

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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

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## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p><b>1. Minutes</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023 (<b>CC1</b>) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023 were approved as a correct record.</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence</b></p>	<p>Councillors Champken-Woods, Constance, Leverton and Murphy.</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note</b></p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p><b>4. Official Communications</b></p>	<p>Charlotte Stacey, Information Services Manager, was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours for her services to the community.</p> <p>The full list of Oxfordshire residents who received honours is in Annex 1 of the Schedule of Business.</p> <p>Chair's events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Princess Royal Visit 4<sup>th</sup> January the Oxford Farming Conference.</li> <li>• Attended Wallingford school assembly to deliver the winner of the Christmas card competition gift.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Ashmolean Museum opening the One World Family Festival.</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> February Charity cake sale in</li> </ul>	

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	<p>the Common Hall, all money will be going to the ten chosen charities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> March Chair's drinks fundraiser evening at County Hall</li> </ul> <p>Invitations received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> February Civic Party invitation from Christ Church.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> February Cherwell District - Chairman's Sunday lunch and auction</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> February Oxfordshire Scouts and Guides show 2024.</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> February Civic Service for Henley on Thames.</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> February Lunar New Year celebrations at Oxford Town Hall.</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> February The Romanes Lecture.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> March Lord Mayor of Didcot's Charity Dinner.</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> March celebration and launch of the Didcot Powerhouse Fund 2023 impact report.</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> March Mamma Mayor – Mayor of Henley's fundraising dinner</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> March fundraising quiz from the Chair of SODC.</li> </ul> <p>Alan Brown CBE DL, who was county chief executive from 1973-1988, sadly passed away on the 13 December at the age of 95. He leaves a wife, Marie, and two daughters.</p> <p>Also in December our former Chief Education Officer Sir Tim Brighthouse passed way at the age of 83. Sir Tim served in the role from 1978 to 1989.</p>	
<p><b>5. Appointments</b></p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of scrutiny and other committees on the</p>	<p>Council approved the following changes to Committees:</p> <p><u>Education &amp; Young People Overview</u></p>	

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<p>nomination of political groups and to note any changes to the Cabinet made by the Leader of the Council.</p>	<p><u>&amp; Scrutiny Committee:</u> Cllr Corkin to replace Cllr Simpson</p> <p><u>Place Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee:</u> Cllr Simpson to replace Cllr Constance</p> <hr/> <p>Council noted a change made by the Leader of the Council to one of the Cabinet positions:</p> <p>Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Pete Sudbury, is now responsible for Climate Change, Environment &amp; Future Generations. The detailed responsibilities for this portfolio are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change mitigation</li> <li>• climate adaptation and resilience</li> <li>• lead flood authority incl Oxford flood alleviation</li> <li>• planetary boundaries and circular economy</li> <li>• ecology, nature recovery and enhancement</li> <li>• future generations</li> <li>• minerals strategy, waste disposal and recycling centres</li> <li>• Countryside operations and volunteers</li> <li>• ecology/archaeology/heritage</li> <li>• water strategy incl TW reservoir</li> <li>• energy strategy</li> <li>• tree strategy</li> <li>• highways verge and vegetation management strategy</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Petitions and Public Address</b></p>	<p>The following requests to speak were agreed by the Chair:</p> <p>Lyndsey Caldwell Tammy Heavens Amanda Edwards-Day</p>	

