



**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Tuesday 3 April 2018**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 4 April 2018
2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution (and not therefore subject to the call-in procedure): None
3. Date by which notice of call-in of any of the following decisions must be received in writing by the Chief Executive (see notes below):- Noon on Monday 9 April 2018
4. Notes:-
 - (a) For background documentation to the following decisions, please refer to the agenda and supporting papers (copies of which are available on the Council's website (www.cherwell.gov.uk) or from Democratic Services);
 - (b) Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Chief Executive by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;
 - (c) Call-in can be requested by any six non-executive members of the Council.
However, if at any point during a municipal year the total number of opposition councillors is six or less the total number of non-executive members required to call-in a decision shall be the total number of opposition councillors less two.
 - (d) Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).
 - (e) The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

**Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive**

Agenda Item and Recommendation	Decision	Reasons	Alternative Options	Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service
<p>Agenda Item 6 Participation in the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme</p> <p>Report of Interim Director: Wellbeing</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the contents of the report.</p> <p>1.2 To note the findings of the evaluation report of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (VPRS) in Cherwell.</p> <p>1.3 To consider resettlement of additional Syrian</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the contents of the report be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the findings of the evaluation report of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (VPRS) in Cherwell be noted.</p> <p>(3) That, having given due consideration, the resettlement of an additional six Syrian Refugee families within Cherwell district be agreed.</p> <p>(4) That the establishment of a dedicated post to deal with Syrian Refugee work in Cherwell (funded by</p>	<p>Based upon the success of the programme to date, there is an opportunity for Cherwell District Council to resettle additional Syrian Refugee families into the district. A further 6 families would approximately equate to 50 individuals in total. This would align with the request made to senior politicians from the Churches in Bicester group in January 2017.</p> <p>If further families are resettled, Cherwell District Council should continue to source accommodation from the private rented sector for VPRS use. Also the Council should continue to focus on securing 3 and 4 bedroom properties. This would ensure smaller accommodation is not being</p>	<p>Option 1: To approve the findings of the evaluation as recommended in this report and commit to the resettlement of a further 6 families into the district. However, not approve the dedicated staff resource that has been requested. This would mean that considerable amounts of existing staff time would be spent on this project diverting this resource from other housing activities.</p> <p>Option 2: Not to resettle any more refugees into Cherwell district. By not accepting any more families into the district, the Council may receive criticism that it is not continuing to help families</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Refugee families within Cherwell district.</p> <p>1.4 To support the establishment of a dedicated post to deal with Syrian Refugee work in Cherwell (funded by VPRS funding).</p> <p>1.5 To support officers to develop a bid to the Controlling Migration Fund in relation to Cherwell district.</p> <p>1.6 To consider participation in the Asylum Seeker Dispersal Programme in Cherwell district, and advise officers accordingly.</p>	<p>VPRS funding) be supported.</p> <p>(5) That officers be supported to develop a bid to the Controlling Migration Fund in relation to Cherwell district.</p> <p>(6) That, having given due consideration, participation in the Asylum Seeker Dispersal Programme in Cherwell district be endorsed and officers requested to proceed accordingly.</p>	<p>taken away from others in the district in housing need and ensures that the Council has sufficient funding available to support the families being resettled.</p> <p>If Cherwell District Council choose to resettle more families into the district consideration needs to given to how these families will be supported. The preferred way forward at this stage is that a procurement exercise would be undertaken to secure a support provider for a subsequent phase of VPRS in Cherwell District.</p> <p>The evaluation has highlighted that the resettlement of refugees into the district requires significant amounts of officer time to be committed to ensure families</p>	<p>beyond the 6 families already pledged.</p> <p>Option 3: To resettle less than 6 refugees into Cherwell district. Officers expect to have resettled approximately 30 individuals into the district once the 6 family arrive in the spring. Due to the uncertainty about the number of people within each family arriving until accommodation has been secured there is potential for the Council to not be able to fulfil the petition's request to resettle 50 refugees.</p> <p>Option 4: To resettle more than 6 refugees into the district. Resettling more families into the district at this time would be difficult.</p>	

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		<p>are resettled successfully and that a joined up approach is achieved with other statutory agencies and partners. If further families are resettled, it is proposed that a dedicated member of staff is employed using some of the funding available to support the programme moving forwards to help the Council deliver the project further.</p> <p>The Controlling Migration Fund is designed to support local authorities in England who are experiencing pressures on services from either illegal or legitimate migration. The Fund is available for local authorities to apply for over four years 2016/17 – 2019/20 and focuses on responding to problems caused by high migration into localities and is</p>	<p>Staff resources in excess of the dedicated post being requested would need to be made available to the project and it would be difficult to find enough private rented accommodation for families.</p>	

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		designed to help deliver benefits to the local population.		
<p>Agenda Item 7 Notification of Urgent Action: Amendment to the Local Discretionary Rate Relief Policy for 2017-2018</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to revise the Policy and to maximise the funding to support local businesses.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to revise the Local Discretionary Rate Relief Policy for 2017-2018 and to maximise the funding to support local businesses be noted.</p>	<p>The timescale for making use of this funding is extremely tight and exceptional arrangements are therefore necessary. The taking of urgent action associated with the proposals set out in this report give the Council the best chance of utilising the available funds and delivering consequent benefits to local businesses. In accordance with the Constitution, the urgent action is reported to Executive for information.</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to note the report. This is not recommended as the urgent action has been taken and it is a constitutional requirement for it to be reported to the body that would ordinarily have taken the decision.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 10 Community Infrastructure Grants</p> <p>Exempt report of Assistant Director: Communities</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the grant information pack, associated application form and the criteria for the approval be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That the approach of delegating future grant funding decisions above £20,000 to the Lead Member with responsibility for Communities subject to funds being available and subject to the same terms and conditions as will be applied (as amended from time to time) to the proposed grant scheme be endorsed.</p>	<p>The grant scheme was established through the last budget setting process with the intention of having a small scale of capital funding available to properly constituted, not-for-profit organisations, who need to secure some investment in property or equipment in order to sustain their community activity and involvement.</p> <p>This grant programme sits alongside money for community development and infrastructure delivered through various S106 agreements. Usually the grants will be for infrastructure outside the areas of growth and as such are complementary.</p>	<p>Option 1: To determine additional or different grant criteria. This option was not pursued as the criteria are generally in line with other grant schemes managed by officers and provide for a broad and balanced application of funding</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 11 Crown House Update</p> <p>Exempt report of Chief Executive</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the report and appendices be noted.</p> <p>(2) As set out in the exempt decisions</p> <p>(3) That it be noted that the matter will be reported to the May Council meeting for information.</p>	<p>As set out in the exempt decisions</p>	<p>As set out in the exempt decisions</p>	<p>None</p>