

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Friday, 10 February 2012 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 4.10 pm.

### **Present:**

Councillor Patrick Greene – in the Chair

### Councillors:

Don Seale	John Goddard	Susanna Pressel
Alyas Ahmed	Janet Godden	Anne Purse
M. Altaf-Khan	Tim Hallchurch MBE	G.A. Reynolds
Alan Armitage	Pete Handley	David Robertson
Lynda Atkins	Jenny Hannaby	Rodney Rose
Marilyn Badcock	Tony Harbour	John Sanders
Mike Badcock	David Harvey	Larry Sanders
Maurice Billington	Steve Hayward	Bill Service
Norman Bolster	Mrs J. Heathcoat	Chip Sherwood
Ann Bonner	Hilary Hibbert-Biles	C.H. Shouler
Liz Brighouse OBE	Ian Hudspeth	Roz Smith
Iain Brown	Sarah Hutchinson	Val Smith
Nick Carter	Stewart Lilly	Richard Stevens
Jim Couchman	A.M. Lovatt	Lawrie Stratford
Tony Crabbe	Sajjad Hussain Malik	John Tanner
Roy Darke	Kieron Mallon	Alan Thompson
Arash Fatemian	Charles Mathew	Melinda Tilley
Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor	Keith R. Mitchell CBE	David Turner
Jean Fooks	David Nimmo-Smith	Carol Viney
Anthony Gearing	Neil Owen	Michael Waine
Michael Gibbard	Zoé Patrick	David Wilmshurst

*The Council considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

### **128/12 MINUTES**

(Agenda Item 1)

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2011 be approved and signed subject to the following amendment to Annex 1 of the Minutes – supplementary answer to question 6:

“We had our own investigation into the supply and demand figures required and we came out with the figure of 1.26 million which we feel is a good

average if you take into account the fact that the **reduction in demand** is due to the economic downturn”

## **129/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

(Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Altaf-Khan, Chapman, Mrs Fulljames, Jelf, Lindsay-Gale, Skolar, Strangwood and N.Turner.

**RESOLVED:** to approve, for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the absence of Councillor Peter Jones from any meeting of the Authority from the date of this meeting for six months on the grounds of his serious ill health.”

## **130/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Agenda Item 3)

**RESOLVED:** that all members declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8, noting the specific exemption under the Code for all members from declaring this as a prejudicial interest, in order for the Council to make a decision with regards to the Budget.

## **131/12 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(Agenda Item 4)

The Chairman reported as follows:

- (i) The Chairman reported that, following consultation with the Group Leaders, it had been agreed that the BBC would be filming debate on the Budget.
- (ii) The Chairman sought agreement for the Order of Business to be changed as indicated in the Schedule of Business.
- (iii) A minute's silence was held in memory of Councillor Roger Belson who had sadly passed away over the Christmas period. The Chairman reported that a memorial service was to held on Wednesday 21 March 2012 at 3.00 pm at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London. Those members who were interested in attending were to contact Jenny Larkcom regarding transport.
- (iv) Councillors Mallon, Purse and Brighthouse then shared memories and experiences with Council and paid tribute to Councillor Belson.
- (v) The Chairman reported that he had written and congratulated those on the New Years Honours list which had a connection with Oxfordshire list attached as Annex 1 to the decisions).
- (vi) The Council congratulated Tim Stimpson, Facilities Manager for the County Council on receiving the MBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to Oxfordshire.

## **132/12 APPOINTMENTS**

(Agenda Item 5)

**RESOLVED:** to

- (a) appoint Councillor Patrick Greene to the vacancy on the Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) appoint Councillor Stewart Lilly to the vacancy on the Planning & Regulation Committee.

## **133/12 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda Item 6)

The following address was received:

Agenda Item 8 – Service & Resource Planning 2012/13 – 2016/17

Ms Sushila Dhall addressed the Council outlining the implications of focusing future funding for Mental Health around rehabilitation and recovery rather than support as this would mean hardship for Mental Health patients who were unlikely to get better.

## **134/12 SERVICE & RESOURCE PLANNING 2012/13 - 2016/17**

(Agenda Item 8)

The Council had before them the Report of the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer (CC8), a supplementary Report of the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer, the Report of the Cabinet (CC8(b)) together with the Commentary on the Cabinet's Budget Proposals by the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer as the Council's Section 151 Officer. The Council also had before it budget proposals in the form of: Amendments by the Liberal Democrat Group to the Cabinet's Revenue Budget, Amendments by the Labour Group to the Cabinet's Revenue Budget and Amendments by the Green Group to the Cabinet's Revenue Budget together with Commentary by the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer as the Council's Section 151 Officer.

Councillor Mitchell moved and Councillor Couchman seconded the Cabinet's recommendations on Service and Resource Planning 2012/13 to 2016/17 (CC8(b)). In moving and seconding the motion, Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Couchman paid tribute to Sue Scane and her staff for all their work in preparing the Budget.

Members of the Cabinet then gave an overview of the areas of the Budget falling under their responsibility.

Councillor Patrick moved and Councillor Armitage seconded an amendment to the Cabinet's budget as set out in the additional papers (CC8 Liberal

Democrat Amendments). Councillor Patrick paid tribute to the finance staff responsible for preparing the budget.

Following debate, the amendment was lost by 49 votes to 9 with 2 Abstentions.

Councillor Brighouse moved and Councillor Stevens seconded an amendment to the Cabinet's budget as set out in (CC8 Labour Group Amendments) and in the Addenda at Annex 1 to the Schedule of Business. Councillor Patrick paid tribute to members of the finance team.

Following debate, the amendment was lost by 50 votes to 10 with 1 Abstentions.

Councillor L Sanders moved and Councillor Sherwood seconded an amendment to the Cabinet's budget as set out in (CC8 Green Group Amendments).

Following debate, the amendment was lost by 57 votes to 2 with 2 Abstentions.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and carried by 41 votes to 19.

### **135/12 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2012/13 - 2016/17**

(Agenda Item 9)

The time being 4.10 pm the meeting was closed and the Chairman directed that the item would be considered at the next Council Meeting on the 20th March.

### **136/12 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT**

(Agenda Item 7)

The time being 4.10 pm the meeting was closed and the Chairman directed that the item would be considered at the next Council Meeting on the 20th March.

**137/12 ANNEX 1 TO THE MINUTES**

(Agenda Item )

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**New Year Honours list**

The Chairman has written and congratulated the following people on receiving New Year Honours in 2012:

Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, of the Theology Faculty and St Cross College, was knighted (KB) for services to scholarship.

David Flint, chief executive of Oxford Instruments, was appointed CBE for services to business and science.

Professor Lionel Tarassenko was appointed CBE for services to engineering.

Keith Budgen, the former regional director of HM Courts and Tribunals Service for the south east region was appointed CBE

Professor Diana Woodhouse, the former pro vice-chancellor of research at Oxford Brookes University, was appointed OBE for services to legal scholarship and higher education.

Malcolm Cochrane, from Shipton-under-Wychwood, was appointed MBE for his services to the community.

James Hewitt was appointed MBE for services to financial inclusion in Oxfordshire and to the local community.

Trevor Alan Cowlett for services to music in Oxford was appointed MBE.

John Huddleston, from AEA Technology, was appointed MBE for services to the environment.

Professor Robert Lloyd Walker was appointed MBE for services to social policy research.

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Date of signing