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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022.</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022 were amended as follows:-</p> <p>34/22 Election of Chair for the 2022/23 Council Year</p> <p>The addition of "(Councillor Susanna Pressel in the Chair)" following this minute</p> <p>Replacement of references to Chairman and Vice-Chairman with Chair and Vice-Chair</p> <p>and approved as a correct record</p> <p>37/22 Minutes</p> <p>The Director of Law and Governance to agree a revised form of words regarding the statements by Councillors Leffman and Corkin during the debate on the severance of the S.113 agreement with Cherwell District Council at the meeting of Council on 8 February 2022.</p> <p>38/22 Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Paragraph 1 to state</p> <p>"In relation to a question from Cllr Bob Johnston, Cllr Pete Sudbury said that the Tree Policy did include climate resilience and UK grown and quarantined trees which were also</p>	<p>DLG (C Reynolds)</p>

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	<p>found in Southern Europe. Trees needed to provide food, timber or natural habitats”</p> <p>and approved as a correct record</p>	
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Apologies were received from Councillors Bearder, Field-Johnson, Haywood, Leverton, Roberts and Rooke</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note</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>There were none</p>	
<p>4. Official Communications</p>	<p>Council received the following communications:-</p> <p>1 A statement by the Chair on the devoted service by Her Majesty the Queen during her reign spanning 70 years and the celebrations in Oxfordshire for her Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>2 A statement by the Chair on her various engagements in many divisions within the County</p> <p>The Council then paid tribute to the late Councillor David Wilmshurst and observed a minute’s silence in his memory</p>	

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<p>5. Appointments</p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	<p>Council noted the following appointments:-</p> <p>Pension Fund Committee</p> <p>Councillor Field-Johnson to replace Councillor Reeves</p> <p>Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Councillor Fatemian to replace Councillor Murphy</p> <p>Councillor Fenton to replace Councillor Constance</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p>6. Petitions and Public Address</p> <p><i>Members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting can attend the meeting in person or 'virtually' through an online connection. In line with current Government advice, those attending the meeting in person are asked to consider wearing a face covering. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate 'hybrid' meetings we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9am on Wednesday 6 July 2022. Requests to speak should be sent to chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk . If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails, then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9am 2 working days before the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet</i></p>	<p>Petition</p> <p>A petition from Fazal Hussain regarding Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs)</p> <p>Public Address</p> <p>Emily Daly regarding the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan</p> <p>Mark Goldring regarding the work of the Asylum Welcome charity</p>	<p>CDEP (Bill Cotton)</p>

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7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	There were none received	
8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	<p>27 Questions with Notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers will be set out in the Annex to the minutes.</p> <p>In relation to question 1, (Question from Cllr Kieron Mallon to Cllr Andrew Gant), Cllr Gant undertook to provide a written response on whether Low Traffic Neighbourhoods were proposed in areas covered by Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans</p> <p>In relation to question 5, (Question from Cllr Nathan Ley to Cllr Andrew Gant) Cllr Gant undertook to provide a written response on S106 developer contributions to the new bus service</p>	<p>CDEP (Comms Q&M)</p> <p>CDEP (Comms Q&M)</p>
9. Report of the Cabinet Report of the Cabinet meetings held on 24 May and 21 June 2022	<p>Council received the report of the Cabinet</p> <p>In relation to a question from Cllr Ian Corkin, Cllr Liz Brighthouse undertook to provide a written response on the number of children from Ukraine waiting for school places and the waiting times for those places</p> <p>In relation to a question from Cllr Ian Corkin, Cllr Pete Sudbury undertook to provide a written response to concerns regarding the planning</p>	<p>CDCS (K Gordon)</p> <p>CDEP (Comms Q&M)</p>

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	<p>application to restore a destroyed landfill site at Ardley</p> <p>In relation to a question from Cllr David Bartholomew, Cllr Calum Miller undertook to provide a written response on the contradiction between statements in the Treasury Management annual report and the recent Capital Programme report regarding new borrowing in 2021/22</p>	<p>CDEP (Comms Q&M)</p>
<p>10. Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Annual Report</p> <p>The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is under a constitutional duty to prepare an annual report. That report is appended to this paper and it documents the breadth and depth of the Committee's work over the 2021/22 municipal year.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to: -</p> <p>Endorse the Joint Committee's Annual Report</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed nem con</p>	
<p>11. Local Transport and Connectivity Plan</p> <p>Report of the Corporate Director of Environment and Place</p> <p>This report updates Council on the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP). It summarises the results of the LTCP consultation and outlines the key changes to the final LTCP. It also includes information about changes to the supporting strategies for Freight and</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed nem con</p>	<p>CDEP (Bill Cotton)</p>