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	Philippa Jackson Gibbons Edward Hayter David Henwood John Center Bernadette Evans Richard Parnham Sharon Jeacock Claire Brenner	
<p><b>7. Pay Policy Statement 2024/25</b></p> <p>Report of the Executive Director Resources and Section 151 Officer</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to consider and approve the 2024/25 Pay Policy Statement following approval at Remuneration Committee on 17 January 2024.</b></p>	<p>Recommendation approved unanimously.</p>	<p>DWOD (P Tallant)</p>
<p><b>8. Budget and Business Planning 2024/25 - 2026/27</b></p> <p>Report by the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer</p> <p>This report is the culmination of the Budget and Business Planning process for 2024/25 to 2026/27. It sets out the Cabinet's proposed budget for 2024/25, medium term financial plan to 2026/27 and capital programme to 2033/34, together with a number of strategies and policies that the Council is required to approve for the 2024/25 financial year.</p> <p><b>The Council is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p>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;</p> <p>b. (in respect of the budget and medium term financial strategy – at Section 4) approve:</p>	<p>The recommendations in the Supplementary Report in Addenda 4 were approved with 37 votes in favour, 18 abstentions and no votes against.</p> <p><b>The Council RESOLVED to:</b></p> <p>a. have regard to the statutory report of the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer set out in Amended Section 3.1 in 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> <p>(1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2024/25 [at Cabinet Section 4.3] and in particular:</p> <p>(i) a precept of £498,633,415;</p>	<p>DF Wilcox) (K</p>

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<p>(1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2024/25 set out in Section 4.3 and in particular:</p> <p>(i) a precept of £498,633,415;</p> <p>(ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,820.56;</p> <p>(2) a budget for 2024/25 as set out in Section 4.4;</p> <p>(3) a medium term financial strategy for 2024/25 to 2026/27 as set out in Section 4.1 (which incorporates changes to the existing medium term financial strategy as set out in Section 4.2);</p> <p>(4) the Financial Strategy for 2024/25 at Section 4.5;</p> <p>(5) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2024/25 at Section 4.6 including</p> <p>(i) the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer's recommended level of General Balances for 2024/25 (Section 4.6), and</p> <p>(ii) the planned level of Earmarked</p>	<p>(ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,820.56;</p> <p>(2) a budget for 2024/25 [at Amended Cabinet Section 4.4 which incorporates the changes set out in Labour &amp; Co-operative Group Section 4.2];</p> <p>(3) a medium term financial strategy for 2024/25 to 2026/27 [at Amended Cabinet Section 4.1 (which incorporates changes to the existing medium term financial strategy as set out in Cabinet Section 4.2 and amended by Labour &amp; Co-operative Group Section 4.2)];</p> <p>(4) the Financial Strategy for 2024/25 [at Cabinet Section 4.5];</p> <p>(5) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2024/25 [at Amended Cabinet Section 4.6 which incorporates Labour &amp; Co-operative Group Section 4.6]. This includes:</p> <p>(i) the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer's recommended level of General Balances for 2024/25 [at Amended Cabinet Section 4.6], and</p> <p>(ii) the planned level of Earmarked Reserves for 2024/25 to 2026/27 [at Amended Cabinet Section 4.6.1 which incorporates Labour &amp; Co-operative Group Section 4.6].</p>	

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<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Reserves for 2024/25 to 2026/27 (Section 4.6.1)</b></p> <p><b>c. (in respect of capital – at Section 5) approve:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(1) the Capital &amp; Investment Strategy for 2024/25 to 2033/34 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in Section 5.1;</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(2) a Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2033/34 as set out in Section 5.4 which includes new capital proposals set out in Section 5.3.</b></p> <p><b>d. (in respect of treasury management – at Section 5) approve:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 at Section 5.2 including the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators and the Specified Investment and Non-Specified Investment Instruments.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(2) that any further changes required to the 2024/25 Treasury Management Strategy be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the</b></p>	<p><b>c. (in respect of capital – at Section 5) approve:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(1) the Capital &amp; Investment Strategy for 2024/25 to 2033/34 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement [at Amended Cabinet Section 5.1 which incorporates Labour &amp; Co-operative Group Section 5.3];</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(2) a Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2033/34 [at Amended Cabinet Section 5.4 which includes new capital proposals set out in Cabinet’s Section 5.3 which incorporates Labour &amp; Co-Operative Group Section 5.3].</b></p> <p><b>d. (in respect of treasury management – at Section 5) approve:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 [at Cabinet Section 5.2] including the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators and the Specified Investment and Non-Specified Investment Instruments.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(2) that any further changes required to the 2024/25 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</b></p>	

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<b>Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance;</b>	<b>Member for Finance.</b>	