

**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting
of Council held on 18 December 2017**

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
10	<p>Motions</p> <p>To debate the following motion which has been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution.</p> <p>Social Media We as elected members of this council deplore the use of social media to denigrate members of the public and elected members at all levels of public life.</p> <p>In the words of the Prime Minister:</p> <p><i>“All of us should have due care and attention to the way we refer to other people and should show those within public life the respect they deserve.”</i></p> <p>And in the words of the Leader of Her Majesty’s opposition:</p> <p><i>“So I say to all activists, cut the personal abuse, cut the cyber bullying online.”</i></p> <p>We therefore pledge that as elected members and representatives of our political parties we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not ourselves misuse social media; • seek out and stop any personal attacks by our own political parties, the elected members of our parties, paid up members and activists of our political 	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>We pledge that as elected members and representatives of our political parties we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not ourselves misuse social media; • seek out and stop any personal attacks by our own political parties, the elected members of our parties, paid up members and activists of our political parties; and • show due respect to the people we represent and to our elected colleagues.

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	<p>parties; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show due respect to the people we represent and to our elected colleagues. <p>Proposer: Councillor Kieron Mallon</p>	
11	<p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018-2019 and Council Tax Discounts 2018-2019</p> <p>Report of Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve a Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for the year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 as set out in the report and implement the scheme with effect from 1 April 2018.</p> <p>1.2 To grant delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer to make further amendments to the CTRS Regulations up to and including 31 January 2018 in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.</p> <p>1.3 To review the proposed level of Council Tax discounts for 2018-2019 and to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain the discount for second homes at zero • Retain the discount for empty homes (unoccupied and substantially unfurnished) at 25% for 6 months and thereafter at zero. • Retain the discount for empty homes undergoing 	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for the year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 as set out in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) be approved and implemented with effect from 1 April 2018.</p> <p>(2) That delegated authority be granted to the Section 151 Officer to make further amendments to the CTRS Regulations up to and including 31 January 2018 in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.</p> <p>(3) That, having given due consideration, the following level of Council Tax discounts for 2018-2019 be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain the discount for second homes at zero • Retain the discount for empty homes (unoccupied and substantially unfurnished) at 25% for 6 months and thereafter at zero. • Retain the discount for empty homes undergoing major repair at 25% for 12 months and thereafter at zero. • Retain the empty homes premium of an additional 50% for properties that have

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	<p>major repair at 25% for 12 months and thereafter at zero.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain the empty homes premium of an additional 50% for properties that have remained empty for more than 2 years. 	<p>remained empty for more than 2 years.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Bespoke / Custom Build Mortgage Bridging Loan Fund</p> <p>Report of Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the creation of a capital budget of up to £2,500,000 to be made available in the event that Executive agree the business case for the pilot scheme in January 2018.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to approve the final amount of each individual loan within the pilot scheme and the form of the loan agreements to facilitate those loans.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the creation of a capital budget of up to £2,500,000 to be made available in the event that Executive agree the business case for the pilot scheme in January 2018 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer to approve the final amount of each individual loan within the pilot scheme and the form of the loan agreements to facilitate those loans.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Constitutional Amendments and Review of Constitutional and Governance Arrangements</p> <p>Report of Interim Assistant Director Transformational Governance / Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 Agree to amend the terms of reference of the Joint Commissioning Committee to</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That agreement be given to amend the terms of reference of the Joint Commissioning Committee to include the determination of terms and conditions and the determination of HR policies, the creation of new posts where there is an increase to the establishment and no budget and the restructuring of teams involving more than ten posts for all staff employed by</p>

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	<p>include the determination of terms and conditions and the determination of HR policies, the creation of new posts where there is an increase to the establishment and no budget and the restructuring of teams involving more than five posts for all staff employed by Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils.</p> <p>1.2 Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to reassign the officer scheme of delegation in accordance with the new senior management structure as agreed by JCC; to add the proposed delegations as set out at 3.11 and to amend the constitution accordingly.</p> <p>1.3 Request officers to carry out a review of constitutional and governance arrangements for discussion and consideration by group leaders.</p>	<p>Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to reassign the officer scheme of delegation in accordance with the new senior management structure as agreed by the Joint Commissioning Committee to add the proposed delegations relating to Primary Authority status, restructures of ten posts or less and updates to the spatial planning delegations and to amend the constitution accordingly.</p> <p>(3) That officers be requested to carry out a review of constitutional and governance arrangements for discussion and consideration by group leaders.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Community Governance Review - Graven Hill</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To agree to hold a Community Governance Review as soon as practical to consult on the principle of including the development site of Graven Hill within the boundary of Bicester Town Council.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That agreement be given to hold a Community Governance Review as soon as practical to consult on the principle of including the development site of Graven Hill within the boundary of Bicester Town Council.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Calendar of Meetings 2018/19</p>	<p>Resolved</p>

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	<p>Report of Assistant Director – Transformational Governance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the calendar of meetings for Cherwell District Council (CDC) for the municipal year 2018/19 (Appendix 1).</p> <p>1.2 To approve the joint committees calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2018/19 (Appendix 2), subject to similar agreement by South Northamptonshire Council.</p>	<p>(1) That the calendar of meetings for Cherwell District Council (CDC) for the municipal year 2018/19 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the joint committees calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2018/19 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved, subject to similar agreement by South Northamptonshire Council.</p>
19	<p>Retail Unit A4, Block A Pioneer Square, Bicester</p> <p>Exempt report of Chief Finance Officer</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p>
20	<p>Acquisition of Castle Quay</p> <p>Exempt report of Chief Finance Officer</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(2) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(3) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(4) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(5) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(6) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(7) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p>