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Agenda Item Number	Page	Title	Officer Responsible	Reason Not Included with Original Agenda
4.	N/A	Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting No petitions or requests to address the meeting have been submitted. The deadline for petitions and requests to address the meeting has now passed.	N/A	Deadline to register after agenda publication
8.	(Pages 3 - 4)	Questions Response to written question	N/A	Response published on afternoon of working day before the meeting in line with Constitution procedure rule 6.6
15.	(Pages 5 - 8)	Motions One amendment to a motion has been received and is attached to this supplement. The deadline for amendments has now passed an no further amendments are therefore permitted.	N/A	Deadline to submit amendments after agenda publication. Amendment published on afternoon of working day before the meeting in line with Constitution procedure rule 4.23

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Agenda Item 8



Council

Monday 18 October 2021

Agenda Item 8 (a), Written Questions

Question From: Councillor Mark Cherry

Question To: Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Wood

Topic: Regeneration of Garage Sites in Banbury

Question

"Can the Leader update Ruscote ward councillors on the regeneration of garage sites that come under the ownership of Cherwell District Council like the Dover Avenue site in the proximity of the Hill community centre and will he continue to liaise with sanctuary housing and support the idea of social housing on the garages sites of Balmoral Avenue and Edmonds Road in line with due planning process local consultation.

Response

In the 2022/23 Revenue budget two bids have been proposed: 1) to release land for redevelopment, currently used to accommodate garages at Dover Avenue and another connecting bid 2) to carry out viability assessments of the Dover Avenue and other garage sites to identify future development potential which will include all due planning consultation as part of the decision-making process. The proposed bid to make safe and clear the Dover Avenue site, where possible, is subject to the constraints of obtaining vacant possession from the occupiers. The viability assessment will cover development potentials for both market and affordable/social housing options.

In respect of the Sanctuary owned garage sites at Balmoral Avenue and Edmonds Road due consideration will be given by the planning department including local consultation as required.



Agenda Item 15



Council

Monday 18 October 2021

Agenda Item 14, Motions with proposed amendments

Topic	Proposer	Seconder	Amendment Proposer	Amendment Seconder
Planning	Cllr Ian Corkin	TBC	Cllr Ian Middleton	Cllr Dorothy Walker
Banbury FM	Cllr Kieron Mallon	TBC	N/A	N/A
Oxford Cambridge ARC	Cllr lan Middleton	Cllr John Broad	N/A	N/A

Motion Proposer: Councillor Ian Corkin

Motion Seconder: TBC

Topic: Planning

Motion

"This council believes that planning works best when developers and communities work closely together to shape local areas when delivering new homes, infrastructure and commercial sites.

Notwithstanding the above, this Council further believes that the ability of individual residents to support or object to planning applications is an invaluable part of the planning system. As we await the emerging Planning Reform Bill, this council calls on the Leader of the Council to closely monitor the situation and lobby as appropriate, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, The Local Government Association and the District Councils Network to ask them to support and uphold this vital principle"

Proposer of Amendment: Councillor lan Middleton

Seconder of Amendment: Councillor Dorothy Walker

Motion with Amendments

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Notwithstanding the above, this Council further believes that the ability of individual residents to support or object to planning applications and policy is an invaluable part of the planning system and should be given due weight as part of the decision process.

As we await the emerging Planning Reform Bill, this council calls on the Leader of the Council to closely monitor the situation and lobby as appropriate, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, The Local Government Association and the District Councils Network to ask them to support and uphold this vital principle and the Prime Minister's promise of a 'brownfield first' policy made at the Conservative Party conference.

While we wait for the Prime Minister's pledge that there will be no further unnecessary building on green fields to become national planning policy, and in view of the significant local opposition to recent proposals to remove areas in Cherwell from the Green Belt, we further call on the leader to write to the Secretary of State to review Cherwell's Local Plan Partial Review in light of the Prime Minister's words and/or to call in any planning applications proposed on former Green Belt sites to establish if there are not now, or at the point of application, more suitable brown field sites available"

Motion Proposer: Councillor Kieron Mallon

Motion Seconder: TBC

Topic: Banbury FM

Motion

"This Council welcomes Banbury FM's objective to secure a licence to provide a locally run radio station dedicated to the listeners of North Oxfordshire.

More particularly, this Council supports Banbury FM's aspiration to operate the local DAB multiplex and to secure an FM community radio licence when they become available.

This Council requests that the Leader writes to Ofcom and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to convey our support to Banbury FM for its initiative to persuade Ofcom of Banbury FM's community-mindedness

and licensing credentials to ensure that Banbury FM's laudable aims can be realised".

Motion Proposer: Councillor lan Middleton

Motion Seconder: Councillor John Broad

Topic: Oxford Cambridge Arc

Motion

"Council notes that the Government recently completed a public consultation on the Vision for The Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

The consultation appeared to be designed in such a way as to suggest that growth is a given and provided little opportunity to challenge the need for the Arc project.

The government commissioned Dasgupta Review criticised the UK's approach to growth and the belief that technological progress can overcome the exhaustibility of natural resources.

While there have been attempts to prioritise nature and climate action by proposing the Arc Environmental Principles, the recent consultation essentially ignored them.

This 'top-down' approach overrides public opinion, flies in the face of planetary resource constraints and is incompatible with the levelling up agenda or commitments to combat climate change.

Council notes these concerns and asks the Leader to write to the Minister for Levelling up, Housing and Communities, asking him to:

- 1. Set out clearly the Government's aims for the Arc, including expected costs, projected housing numbers and growth expectations.
- 2. Engage in genuine public consultation on the need for the Arc and if excessive growth should be targeted in the South East when other areas are in far greater need of investment to 'level up' the UK.
- 3. Ensure proper local democratic control, with local planning authorities able to set their own housing requirements based on local need.
- 4. Ensure local authorities within the Arc area have the powers and funding to protect biodiversity, enable nature restoration and maintain the highest environmental standards."

