

UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH MATTERS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE SOCIETY, ENVIRONMENT, AND COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT EAB

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Lead Councillor	Action Agreed	Progress to date
7Jan 2016	Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2016-17	Philip O'Dwyer (Director of Community Services)	Councillor Tony Rooth	The Board approved the recommendations to the Executive (19/01/16), as submitted in the report.	The Council adopted the HRA budget for 2016-17 at the Budget Council meeting on 10 February 2016.
	General Fund Capital Programme (2016-17 to 2020-21)	Claire Morris (Head of Financial Services)	Cllr Nigel Manning (now Cllr Michael Illman)	The Board advised the Executive (i) That external funding for Chilworth Gunpowder Mills and all appropriate projects be explored by officers. (ii) That annual forecast balances of the respective costs and benefits be included in capital expenditure proposals whenever possible.	
	Service and Financial Planning - General Fund Budget 2016-17	Claire Morris (Head of Financial Services)	Cllr Nigel Manning (now Cllr Michael Illman)	Board members reiterated the need to be aware of the potential risks of capital programme debt given the position and outlook for the Council's revenue account.	The Council adopted the General Fund budget for 2016-17 at the Budget Council meeting on 10 February 2016.
25 Feb 2016	Procurement	Satish Mistry (Director of Corporate Services)	Councillor Matt Furniss	The Board agreed to invite officers back to a meeting in six to nine months, to report on what had been achieved and to provide new information regarding a targeted approach to cost savings.	Report back scheduled for 17 November 2016
	Play Strategy	Jonathan Sewell (Leisure Services Manager)	Councillor Iseult Roche	The Board reviewed the objectives of the strategy, the preparation process and the policy decisions and were supportive of the content.	Executive adopted the Play Strategy on 19 April 2016

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7 April 2016	The Future of the Electric Theatre	James Whiteman (Director of Environment)	Cllr Geoff Davis (now Councillor Nikki Nelson-Smith)	<p>The Board fully supported the recommendations for Executive's consideration.</p> <p>The Board suggested that detailed specifications for community use of the Electric Theatre, as well as a break clause, should be included when setting out the terms and conditions as part of the procurement exercise</p>	<p>On 19 April 2016, the Executive authorised the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Lead Councillor, the Director of Corporate Services and the Electric Theatre and Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To agree the precise form of the procurement exercise b) To agree the criteria to be used in the procurement exercise (including the nature and extent of the community use to be secured) c) To agree the nature and form of any disposal of The Electric Theatre pursuant to the procurement exercise d) To carry out the procurement exercise e) To report back to the Executive at the conclusion of the above and prior to the award of any contract and/or disposal of The Electric Theatre
26 May 2016	Business Rates Discretionary Rate Review	Steve White (Director of Resources)	Councillor Michael Illman	<p>The Board indicated that the application process should encourage the dual-use of properties, as well as offering incentives for pursuits that may complement local authority activity.</p> <p>The Board suggested that the Executive should receive an explanation of what each organisation in receipt of rate relief offered to the community.</p>	<p>On 19 July 2016, the Executive agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) to make no changes to the discretionary rate relief scheme, but noted that there will be an increase in cost over the next three years; (2) to review the scheme again in 2019 when there will be more information available about both future funding and the health of the high street.

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	Business Planning: Assumptions, Priorities and Deficit Reduction	Claire Morris (Head of Financial Services)	Councillor Michael Illman	<p>The Board suggested that the public should be consulted before the transformation of any Council services.</p> <p>The Board recommended that the Executive consider adopting a mixed economy of the organisational models described in the report for the medium term financial strategy.</p>	On 19 July 2016, the Executive agreed the various budget assumptions, but decided that the Council should adopt an 'Entrepreneurial Council' model for the medium term financial strategy.
14 July 2016	Arts Development Strategy	Jonathan Sewell (Leisure Services Manager)	Councillor Nikki Nelson-Smith	<p>The Board suggested that a review should be carried out to identify any missed opportunities due to a lack of resources and to determine how additional funding could be used to enhance the arts development provision in the Borough.</p> <p>The Board resolved that the officers and the lead councillor review the budget for the Arts Development Service.</p>	