

BUDGET CONSULTATION - NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATEPAYERS

WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2015

PRESENT:- Councillor David Renard (Chair and Leader of the Council) and Councillor Russell Holland (Cabinet member for Finance).

Swindon Borough Council: Stuart McKellar (Board Director Resources).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Watts, Martin Draper (Zurich Insurance), Jean Wilson (Innovate UK), Matt Moore (Science Museum), Caroline McBeth (Hochtief), Paul Jenkins (Thamesdown Transport), Les Durrant (Development Planning Design Services Consulting), Richard Lay (Lay Holdings Group), Craig Shuttleworth (Debenhams), Elizabeth Rhodes (English Heritage).

1. Budget Management 2014-15 and Budget 2015-16

Councillor David Renard, Leader of the Council, opened the Consultation meeting.

It was noted that Under Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Council had a duty to consult with representatives of Non-Domestic Ratepayers about its proposals for expenditure. The Council had set out to achieve this by way of (a) a Public Notice placed in the Swindon Evening Advertiser on 8th January 2015, (b) a similar notice and information being placed on the Council's website from 6th January 2015, and (c) arrangements being made for this meeting to which 166 representative from 122 businesses had been invited.

The Chair noted that a link to the publically available agenda papers that included the Budget Management 2014/15 and Budget 2015/16 reports submitted to the Cabinet on 10th December 2014 and that included the Cabinet's Budget proposals had been included in the invitation.

It was noted that no responses or submissions had been received to date. It was agreed that any comments or submissions that were received from the business community prior to the Cabinet meeting on 4th February 2015 would be reported at that meeting.

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