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<p>Logistics, Innovation Framework and Active Travel. It is proposed that the content of the documents found in appendixes 2-5 are all adopted by the council</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Adopt the content of the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan document, and the supporting strategies, as council policy. b) Acknowledge the Cabinet resolution on 21 June 2022 to delegate the decision on the final Local Transport and Connectivity Plan document, including graphical format, to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy. 		
<p>12. Governance arrangements relating to termination of the Oxfordshire County Council - Cherwell District Council s.113 Agreement.</p> <p>Report TO FOLLOW</p> <p>Following the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee meeting on 4 July 2022, the Council will be asked to consider a recommendation to disband the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee as from 31 August 2022.</p>	<p>RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve that the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee (JSSP) should be disbanded with effect from 31 August 2022 b) Delegate to the Chief 	<p>CEO & DLG</p>

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	<p>Executive powers to, operate, terminate, extend, or vary the new arrangements with Cherwell District Council</p> <p>c) Delegate to the Director of Law and Governance to make any resultant changes to the Council's Constitution to reflect the recommendations in this report</p>	
<p>13. Exempt Items</p> <p><i>It is RECOMMENDED that the public be excluded for the duration of the following item since it is likely that if they were present during these item there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and specified below in relation to those items and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</i></p> <p>THE REPORT AND ANNEXES TO AGENDA ITEM 14 HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.</p> <p>THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE CONTENTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE MADE.</p>	<p>RESOLVED accordingly</p>	

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<p>14. Proposals for Organisational Change Resulting in Proposed Redundancies</p> <p>Report TO FOLLOW</p> <p>The information contained in the report is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information relating to a particular individual. 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). <p>It is considered that in this case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that such disclosure would distort the proper process of free negotiations between the authority with another party for the purposes described and would prejudice the position of the authority in those negotiations and other negotiations of a similar nature in future.</p> <p><i>The Council will be asked to consider detailed recommendations from the Remuneration Committee as set out in the Annexes to the Report.</i></p>	<p>RESOLVED to approve the payments set out in this report, subject to granting reasonable discretion as identified and approved by the Leader of the Council and Interim Chief Executive to make any changes as required.</p> <p>(36 votes in favour, 18 abstentions and 0 against)</p>	<p>CDCODR (K Edwards)</p>
<p>15. Motion by Councillor Liam Walker</p> <p>This council recognises the need to improve public transport in Oxfordshire to reduce emissions, tackle congestion and make sure our bus services are more sustainable.</p> <p>Park and Ride sites are important transport hubs in Oxfordshire helping to reduce the need to drive into Oxford city.</p>	<p>The amendment by Councillor Duncan Enright was carried by 35 votes to 21.</p> <p>The motion as amended was carried by 35 votes to 7 with 1 abstention</p> <p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>This council recognises the need to improve public transport in</p>	<p>CDEP (Bill Cotton)</p>

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<p>To help meet the commitments as stated above this council calls on both the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Highways Management to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a cross-party task force to explore the viability of making parking at our P&R sites free. • Write to the Leader of Oxford City Council asking for the city council to join this new task force • Work with public transport providers in Oxfordshire to establish a Park & Ride improvement plan 	<p>Oxfordshire to reduce emissions, tackle congestion and make sure our bus services are more sustainable.</p> <p>Park and Ride sites are important transport hubs in Oxfordshire helping to reduce the need to drive into Oxford city.</p> <p>To help meet the commitments as stated above this council calls on both the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Highways Management to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a cross-party task force to explore the viability of making parking at our P&R sites free. • Write to the Leader of Oxford City Council asking for the city council to join this new task force. • Work with public transport providers in Oxfordshire to establish a Park & Ride improvement plan. • Continue working within the Enhanced Bus Partnership to make Park & Ride (P&R) more attractive than driving into the city centre • Work with the public transport providers, City and District Councils through Enhanced Bus Partnership to plan the future of P&R, including discussing freight consolidation, shared transport, bike and scooter hire, tourist coaches, and high frequency services beyond the city. 	

