

These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2024 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.	Approved subject to the following amendment: On page 2 under item 124/24, fourth paragraph, replace 'at 6.30pm' with 'at 6.30pm'.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)
2. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillors Banfield and Field-Johnson.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)
3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note	None	
4. Official Communications	Council noted the announcements published in the Schedule of Business.	
5. Appointments To make any changes to the membership of scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups and to note any changes to the Cabinet made by the Leader of the Council.	None	
6. Petitions and Public Address	Petitions Jenny Wells presented a petition with around 570 signatures regarding Low Traffic Neighbourhoods on behalf of mobile trades. Anthony Cheke presented a petition with approximately 1330 signatures regarding visitor permits in Controlled Parking Zones. Bernadette Evans presented a petition	

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	<p>with 14 signatures regarding representation on the Citizens' Assembly.</p> <p>Laura Greatrex presented a petition with 22 signatures calling for the widening Hitchcock Way in Didcot.</p> <p>Item 10 – Budget and Business Planning 2025/26 Gill Bindoff Richard Drew Sumukh Kaul Robin Tucker</p>	
<p>7. Pay Policy Statement 2025 / 26</p> <p>Report of Director of Human Resources and Cultural Change</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Approve and adopt the 2025/26 pay policy statement and agree to its publication on the council website and intranet, as required by The Localism Act 2011 (the Act) and the Code of Practice on Data Transparency.</p>	<p>Recommendation approved.</p>	<p>DHRCC (J Pitman)</p>
<p>8. Gender Equality and Ethnicity Pay Gap Reports</p> <p>Report of the Director of Human Resources and Cultural Change</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Note and approve the council's statutory gender equality pay gap report of 2024 for onward submission to the Gender Pay Gap Service, and making it available to the council's employees, and on the council's website by 30 March 2025.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DHRCC (J Pitman)</p>

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b) Note the council's voluntary ethnicity pay gap report of 2024.		
9. The Use of Urgency Provisions Report by Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer Council is RECOMMENDED to note (a) the exemptions from Call-in of the following decisions: 1) Cabinet on 17 December 2024 - Oxfordshire County Council response to Government Consultation on Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting at Council Meetings 2) Shareholder Committee (Cabinet Committee) on 17 December 2024 - Changes to the Articles of Association and Board Director Appointments 3) Cabinet on 9 January 2025 - Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation 4) Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Young People's Services on 21 January 2025 - Formal Approval of Schools Funding Formula 2025/26	The report was noted.	
10. Budget and Business Planning 2025/26 - 2027/28 Report by the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer The Council is RECOMMENDED to: (a) have regard to the statutory report of the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (at Section 3) in approving recommendations b to d below;	The recommendations in the Supplementary Report in Addenda 4 were approved with 40 votes in favour, 13 abstentions and no votes against. The Council is RECOMMENDED to: a. have regard to the statutory report of the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer set out in Section 3.1 alongside Labour & Co-operative Group Section 3.1 in	

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<p>(b) (in respect of the budget and medium term financial strategy – at Section 4) approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2025/26 set out in Section 4.3 and in particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a precept of £533,328,633; (ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,911.40; 2) a budget for 2025/26 as set out in Section 4.4; 3) a medium term financial strategy for 2025/26 to 2027/28 as set out in Section 4.1 (which incorporates changes to the existing medium term financial strategy as set out in Section 4.2); 4) the Financial Strategy for 2025/26 at Section 4.5; 5) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2025/26 at Section 4.6 including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer's recommended level of General Balances for 2025/26 (Section 4.6), and (ii) the planned level of Earmarked Reserves for 2025/26 to 2027/28 (Section 4.6.1) <p>(c) (in respect of capital – at Section 5) approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Capital & Investment Strategy for 2024/25 to 2034/35 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in Section 5.1; 2) a Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2034/35 as set out in Section 5.4 which includes new capital proposals set out in Section 5.3. 	<p>approving recommendations b to d below;</p> <p>b. (in respect of the budget and medium term financial strategy – at Section 4) approve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2025/26 [at Section 4.3] and in particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a precept of £533,328,633; (ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,911.40; 2) a budget for 2025/26 [at Supplementary Section 4.4 which incorporates the changes set out in Section 4.2 amended by Labour & Co-operative Group Section 4.2 and further amendments in Supplementary Section 4.2.1]; 3) a medium term financial strategy for 2025/26 to 2027/28 [at Supplementary Section 4.1 [which incorporates changes to the existing medium term financial strategy as set out in Section 4.2 amended by Labour & Co-operative Group Section 4.2 and further amendments in Supplementary Section 4.2.1]; 4) the Financial Strategy for 2025/26 [at Section 4.5]; 5) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2025/26 [at Section 4.6 amended by Labour & Co-operative Group Section 4.6]. This includes: 	

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<p>(d) (in respect of treasury management – at Section 5) approve:</p> <p>1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2025/26 at Section 5.2 including the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators and the Specified Investment and Non-Specified Investment Instruments.</p> <p>2) that any further changes required to the 2025/26 strategy be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance;</p>	<p>(i) the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer's recommended level of General Balances for 2025/26 [at Section 4.6], and</p> <p>(ii) the planned level of Earmarked Reserves for 2025/26 to 2027/28 [at Section 4.6.1 amended by Supplementary Section 4.2.1 (see paragraph 6 below)].</p> <p>c. (in respect of capital – at Section 5) approve:</p> <p>(1) the Capital & Investment Strategy for 2024/25 to 2034/35 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement [at Supplementary Section 5.1 which incorporates Section 5.3 amended by Labour & Co-operative Group Section 5.3];</p> <p>(2) a Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2034/35 [at Supplementary Section 5.4 which includes new capital proposals set out in Section 5.3 and amended by Labour & Co-operative Group Section 5.3].</p> <p>d. (in respect of treasury management – at Section 5) approve:</p> <p>(1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2025/26 [at Section 5.2] including the Treasury Management Prudential</p>	

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	<p>Indicators and the Specified Investment and Non-Specified Investment Instruments.</p> <p>(2) that any further changes required to the 2025/26 Treasury Management Strategy be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance.</p>	