

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.)

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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 11 February 2020 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting of 11 February 2020 were approved and signed as an accurate record subject to the corrections set out in the schedule and page 6, 1st paragraph changing 'Jenerick' to 'Jenrick' and 'sighted' to 'cited'.</p> <p>Cllr Harris raised a concern that the report provided to Council did not specifically identify the legal implications and risk assessment which was a departure from the normal form of report.</p>	<p>DLG (D. Miller)</p>
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>An apology for absence was received from Councillor Carmen Griffiths.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Newman)</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</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>Councillor Charles Mathew declared a non-pecuniary personal interest in Agenda Item 5 by virtue of his position as the Oxfordshire County Council representative on the Cotswold Conservation Board.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Newman)</p>
<p>4. Chairman's Announcements</p>	<p>Council congratulated staff and the community on their efforts and response during the Coronavirus pandemic.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

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	Council paid tribute and thanked Nick Graham for his service as Monitoring Officer and Director of Law and Governance and wished him all the best for his new venture.	DLG
5. Petitions and Public Address	Mr George Lambrick, Chairman of the Rollright Trust presented a Petition of some 32,000 signatures concerning Traffic on the road that passes the Rollright Stones in North Oxfordshire.	DEE (J. Larkcom)
<p>6. Constitution Changes</p> <p>The report sets out for information proposed temporary changes necessary for the effective running of remote meetings during the restrictions brought about by the corona virus pandemic. The changes are in line with, and give practical effect to, The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 that came into force on 4 April 2020. The Regulations enable all local authority meetings before 7 May 2021 to be held remotely and removes the requirement for the annual meeting this year.</p> <p><i>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</i></p> <p>(a) Note the amendments set out in the Annex that the Monitoring Officer has made following publication of the Regulations to give effect to the principles of open decision making and public engagement;</p> <p>(b) Determine whether an Annual Council meeting be held remotely;</p> <p>(c) Note the emergency powers set out at Annex 3;</p>	<p>Update recommendations set out in the Schedule of Business:</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) Note the amendments set out in the Annex that the Monitoring Officer has made following publication of the Regulations to give effect to the principles of open decision making and public engagement;</p> <p>(b) Agree that the Annual General Meeting be postponed;</p> <p>(c) Note the emergency powers set out at Annex 3;</p> <p>(d) Agree that the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Chairman of the Council be authorised to make minor changes to the process and, as necessary, the Constitution in the light of practical experience of virtual working.</p> <p>Recommendations Agreed nem con.</p>	DLG (S. Whitehead/ G. Watson)

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<p>(d) Agree that the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Chairman of the Council be authorised to make minor changes to the process and, as necessary, the Constitution in the light of practical experience of remote working.</p>		
<p>7. Appointment of Monitoring Officer on an Interim basis</p> <p>As a result of the current Monitoring Officer, Nick Graham, leaving the Council it is necessary for the Council to re-appoint an officer to this statutory role. The report sets out the procedural requirements in making such an appointment.</p> <p>(a) Agree that Steve Jordan be appointed on an interim basis as the Council's Monitoring Officer from the 11th June 2020;</p> <p>(b) Agree that the appointment be formally made once the Proper Officer is satisfied that no member of the Cabinet objects to this.</p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed nem con.</p>	<p>DLG</p>
<p>8. Members' Allowances Scheme 2020/21</p> <p>Each year, the Council must approve a Members' Allowances Scheme. Before doing so it must consider the views of its Independent Remuneration Panel.</p> <p>The COVID-19 restrictions on holding meetings have legally prevented Council from meeting until now to consider adopting a Scheme for 2020/21. The report sets out proposals for approving a scheme this year in light of the pandemic.</p>		

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<p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to agree that the Members' Scheme of Allowances for 2020/21 should be the same as that which applied during 2019/20; 2. to hold a further review of allowances once the business of the Council has sufficiently returned to normal following the COVID-19 pandemic, and in any case ahead of the May 2021 County elections. 	<p>Recommendations Agreed nem con.</p>	<p>DLG (G. Watson)</p>
<p>9. Oxfordshire Minerals And Waste Local Plan: Review Of Oxfordshire Statement Of Community Involvement</p> <p>The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a statutory planning document that sets out how Oxfordshire County Council will involve the community (consultees, stakeholders and other interested parties) in preparing and reviewing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and making decisions on planning applications for minerals, waste and County Council developments. The Council must comply with its SCI in preparing local plan documents.</p> <p>The current SCI was adopted by the Council in March 2015. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012(as amended) requires SCI's to be reviewed every 5 years. In view of these Regulations, and the legislative changes that have been made under the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017, it is now an appropriate and relevant time to update the Statement of Community Involvement to incorporate these changes.</p>		

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<p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) adopt the Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement with the amendments as shown in Annex 1; and</p> <p>(b) delegate to the Corporate Director for Place and Growth the approval of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Statement of Community Involvement at Annex 1, subject to any further minor changes to be made in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.</p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed nem con.</p>	<p>DEE (S. Halliwell)</p>
<p>10. Dispensations</p> <p>Section 85(1) Local Government Act 1972 requires a member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of the Authority within a six month consecutive period, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor.</p> <p>Whilst no notification has been received by the Monitoring Officer seeking approval for an extension to the usual six month attendance rule, if at the date of the meeting there are any Councillors that, by virtue of not be able to attend, would fall foul of that rule, then Council is RECOMMENDED to grant a dispensation pursuant to S85(1) Local Government Act 1972 for such a Councillor.</p>	<p>Withdrawn as not required.</p>	