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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, 11 JULY 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p><b>1. Minutes</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 16 May 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence</b></p>	<p>Apologies were received from Councillors Ash, Fatemian, Mallon, Murphy, Povolotsky, Reeves, Sudbury and Waine.</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note</b></p> <p>Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>A dispensation had been granted to Councillor Mohamed Fadlalla to allow him to participate fully in item 14 Motion proposed by Councillor Imade Edosomwan. Councillor Fadlalla would have a Non-Registerable Interest as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct, paragraph 7.3. The dispensation had been granted by the Monitoring Officer using the delegation provided to the Monitoring Officer by Council on 17 May 2022.</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)</p>
<p><b>4. Official Communications</b></p>	<p>The Chair summarised the events he had attended since the last meeting of Council.</p>	
<p><b>5. Appointments</b></p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	<p>Councillor Gregory replaced Councillor Hannaby as Cabinet Member for Community Services &amp; Safety.</p> <p>Councillor Reeves replaced Councillor Murphy on the Oxfordshire County Council &amp; Employees Joint Consultative Committee.</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh, A Newman)</p>

<p><b>6. Petitions and Public Address</b></p>	<p>The following speakers were heard:</p> <p><b>Petitions</b>  Steve Wright: Fire Brigade Union campaign</p> <p>Simon Howell: Parking in Shrivenham</p> <p>James Schumann: Do not dismantle LTNs</p> <p><b>Public Address</b>  <u>Item 14 Motion from Cllr Edosomwan</u>  Evelyne Godfrey;  City Cllr Lubna Arshad;  Nazar Eltahir</p> <p><u>Item 15 Motion from Cllr Johnston</u>  Charlie Maynard</p>	<p>CDPHCS (R MacDougall )  CDEP (B Cotton)</p> <p>CDEP (B Cotton)</p>
<p><b>7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public</b></p>	<p>Six questions were asked. Details of the questions and answers were set out in the Schedule of Business.</p>	
<p><b>8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</b></p>	<p>Twenty eight questions with Notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers were set out in the Schedule of Business.</p>	
<p><b>9. Annual Report of the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p>Report by the Director of Law &amp; Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p>The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is under a constitutional duty to prepare an annual report. That report is set out in Annex 1 and documents the breadth and depth of the Committee's work over the 2022/23 municipal year.</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</b> Receive the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report set out in Annex 1.</p>	<p>Council received the report.</p>	
<p><b>10. Report of the Cabinet</b></p> <p>Report of the Cabinet meetings of 23 May</p>	<p>Councillor Enright, Cabinet Member for Travel &amp; Development Strategy, responding to Councillor Middleton,</p>	<p>CDEP (B Cotton)</p>

2023 and 20 June 2023.	agreed to circulate more information on the timings for the remaining phases of Loop Farm roadworks.	
<p><b>11. Special Urgency Decisions</b></p> <p>Report by the Director of Law &amp; Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p>The Constitution makes provision for the taking of an urgent decision. Part 8.1 Section 17.3 requires that “In any event the Leader of the Council will submit quarterly reports to the Council on any executive decisions taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 16 (special urgency) in the preceding three months. The report will include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions were taken.</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the use of Special Urgency for Key Decisions on 9 June, 29 June and 30 June 2023.</b></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>12. Independent Members of the Audit and Governance Committee</b></p> <p>Report of the Director of Law &amp; Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p><b>The Council is RECOMMENDED to introduce an allowance of £3,156 per annum for new Independent Members of the Audit and Governance Committee in line with the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed unanimously.</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p><b>13. Motion by Councillor Freddie van Mierlo</b></p> <p>Publishing the voting and attendance records of elected representatives is critical for democratic accountability. It allows residents to make informed decisions during elections and hold elected representatives to account. This council therefore requests the Director of Law and Governance to publish on the Council’s website:</p> <p>1. A summary of the attendance</p>	<p>Motion passed with 31 votes to 3 with 13 abstentions.</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)</p>