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<p>16. Motion by Councillor Sally Povolotsky</p> <p>This Council notes that:</p> <p>This government has consistently failed to address the imminent cost of living crisis.</p> <p>April 2022, Ofgem increased the energy price cap by 54%. There is no cap on solid fuel, bottled gas or heating oil.</p> <p>Oxfordshire households face spiralling costs, with a large percentage not on mains gas, homes reliant on oil and bottled gas face huge costs with no price cap or grants.</p> <p>Forecourt's at £2 per litre, affecting front line workers, logistics, farming and food production.</p> <p>Energy & fuel rises impact on council's services from school catering to adult and social care. There's concern about budgeted schemes due to inflation, and availability of personnel and resources.</p> <p>9 in 10 (88%) adults reported their cost of living had risen over the past month, citing affordability of food and medicines as a major concern.</p> <p>This Council therefore declares a 'Cost of Living Emergency' and calls on the Government to:</p> <p>Urgently subsidise bus and train travel, to ensure that people can travel for essential education and work.</p> <p>Urgently review the energy cap regime in order to provide much greater protection to consumers, as other European countries have done.</p> <p>Provide immediate financial support for consumers of heating oil / bottled gas and solid fuels / prepayment meters.</p>	<p>The time being 3.25 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8</p>	

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<p>Immediately reduce VAT to 17.5%</p> <p>Recognise that Oxfordshire will need urgent additional funds to support homelessness, school transport, social care services, waste disposal, and a plethora of other council functions affected by the increase in prices and inflation.</p>		
<p>17. Motion by Councillor Yvonne Constance</p> <p>This Council notes that the Leader has acknowledged the challenging market conditions faced by Oxfordshire's excellent meat and dairy farmers</p> <p>This Council further notes that local authorities have an important duty to engage positively and proportionately in public discourse.</p> <p>Given the privileged position in which this Council finds itself and the potentially damaging effects of its motion dated 14 December, this Council resolves to offer locally produced menus at Council-catered events, including meat, dairy and vegan options, or to make alternative provisions for members, staff and attendees to facilitate personal choice.</p>	<p>The time being 3.25 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8</p>	
<p>18. Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves</p> <p>This Council welcomes the introduction of the new scrutiny model under the current administration. However, it notes that resourcing for full and effective scrutiny are yet to match the welcome scale of the administration's ambition.</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p>	<p>The time being 3.25 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8</p>	

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<p>i. Ensure that the inconsistencies that exist in committees' terms of reference are promptly attended to and that the Council's constitution is duly updated;</p> <p>ii. Reaffirm the long-established convention that members of a Group nominating to a committee position remain the choice of such nominating Group; and</p> <p>iii. Seek members' opinion, irrespective of their position on any such committee as to how well the new system is working informally, reporting into the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.</p>		
<p>19. Motion by Councillor Nigel Simpson</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council has acknowledged the Climate Change Emergency.</p> <p>A major contributor to excessive CO2 output are unnecessary car journeys. The proposal by Network Rail to shut the vital link between Yarnton and Kidlington by closing the rail crossing at Sandy Lane will result in a significant increase in carbon emissions. Permanent closure would see drivers forced to use Frieze Way or Langford Lane - 8 - resulting in an average extra distance travelled of nearly two miles per journey.</p>	<p>The time being 3.25 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8</p>	

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<p>Based on current trends this is estimated to result in an extra 4750 miles travelled on weekdays and an additional 3800 at weekends, resulting in 1.5 million unnecessary miles per year.</p> <p>The cost of such surplus miles in money is hundreds of thousands of pounds to residents and businesses who rely on their cars; and extra pollution in the form of many tonnes of carbon emissions, contrary to the Council's environmental objectives.</p> <p>This would go directly against the council's ambition to reduce CO2 output generated by transport and very significantly degrade the network of contacts that currently underpins the ancient and vital community nexus around the parishes of Yarnton, Begbroke, Kidlington and Gosford and Water Eaton.</p> <p>This Council calls upon the Leader to urgently write to Network Rail to oppose the proposed closure and further to instruct relevant Cabinet colleague(s) to lobby for this vital link to be maintained with improvements, where possible, especially for cyclists and pedestrians</p>		