

Agenda item 14 – Motion by Councillor Sally Povolotsky – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Eddie Reeves

Transgender and non-binary people face significant disadvantage in society and can be, vulnerable to violence, isolation, homelessness, and lack of ~~access to~~ suitable healthcare provision.

Council believes that:

1. ~~All The UK law should clearly~~ leads the world in recognising that trans and other important minority rights are human rights.
2. Transgender and non-binary people deserve respect ~~and autonomy~~.
3. It ~~is therefore~~ our duty as community leaders ~~who seek to create an open and tolerant society~~ to speak out against transphobia, misogyny and all forms of discrimination in all its forms.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Ensure that all Council services, ~~both directly provided and through partners,~~ are fully ~~accessible~~ compliant with the Equality Act 2010, regardless of ~~their sexuality or gender~~ residents' identity.
2. State publicly that trans and women's rights are human rights and affirm the legal rights of all protected groups under the ~~2010~~ Equality Act 2010.
3. To work with healthcare providers to remove barriers transgender and non-binary people face when accessing medical care.
4. Work to provide at least one gender inclusive and one women's only bathroom (~~accessible~~) where possible in every public building owned or operated by the Council.
5. Ensure that the Council's constitution, policies, forms, and all internal and external communications ~~are~~ seek to:
 - a. ~~Reducing~~ Reduce the amount of gender information collected unless absolutely necessary,
 - b. ~~Respecting~~ the pronouns individuals use for themselves without requiring that they be declared,
 - c. ~~Providing~~ Provide opportunities for self-identification beyond the binary "man" and "woman", whilst respecting those who prefer to do so.
6. Encourage and support a network of informal LGBTQIA+ allies across officers and councillors.

7. Support and embrace the development of a LGBTQIA+ guidance within OCC for employees and contractors.”

Agenda item 15 – Motion by Councillor Donna Ford – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roz Smith

This council is committed to ensuring that active travel is fully inclusive all year round. ~~including during the Winter, and accepts its responsibility to ensure that all feel safe on our streets and cycle paths.~~

~~This council recognises the need to ensure the safety and security of our residents engaged in active travel and its responsibility in deterring crime and anti-social behaviour.~~

In accordance with its statutory responsibilities this council further commits to maintaining Oxfordshire’s publicly maintainable footpaths and cycle ways thereby making active travel safer and encouraging greater use. ~~to make using active travel routes safer and more secure and encourage use of them.~~

This council resolves to ensure that wherever possible all overgrowth is cleared from publicly maintainable rights of way including footpaths and cycleways. **When budgets allow this council resolves to installing additional suitable lighting along active travel routes where anti-social behaviour has been reported.** ~~without delay and ensure that any broken lighting along footpaths and cycle paths is resolved efficiently. Moreover, this council resolves to consider installing additional LED lighting in poorly lit areas and/or those along active travel routes where crime and anti-social behaviour are high or at risk of increasing.~~

This council agrees to engage more actively with stakeholders, including Network Rail, residents, landowners and businesses to ensure that they comply more fully with their obligations to clear vegetation on private land and keep public rights of way open. ~~This council commits to ensure all residents, but particularly disabled, elderly and vulnerable residents, are able to walk and cycle safely and securely.~~

Item 16 – Motion by Councillor Freddie van Mierlo – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Robin Bennett

In 2020, South Oxfordshire District Council was directed by the then Conservative Secretary of State for Housing, Robert Jenrick MP, to progress a local plan through examination and adoption that included Chalgrove Airfield as an allocated site. **At the time, it was argued that it should not be included due to its highly rural location and the distances required to travel by future residents to employment centres by private motor vehicle.**

In November 2021, Homes England restated its desire to develop Chalgrove Airfield with 3,000 new homes, despite having previously withdrawn its outline planning application, following significant concerns as to the suitability and safety of the site being raised by the Civil Aviation Authority.

~~The County Council notes that a massive and unprecedented package of infrastructure would be required to serve new dwellings in this remote and rural location, with no rail connection and uncertainty around viability of bus services. The construction of a large, car dependent community, distant from major employment centres and in a rural setting, runs contrary to the County Council's goals on climate emergency and biodiversity.~~

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~~Without prejudice to the County Council's role as statutory consultee in the planning application process, the Council expresses reservations in the strongest terms as to the suitability of the site and its compatibility with climate change goals.~~

Various reports, most recently “Garden Villages and Garden Towns: Visions and Reality” by Transport for New Homes have repeatedly highlighted the failure nationally to prevent car-dependent developments, despite clear Government guidance on this topic.

This Council notes the parallel failure, nationally and locally to make any significant reduction in transport emissions over the past 20 years and that 90% of Oxfordshire's road transport emissions come from rural transport

The Leader is requested to write to Homes England and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) & the Department for Transport to question how this development aligns with the stated environmental aims of the government and inform the minister as to how as a county we are working towards sustainable communities and reduced, not increased, car dependency.

Agenda Item 17 – Motion by Councillor Kate Gregory – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Eddie Reeves

Oxfordshire County Council **recognises**

1. That Councillors have a duty to promote ~~kind,~~ respectful and honest discourse both on and offline.
2. Recognises that discussion, scrutiny and debate are important to a democracy but must be carried out without targeting, ~~or abuse~~ or factual errors being peddled for political gain.
3. That robust debate is a crucial part of the scrutiny process and should not be discouraged.
4. That social media is an increasingly aggressive space where abuse is ~~normalised~~ normalised, and inaccuracies propagated.

5. That misinformation is often the trigger for such abusive ~~ive~~ behaviour.
6. That public figures are often the target for abusive behaviour and that it inevitably has a significant detrimental impact on their mental health and wellbeing, and those of their families.

Oxfordshire County Council Proposes to lead the way in:

7. ~~Introduce~~Establish a councillor social media protocol and digital citizenship guide for social media, made applicable also where possible to candidates standing for election, that has an emphasis on seeks to promoting accurate discourse and encourages councillors and candidates not to ~~not~~ write or share posts that contain ~~obvious~~ inaccuracies or aggression against colleagues across the council or rival candidates.
- ~~8. Create a digital citizenship guide for all elected members and staff.~~
9. Introduce social media training in all ~~new~~ councillor inductions and offer a refresher for elected members ~~on~~, focusing on harm of misinformation, copyright, rumours and slander and defamation.
- 10 Ask Councillors to declare the social media handle of any public accounts in their name, as an elected member in the community or related to party political activity.
- 11 Ask Councillors to declare whether they receive third party assistance in the management of their own social media channels.