



**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Monday 20 February 2017**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 21 February 2017
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 Friday 25 February 2017
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.

**Sue Smith
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 3 Urgent Business - Update on proposals for local government reform in Oxfordshire and the development of a county wide devolution deal with Government</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Joint Chief Executive or the acting Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be given delegated authority to respond to the County Council consultation for a single county unitary on behalf of the Council and its key stakeholders, following feedback from this meeting.</p> <p>(2) That the Joint Chief Executive or the acting Head of Paid Service with the Leader of the Council continue to work in collaboration with West Oxfordshire</p>	<p>Whatever the future operating model of local government within Oxfordshire, it is necessary to allocate resources to enable that work to be overseen and for the Council to be responsive to both challenge and change. The recommendations within this report enable the release of resources for that purpose, and to ensure that we continue to deliver business as usual whilst options are discussed further.</p>	<p>To accept the proposal of the County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council for the creation of a single county unitary council.</p> <p>This is rejected for many reasons, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disruption to services and time it would take to implement a single county unitary • The costs involved • The serious dilution of the strength of a local voice and a local councillor who knows their community, and is able to be an advocate for the best interests of 	<p>None</p>

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	<p>District Council and Oxford City Council to present the opposing case for local government reform in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>(3) That the Joint Chief Executive or the acting Head of Paid Service with the Leader of the Council continue to work in collaboration with the Leaders of the other five Councils in Oxfordshire to pursue a devolution deal that will facilitate the continuation of economic growth and prosperity of our district and the county as a whole, through devolved powers and additional funding from Government.</p>		<p>their community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact upon our workforce • The impact upon the existing and future joint working with South Northamptonshire Council • The loss of the opportunity to secure a devolution deal and additional funding from Government 	

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	<p>(4) That the Joint Chief Executive or the acting Head of Paid Service with the Leader of the Council engages with the Secretary of State/his officials regarding local government reform and/or a devolution deal on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>(5) That the provision of up to £150,000 from reserves (as agreed in the budget and policy framework), to be used only if considered necessary by the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader and Lead Member with responsibility for</p>			

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	<p>Financial Management to enable the Council to respond to the proposals for a single county unitary and other related activity to protect the interests of Cherwell district residents, or to pursue a devolution deal in whatever form is necessary, be agreed.</p> <p>(6) That following agreement of (5) above, the Executive be kept informed of actual spend against this emergency fund to enable monitoring, the effective management of risk and ensure transparency.</p>			

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<p>Agenda Item 5 Award of Hope Close Superstructure Contract</p> <p>Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the acceptance of the recommended tender for the Superstructure Contract at The Fairway, Hope Close, Banbury.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the tender for the Superstructure Contract at The Fairway, Hope Close, Banbury totalling £1.444m to Edgar Taylor (Buckingham) Limited be approved.</p>	<p>Cherwell District Council is developing land acquired from the Trustees of the Methodist Church, Hope Close, Banbury for the purpose of developing 11 new homes as part of an agreement to complete this scheme.</p> <p>Phase two, for which approval is ought, includes the superstructure and overall completion of the development.</p> <p>Following a 'best practice' procurement exercise Edgar Taylor (Buckingham) Limited has submitted the highest scoring tender offer. It is recommended the Contract is awarded to Edgar Taylor (Buckingham) Limited for the lump sum fixed price of £1,443,098.22.</p>	<p>The Council has completed a tender exercise in compliance with the Councils contract procedure rules and has considered carefully using the appropriate scoring criteria for selection of a preferred bidder to complete the infrastructure project. As an open tender process was completed, considerations of alternative options were not progressed. Officers are satisfied that the best fixed priced bid has been received against the tender evaluation process.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 7 Castle Quay Phase Two Redevelopment</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>As set out in the exempt decisions</p>	<p>Option 1: To reject the recommendations. This is not recommended for the reasons set put in the report.</p>	<p>None</p>