<p>records of members at Full Council (as is done by district councils, including South Oxfordshire District Council).</p> <p>2. A record of the individual votes of members made at Full Council as required under the Constitution Part 3.1, section 17.2.</p> <p>The information should be displayed prominently on the appropriate section of the website and be easily accessible.</p> <p>Votes taken by show of hands at the Chair's discretion will not require individual votes to be published.</p> <p>The Director of Law and Governance is not requested to retrospectively publish voting or attendance records, but to do so going forwards at the earliest opportunity.</p>		
<p><b>14. Motion by Councillor Imade Edosomwan</b></p> <p>The ongoing conflict in Sudan has resulted in the loss of countless lives, displacement of hundreds of thousands of people, and a severe humanitarian crisis.</p> <p>Oxfordshire has a proud history of providing support for those fleeing war. A great example is the Ukrainians fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Oxfordshire has continued to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine.</p> <p>We are dismayed at the government's chaotic and inadequate response. They have failed to evacuate British citizens, offer sanctuary to family and dependants, or waive existing barriers to settlement and support in the UK.</p> <p>This motion condemns the war in Sudan and calls on the government to redouble their efforts to work urgently with regional partners to secure a permanent ceasefire and to engage in negotiations to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the crisis.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council resolves to request Cabinet to continue to support</p>	<p>The following motion as amended was passed by 31 votes to 0 with 11 abstentions.</p> <p>“The ongoing conflict in Sudan has resulted in the loss of countless lives, displacement of hundreds of thousands of people, and a severe humanitarian crisis. Oxfordshire has a proud history of providing support for those fleeing war. A great example is <del>the Ukrainians fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.</del> <b>how</b> Oxfordshire has continued to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine.</p> <p>We are dismayed at the government's chaotic and inadequate response. They have failed to evacuate British citizens, offer sanctuary to family and dependants, or waive existing barriers to settlement and support in the UK.</p> <p>This motion condemns the war in Sudan and calls on the government to redouble their efforts to work urgently with regional partners to secure a permanent ceasefire and to engage in negotiations to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the crisis.</p>	<p>CE (Rogers)</p>

<p>refugees locally, including by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• working with the Oxfordshire Sudanese community to identify and support new arrivals.</li> <li>• collaborating with organisations in the public/voluntary sectors so they can provide appropriate support, especially for those with physical and psychological trauma.</li> <li>• briefing frontline council staff so they understand needs and pathways to relevant services.</li> </ul> <p>We further resolve to request the Leader to write to the Home Secretary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expand safe, legal routes for extended family of British citizens and Sudanese asylum seekers.</li> <li>• waive existing barriers to support including the habitual residence test.</li> <li>• establish a formal programme mirroring the Ukrainian settlement scheme for Sudanese nationals seeking sanctuary.</li> </ul>	<p>Oxfordshire County Council resolves to request Cabinet to continue to support refugees locally, including by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• working with the Oxfordshire Sudanese community to identify and support new arrivals.</li> <li>• collaborating with organisations in the public/voluntary sectors so they can provide appropriate support, especially for those with physical and psychological trauma.</li> <li>• briefing frontline council staff so they understand needs and pathways to relevant services.</li> </ul> <p>We further resolve to request the Leader to write to the Home Secretary <b><u>and Oxfordshire members of parliament</u></b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expand safe, legal routes for extended family of British citizens and Sudanese asylum seekers.</li> <li>• waive existing barriers to support including the habitual residence test.</li> <li>• establish a formal programme mirroring the Ukrainian settlement scheme for Sudanese nationals seeking sanctuary.”</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15.Motion by Councillor Bob Johnston</b></p> <p>This council welcomes the feasibility study for a railway line in the west of Oxfordshire linking Carterton to Cowley. With the possibility of around 10,000 additional employment opportunities being created on the north and west side of the city, (4,500 Oxford North; 1,000 Botley Road; 4,000 Osney Mead; up to 1,000 at Oxpens) there has never been a more important need for a mass transit system connecting the city with the expanding towns along the A40 corridor.</p> <p>This Council urges the Cabinet to request the Corporate Director Environment &amp; Place to build upon the results of the recently published feasibility study by</p>	<p>The motion was passed by 35 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.</p>	<p>CDEP (B Cotton)</p>

<p>entering into discussions with central government and other possible funders to identify sources of funding that would take the project forward, either in phases or as a complete route.</p>		
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