 10 Any other items that the Chairman considers to be urgent.

Part II

(Para 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

- 11 Redundancies and Redeployment Update (30 minutes) (to follow)

Item for decision

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

To: Councillors **R P Chambers**, R Clover, K L Eden, M L Foley, M A Gayler, D M Jones, A J Ketteridge, T P Knight, R M Lemon, H S Rolfe, R D Sherer, G Sell, A D Walters and P A Wilcock.

Lead Officer: Adrian Webb
Committee Officer: Peter Snow

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