

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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| <p>1. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p> | <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 were amended as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cllr Donna Forder added to the list of members present and voting2. Minute 89/21 – RESOLVED: (on a motion from Councillor Liz Brighthouse, seconded by Councillor Duncan Enright and carried nem con)"3. Minute 91/21- in the third paragraph of the resolution "Working with local firms, the Road Haulage Association and neighbouring authorities, the Council will establish a Regional Network o well-serviced HGV through routes, and bring in measures to assist or encourage" <p>and approved as a correct record.</p> | |
| <p>2. Apologies for Absence</p> | <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ash, Field-Johnson, Gawrysiak, Leverton, Rouane and Walker</p> <p>The Chair reported dispensations for Councillors Paule and Rooke</p> | |

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| <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>The Chair reported the Corporate Director of Adults and Housing Services and the Director of Law and Governance had declared interests in Items 9 and 10 on the agenda, respectively, and would not attend for those items.</p> | |
| <p>4. Official Communications</p> | <p>The Chair expressed gratitude, on behalf of the Council, to Deborah Miller for her long service as Committee Officer and wished her well for the future.</p> <p>The Chair remarked on the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's accession to the throne and the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee. He referred to her devoted service to this country and the Commonwealth during her long reign.</p> <p>Council paid tribute and held a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Douglas Spencer</p> | |
| <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>Cllr Yvonne Constance to replace Cllr Jane Murphy on Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Cllr Sally Povolotsky to replace Cllr Richard Webber on Pension Fund Committee</p> <p>Councillor Eddie Reeves to replace Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson on Pension Fund Committee</p> | |
| <p>6. Petitions and Public Address</p> <p><i>Currently council meetings are taking place in-person (not virtually) with Covid safety procedures operating in the venues.</i></p> | <p>Council received the following Petition and Public Address:</p> | |

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| <p><i>However, members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting can attend the meeting 'virtually' through an online connection. While you can ask to attend the meeting in person, you are strongly encouraged to attend 'virtually' to minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection.</i></p> <p><i>Please also note that in line with current government guidance all attendees are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test in advance of the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Wednesday 2nd February 2022. Requests to speak should be sent to chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk . You will be contacted by the officer regarding the arrangements for speaking.</i></p> <p><i>If you ask to attend in person, the officer will also advise you regarding Covid-19 safety at the meeting. 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 9 am 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 Ms Petia Rayner, on behalf of Risinghurst Community Association, calling on Stagecoach and Oxford Bus Company to work with Oxfordshire County Council to reinstate the No 9 to 30 minute bus services in Risinghurst</p> <p>Public Address</p> <p>Mr Richard Parnham Mr Graham Jones Mr Bernadette Evans Ms Emily Scaysbrook Mr Alex Hollingsworth</p> <p>regarding car parking charges in Jericho</p> | |
| <p>7. Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council Section 113 agreement</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> | <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>a. terminate the s.113 partnership with Cherwell District Council;</p> <p>b. Formally notify Cherwell District Council of Oxfordshire County Council's decision to give 6 months'</p> | |

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| | <p>notice of its intention to terminate the s.113 Agreement dated 31 August 2018 regarding joint working between the two authorities;</p> <p>c. Agree the ongoing role of the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee (JSSP) in providing suitable oversight and decision-taking concerning the termination of the s.113 Agreement.</p> <p>d. Adopt a revised Terms of Reference for the JSSP at Appendix 1 of this report.</p> <p>e. Disband the Partnership Working Group and note the conclusion of its business.</p> <p>f. Instruct the Interim Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council subject to Council agreeing Recommendation 1.1 to work alongside Cherwell District Council officers to establish a Joint Officer Transition Working Group</p> <p>g. Note the responsibility for agreeing the transition plan rests with Cabinet.</p> <p>h. Adopt the Financial Principles for the termination of the s.113 Agreement as set out in Section 8.3 of this report.</p> <p>i. Agree amendments to the existing dispute resolution process set out in section 4.2 of this report</p> <p>j. Request that the Monitoring Officer undertakes a review of the existing Scheme of Delegation to ensure that decision making is both effective and efficient.</p> <p>k. Delegate responsibility to the Monitoring Officer to undertake amendments to the Council's</p> | |

