



Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting of Council held on 16 December 2019

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
9	<p>Motions</p> <p>To debate a motion which has been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Sean Woodcock</p>	<p>For information: on being put to the vote, the motion was lost and subsequently fell</p>
10	<p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Discounts 2020-2021</p> <p>Report of the Executive Director Finance (Interim)</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 2020 to 31 March 2021 as set out in the report and to implement the scheme with effect from 1 April 2020.</p> <p>1.2 To grant delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer to make amendments to the Council Tax Regulations up to and including 31 January 2020 for pensioners in line with uprating announced by MHCLG and to amend the Working Age Regulations in line with the new income banded scheme and the uprating announced by MHCLG.</p> <p>1.3 To review the proposed level of Council Tax discounts and premiums for 2020-2021 and to approve the following:</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 of a new banded income CTRS for those of working age (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 2020.</p> <p>(2) That delegated be granted authority to the Section 151 Officer to make amendments to the Council Tax Regulations up to and including 31 January 2020 for pensioners in line with uprating announced by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and to amend the Working Age Regulations in line with the new income banded scheme and the uprating announced by MHCLG.</p> <p>(3) That, having given due consideration, the following level of Council Tax discounts and premiums for 2020-2021 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

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11	<p>Constitutional Changes</p> <p>Report of Director Law and Governance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To adopt the proposals to amend the Constitution as outlined in the report.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Director Law and Governance to amend the Constitution to reflect these changes.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the amendments to the Constitution as outlined in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Director Law and Governance to amend the Constitution to reflect these changes.</p>
12	<p>Notification of Decision Taken Under Urgency Powers Crown House Update</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the decision taken under urgency powers by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, in lieu of a recommendation to Council, to provide additional funding of £0.5m to support the final completion of the apartments at Crown House.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the decision taken under urgency powers by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, in lieu of a recommendation to Council, to provide additional funding of £0.5m to support the final completion of the apartments at Crown House be noted.</p>

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13	<p>Polling District and Polling Places Review 2019</p> <p>Report of Returning Officer</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To agree the recommendations for Polling Districts and Polling Places within Cherwell as set out at Appendix 1.</p> <p>1.2 To note that the Constitution gives delegated to the Returning Officer “To amend the Council’s Polling Districts and Polling Places Order as necessary”.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the recommendations for Polling Districts and Polling Places within Cherwell as set out in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That it be noted that the Constitution gives delegated to the Returning Officer “To amend the Council’s Polling Districts and Polling Places Order as necessary”.</p>
14	<p>Amendment to Committee Membership</p> <p>The resignation of Councillor Sandra Rhodes has not amended the Council’s proportionality calculations.</p> <p>The Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Wood, will advise Council of the Conservative Group members to be appointed to the committee vacancies on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Personnel Committee, which have arisen as a result of the resignation.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the following Conservative Group appointments to Committees be noted:</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Add: Councillor Douglas Webb</p> <p>Personnel Committee Add: Councillor Simon Holland</p> <p>Appeals Panel Remove: Councillor Simon Holland</p>