

**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting
of Council held on 17 December 2018**

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
<p align="center">9</p>	<p>Motions</p> <p>To debate the following motion which has been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution.</p> <p>Maternity and Paternity Leave for Parents to Premature Babies This Council supports extending paternity and maternity leave for any of its staff whose babies have been born too soon.</p> <p>Parents to premature babies are faced with financial, mental and physical stress and hardship, yet their maternity leave begins the day after the birth. We believe that the added pressure of worrying about the length of maternity or paternity leave is not good for the wellbeing of employees.</p> <p>This council therefore seeks to adopt a policy of providing one extra week of leave to employees for every week a premature baby spends in hospital before the due date.</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Sean Woodcock Seconder: Councillor Hannah Banfield</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the following motion, as amended, be adopted:</p> <p>Maternity and Paternity Leave for Parents to Premature Babies This Council supports extending paternity and maternity leave for any of its staff whose babies have been born too soon.</p> <p>Parents to premature babies are faced with financial, mental and physical stress and hardship, yet their maternity leave begins the day after the birth. We believe that the added pressure of worrying about the length of maternity or paternity leave is not good for the wellbeing of employees.</p> <p>This council therefore seeks to adopt a policy of providing one extra week of leave to employees for every week a premature baby spends in hospital before the due date.</p> <p>In addition to premature birth, there are other clinical crises that could befall council employees. Officers are to investigate extending this</p>

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		<p>motion to allow Directors the discretion to deal with significant medical crises of a similar magnitude involving council employees, in a compassionate and caring manner and report back to Executive in due course.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Purchase of The Mill Arts Centre</p> <p>Report of Interim Executive Director: Finance and Governance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the expenditure of £1 to secure the transfer of The Mill Arts Centre from Oxfordshire County Council to Cherwell District Council in line with the Executive decision of July 2018.</p> <p>1.2 To agree to the establishment of a revenue budget of £50,000 to cover costs of transition funding and arrangements in 2018/19 to be funded from general reserves. Future funding will be considered when setting the budget and medium term financial plan in February 2019.</p> <p>1.3 To note that immediate remedial works (expected early in 2019/20) in the region of £250,000 may be required, with further phases of works due later in 2019/20 or the 2020/21 to ensure that the building is fit for purpose and will be subject to detailed capital proposals as part of the budget setting process and medium term financial plan for 2019/20 to</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the expenditure of £1 to secure the transfer of The Mill Arts Centre from Oxfordshire County Council to Cherwell District Council in line with the Executive decision of July 2018 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the establishment of a revenue budget of £50,000 to cover costs of transition funding and arrangements in 2018/19 to be funded from general reserves be agreed and it be noted future funding would be considered when setting the budget and medium term financial plan in February 2019.</p> <p>(3) That it be noted that immediate remedial works (expected early in 2019/20) in the region of £250,000 may be required, with further phases of works due later in 2019/20 or the 2020/21 to ensure that the building is fit for purpose and will be subject to detailed capital proposals as part of the budget setting process and medium term financial plan for 2019/20 to 2023/24.</p> <p>(4) That it be noted that an officer working group would be established to establish the options and Business case for</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">2023/24</p> <p>1.4 To note that an officer working group will be established to establish the options and Business case for any further investment into the site to ensure that the Trust is financially more sustainable in the medium to long term</p> <p>1.5 To note that the offer to acquire the asset is subject to a restrictive covenant from Oxfordshire County Council to ensure that at least 80% of the site is used for cultural purposes otherwise state aid applies.</p> <p>1.6 To delegate the final agreement for the legal agreement to transfer the asset to the Monitoring officer for Cherwell District Council in consultation with the Interim Executive Director of Finance and Governance.</p>	<p>any further investment into the site to ensure that the Trust is financially more sustainable in the medium to long term.</p> <p>(5) That it be noted that the offer to acquire the asset is subject to a restrictive covenant from Oxfordshire County Council to ensure that at least 80% of the site is used for cultural purposes otherwise state aid applies.</p> <p>(6) That the final agreement for the legal agreement to transfer the asset be delegated to the Monitoring officer for Cherwell District Council in consultation with the Interim Executive Director of Finance and Governance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Licensing Principles</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Environmental Health and Licensing</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve and adopt the revised Cherwell District Council Statement of Licensing Principles.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the revised Cherwell District Council Statement of Licensing Principles (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019-2020 and Council Tax Discounts 2019-2020</p> <p>Report of Interim Executive Director:</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 as</p>

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	<p>Finance and Governance</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 2019 to 31 March 2020 as set out in the report and implement the scheme with effect from 1 April 2019.</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 2019 in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management and Governance.</p> <p>1.3 To review the proposed level of Council Tax discounts for 2019-2020 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 major repair at 25% for 12 months and thereafter at zero. • Retain the empty homes premium of an additional 50% for properties that have remained empty for more than 2 years. 	<p>set out in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) be approved and implemented with effect from 1 April 2019.</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 2019 in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management and Governance.</p> <p>(3) That, having given due consideration, the following Council Tax discounts for 2019-2020 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 100% for properties that have remained empty for more than 2 years.

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<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p>Calendar of Meetings 2019/2020</p> <p>Report of Director: Law and 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 2019/20 (Appendix 1).</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the calendar of meetings for Cherwell District Council (CDC) for the municipal year 2019/20 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>Land in Banbury - Proposed Acquisition</p> <p>Exempt report of Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the acquisition of the premises shown on the plan on the exempt annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book), subject to contract, be approved.</p> <p>(2) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(3) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p> <p>(4) That the Interim Executive Director of Finance and Governance be given delegated authority to negotiate and finalise the terms for the acquisition in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management and Governance, the Lead Member for Economy, Regeneration and Property and the Monitoring Officer.</p>