

**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting
of Council held on 30 October 2018**

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<p>10</p>	<p>Motions</p> <p>To debate the following motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution.</p> <p>Banbury Magistrate’s Court This council deplores the Ministry of Justice decision to close the Banbury Magistrate’s and County Court.</p> <p>This council notes that “The Banbury Court” is an integral part of the fabric of the Town, and is already a combined justice centre for hearing both civil and criminal cases. The Council therefore rejects any suggestion that it is underused and further observes that the Banbury Magistrates’ and County Court provides an important alternative venue for criminal and civil justice, both in Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties, given the high volume of cases now heard out of Oxford.</p> <p>This council places the highest importance upon access to justice for all defendants, plaintiffs and for the families of those accused. The present proposals will hit the poorest especially hard, as the current rules will prevent local Solicitors in Banbury from representing legally aided clients, due to the archaic rules which require such firms to be located in close proximity to the court where the hearing is to take place.</p> <p>This council further notes the additional pressure that the closure would place on the Oxford Combined Court Centre and</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>“This council deplores the Ministry of Justice decision to close the Banbury Magistrate’s and County Court.</p> <p>This council notes that “The Banbury Court” is an integral part of the fabric of the Town, and is already a combined justice centre for hearing both civil and criminal cases. The Council therefore rejects any suggestion that it is underused and further observes that the Banbury Magistrates’ and County Court provides an important alternative venue for criminal and civil justice, both in Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties, given the high volume of cases now heard out of Oxford.</p> <p>This council places the highest importance upon access to justice for all defendants, plaintiffs and for the families of those accused. The present proposals will hit the poorest especially hard, as the current rules will prevent local Solicitors in Banbury from representing legally aided clients, due to the archaic rules which require such firms to be located in close proximity to the court where the hearing is to take place.</p> <p>This council further notes the</p>

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	<p>considers that further centralisation of services to Oxford will put additional strain on Oxford City congestion. This proposed closure would also adversely impact on those people within the Banbury catchment area without independent means of transport or access to public transport.</p> <p>Accordingly, this Council instructs the Leader to write to the Ministry of Justice to engage with local councils, particularly in light of the emerging partnership arrangements between Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council, with a view to exploring the options of utilizing public buildings to continue supporting locally administered justice and the needs of the people of North Oxfordshire, and the Neighbouring counties.</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Kieron Mallon Seconder: Councillor Barry Wood</p> <p>Banbury Police Station This council condemns the retrograde decision to close the Magistrates' and County Court in Banbury. This council calls on the Leader of Cherwell District Council Barry Wood to write to the Minister for Policing, the Lord Chancellor & Secretary of State for Justice and the Home Secretary seeking assurance that Banbury police station will remain open for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Mark Cherry Seconder: Councillor Andy Beere</p>	<p>additional pressure that the closure would place on the Oxford Combined Court Centre and considers that further centralisation of services to Oxford will put additional strain on Oxford City congestion. This proposed closure would also adversely impact on those people within the Banbury catchment area without independent means of transport or access to public transport.</p> <p>Accordingly, this Council instructs the Leader to write to the Ministry of Justice to engage with local councils, particularly in light of the emerging partnership arrangements between Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council, with a view to exploring the options of utilizing public buildings to continue supporting locally administered justice and the needs of the people of North Oxfordshire, and the Neighbouring counties.”</p> <p><i>(Please note, on being put to the vote, the motion regarding Banbury Police Station was lost)</i></p>
11	<p>Community Governance Review - Graven Hill - Results of Second Consultation and Final Recommendations</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 Approve the boundary between Bicester Town Council and</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the boundary between Bicester Town Council and Ambrosden being moved to incorporate Graven Hill into Bicester Town Council – Bicester South Ward (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute book) be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the boundary between Ambrosden and Chesterton being</p>

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	<p>Ambrosden being moved to incorporate Graven Hill into Bicester Town Council – Bicester South Ward, as shown in Appendix 1</p> <p>1.2 Approve the boundary between Ambrosden and Chesterton being moved to include the orphan area into Chesterton as shown in Appendix 1</p> <p>1.3 Agree that the number of councillors on Bicester Town Council (BTC) remain at 15 with the allocation of councillors amended to increase BTC – Bicester South Ward by one councillor and decrease BTC – Bicester East Ward by one councillor.</p>	<p>moved to include the orphan area into Chesterton (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute book) be approved.</p> <p>(3) That it be agreed that the number of councillors on Bicester Town Council (BTC) remain at 15 with the allocation of councillors amended to increase BTC – Bicester South Ward by one councillor and decrease BTC – Bicester East Ward by one councillor.</p>
12	<p>Constitutional Update Report: Scheme of Delegation</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Law and Governance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To agree the proposed amendments to the officer scheme of delegation as set out in section 3.0 of the report and request the Monitoring Officer to update the constitution accordingly.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposed amendments to the officer scheme of delegation (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved and the Monitoring Officer be requested to update the constitution accordingly.</p>
13	<p>Appointment of Monitoring Officer and Deputy Electoral Registration Officer</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To appoint Nick Graham as the Council’s Monitoring Officer with effect from 7 November 2018 and request that he appoint a suitably</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That Nick Graham be appointed as the Council’s Monitoring Officer with effect from 7 November 2018 and that he be requested to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Deputy Monitoring Officer with effect from the same date.</p> <p>(2) That Natasha Clark be appointed as Deputy Electoral Registration</p>

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	<p>qualified and experienced Deputy Monitoring Officer with effect from the same date.</p> <p>1.2 To appoint Natasha Clark as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.</p>	<p>Officer.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Castle Quay 2</p> <p>Exempt report of Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(2) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p>