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COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Election of Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year	Councillor Mark Lygo was elected Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year.	
2. Election of Vice-Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year	Councillor Ted Fenton was elected Vice-Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year.	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2025 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.	Approved.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)
4. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillors Cotter, Kerr and Webb.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)
5. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note	None.	
6. Official Communications	Council noted the announcements published in the Schedule of Business.	
7. Returning Officer's Report Council is RECOMMENDED to note the return of persons elected as Councillors for Oxfordshire County Council on 1 May 2025.	Noted.	
8. Appointments Members are asked to: (a) elect the Leader of the Council;	Councillor Liz Leffman was elected Leader of the Council. Council noted her Cabinet appointments:	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)

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<p>(b) note the names, addresses and electoral divisions of the people appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader of the Council for the coming year and their respective portfolios; and</p> <p>(c) note the Office of the Leader of the Opposition.</p>	<p>Resources and Deputy Leader: Cllr Neil Fawcett Future Economy and Innovation: Cllr Ben Higgins Children and Young People: Cllr Sean Gaul Place, Environment and Climate Action: Cllr Judy Roberts Finance, Property and Transformation: Cllr Dan Levy Transport Management: Cllr Andrew Gant Adults: Cllr Tim Bearder Public Health and Inequalities: Cllr Kate Gregory Community Wellbeing and Safety: Cllr Jenny Hannaby</p> <p>Council noted the report on Opposition Arrangements and the Leaders of the Opposition:</p> <p>Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Labour & Cooperative Group Councillor Liam Walker: Oxfordshire Alliance</p>	
<p>9. Committees and Review of Political Balance</p> <p>The Council is required by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 to review the political balance on its committees after an election.</p>	<p>Council RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) To note the review of political balance of committees to reflect the formation of the groups following the Council election on 1 May 2025.</p> <p>b) To appoint members to the committees of the Council as listed at Annex 1 with the following amendments.</p> <p>Councillor Gareth Epps appointed to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel.</p> <p>On the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee:</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)</p>

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	<p>Councillor Lee Evans will replace Councillor Kieron Mallon</p> <p>On the Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Kieron Mallon will replace Councillor Lee Evans</p> <p>Councillor Emma Garnett appointed to the Oxfordshire County Council & Employers Joint Consultative Committee</p> <p>Councillor Emma Markham appointed to the Oxfordshire County Council & Uniformed Members of the Fire Service Joint Consultative Committee.</p>	
<p>10. Scheme of Delegation to Officers</p> <p>At its Annual Meeting, Council is required to agree the officer scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution.</p> <p>COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED to amend the Constitution as follows:</p> <p>a) approve amendments to Part 7.1: Officers as shown in Annex 1;</p> <p>b) approve amendments to Part 7.2: Scheme of Delegation to Officers as shown in Annex 3.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved with 62 votes in favour, 2 abstentions and no votes against.</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)</p>
<p>11. General Dispensations</p> <p>To approve a number of general dispensations under the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) approve, under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, the general dispensations, listed at</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DLG (A Bradley)</p>

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<p>paragraph 5 of this report, for all elected and co-opted voting Members of Oxfordshire County Council;</p> <p>b) agree that those general dispensations should remain in force for a period of four years;</p> <p>c) agree that the granting of individual dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Code of Conduct remains delegated to the Monitoring Officer</p>		
<p>12. Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee</p> <p>The Annual Report sets out the role of the Audit & Governance Committee and summarises the work that has been undertaken both as a Committee and through the support of the Audit Working Group in 2024/25.</p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of the Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2024/25.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	
<p>13. Committee Meeting Dates for information</p> <p>Provided here for information. The original calendar of dates was decided at the Council meeting on 5 November 2024. A number of committees have made changes since which are highlighted.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	