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| | <p>Constitution to reflect the resolutions arising from this report to Council.</p> <p>I. Agree to keep the best interests of its mutual residents at the centre of its decision making, endeavouring to ensure that such actions will not be to their detriment.</p> <p>(37 in favour, 0 against, and 18 abstentions)</p> | |
| <p>8. Pay Policy Statement 2022/2023</p> <p>Report of Director of Human Resources</p> | <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>a. approve the Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 (Annex A).</p> <p>b. approve the Gender Pay Gap Report (Annex B)</p> | |
| <p>9. Appointment of Interim Chief Executive</p> <p>Report of Director of Law and Governance</p> | <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>a) Agree the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee to appoint Stephen Chandler as interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from 9 February 2022.</p> <p>b) To delegate authority to the Director of Human Resources to take any further action</p> <p>c) To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential changes to the Constitution in light of appointment of the interim Chief Executive.</p> | |

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| <p>10.Appointment of Returning Officer</p> <p>Report of Corporate Director Commercial Development, Assets and Investment</p> | <p>RESOLVED to appoint Anita Bradley as the council's Returning Officer with effect from 9 February 2022 in accordance with Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.</p> | |
| <p>11.Budget and Business planning 2022/23 - 2025/26</p> <p>Report by Director of Finance and Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development & Resources (CC11)</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to set out the Cabinet's proposed budget for 2022/23, medium term financial plan to 2025/26 and capital programme to 2031/32, together with a number of strategies and policies that the Council is required to approve for the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>The report is divided into four main sections which are outlined below:</p> <p>Section 1 – Leader of the Council's overview () Section 2 – Strategic Plan Section 3 – Statutory Report by the Director of Finance (Chief Finance Officer) Section 4 – Revenue Budget Strategy Section 5 – Capital Budget Strategy</p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a. adopt the Strategic Plan as set out in Section 2</p> <p>b. have regard to the statutory report of the Director of Finance (at Section 3) in approving recommendations c to e below;</p> | <p>Council considered the report and annexes, the Leader of the Council's overview and the schedule of business.</p> <p>The Council was RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed budget for 2022/23, medium term financial plan to 2025/26 and capital programme to 2031/32, together with a number of strategies and policies that the Council is required to approve for the 2022/23 financial year</p> <p>The motion was carried by 35 votes to 18</p> <p>Recommendations agreed</p> | |

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| <p>c. (in respect of the budget and medium term financial strategy – at Section 4) approve:</p> <p>(1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2022/23 set out in Section 4.3 and in particular:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) a precept of £435,816,475;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,651.61;</p> <p>(2) a budget for 2022/23 as set out in Section 4.4;</p> <p>(3) a medium term financial strategy for 2022/23 to 2025/26 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 2022/23 at Section 4.5;</p> <p>(5) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2022/23 at Section 4.6 including</p> | | |

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| <p>(i) the Chief Finance Officer's recommended level of General Balances for 2022/23 (Section 4.6), and</p> <p>(ii) the planned level of Earmarked Reserves for 2022/23 to 2025/26 (Section 4.6)</p> <p>d. (in respect of capital – at Section 5) approve:</p> <p>(1) the Capital & Investment Strategy for 2021/22 to 2031/32 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in Section 5.1;</p> <p>(2) a Capital Programme for 2021/22 to 2031/32 as set out in Section 5.5 which includes new capital proposals set out in Section 5.6 and the Property Strategy set out in Section 5.4; and</p> | | |

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| <p>(3) the Investment Strategy for Property Investment for 2022/23 set out in Section 5.3.</p> <p>e. (in respect of treasury management) approve:</p> <p>(1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23 at Section 5.2 including the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators and the Specified Investment and Non-Specified Investment Instruments.</p> <p>that any further changes required to the 2022/23 strategy be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance</p> | | |
| <p>12.Appointment of external auditors</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to consider the appointment of external auditors for the period 2023/24 – 2027/28</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to accept the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) invitation to ‘opt in’ to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for the period 2023/24 – 2027/28</p> | <p>Recommendations agreed nem con</p> | |