

Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting of Council held on 28 February 2022

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9	Members' Allowances 2022/2023	Resolved
	Report of Director of Law and Governance Purpose of report To determine the levels of the allowances to be paid to Members for the forthcoming 2022/2023 financial year and proposed changes to the Members Allowance	(1) That, having given due consideration to the levels of allowances to be included in the 2022/2023 Members' Allowances Scheme, the Independent Remuneration Panel's recommendations, as set out below, be adopted:
	Scheme following the consideration of the report of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) attached at Appendix 1.	The Basic Allowance to be increased in line with the staff cost of living increase rounded up or
	Recommendations	down, whichever is closest, to give 12 equal
	The meeting is recommended to:	payments, and payment of the increase
	1.1 Consider the levels of allowances to be included in the 2022/2023 Members' Allowances Scheme, and whether the Panel's recommendations (as set out at paragraphs 3.1 of this report and sections 7.3, 8.4, 9.1 and 10.3 of Appendix 1) should be adopted or modified in any way.	backdated to the beginning of the financial year 2022/2023, 1 April 2022, should a settlement not be agreed before that date.
	1.2 Consider the proposed amendments to the Members Allowance Scheme regarding the introduction of an IT allowance (as set out at paragraph 3.9 of this report and section 14.9 of the Panel's Report, attached at Appendix 1) and whether the Panel's recommendations should be adopted or modified in any way.	All Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) to be increased in line with the staff cost of living increase rounded up or down, whichever is closest, to give 12 equal payments, and payment of the increase backdated to the beginning of the
	1.3 Authorise the Director of Law and Governance to prepare an	financial year 2022/2023, 1 April 2022,

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		 Lunch allowance: £8.31 per meal Evening meal allowance: £10.29 per meal
		The Democratic Services Team to book overnight accommodation.
		Non-Executive Director allowances to be increased in line with the staff cost of living increase rounded up or down, whichever is closest, to give 12 equal payments, and payment of the increase backdated to the beginning of the financial year 2022/2023, 1 April 2022, should a settlement not be agreed before that date and expenses paid at the same levels as district councillors and recharged to the relevant company
		(2) That, having given due consideration to the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding the introduction of an IT allowance, consideration of this proposed amendment to the Members' Allowance Scheme be deferred and officers be requested to undertake further work to evaluate options, in light of the decision to terminate the s113 Agreement with Oxfordshire County Council and report back to Council for consideration.
		(3) That the Director of Law and

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			Governance be authorised to prepare an amended Members' Allowances Scheme, in accordance with the decisions of Council for implementation with effect from 1 April 2022.
		(4)	That the Director of Law and Governance be authorised to take all necessary action to revoke the current (2021/2022) Scheme and to publicise the revised Scheme pursuant to The Local Authorities (Member's Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 (as amended).
		(5)	That the Independent Remuneration Panel be thanked for its report and a fee of £300 be set for each Panel Member for the work carried out on this review and propose the same level of fee for any reviews carried out in 2022/2023 capped at a maximum of £1200 per person, which can be funded from existing budgets.
10	Budget Setting for 2022/23 and the	e Resolved	
	Medium-Term Financial Strategy up to 2026/27 Report of Assistant Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer Purpose of report This report is the culmination of the Budget and Business Planning process for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and sets out the Executive's proposed Business Plan and related revenue budget for 2022/23, medium term financial strategy to 2026/27, capital programme to 2026/27 and all supporting policies, strategies and information.	(1)	That the Business Plan (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.
		(2)	That, having due regard, the statutory report of the Chief
			Finance Officer (Section 25 report) be noted.
		(3)	That authority be delegated to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance and Governance, to agree the apportionment of settlement costs relating to the ending of
	Recommendations		the S113 Partnership

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	The C	In relation to the Business Plan (Section 3.1): 1.1.1 To approve the		Agreement with Oxfordshire County Council, in line with the Financial Principles agreed by Council 7 February 2022 for the termination of the Agreement.
	1.2	Business Plan set out in Appendix 1. Have regard to the statutory report of the Chief Finance Officer (Section 25 report) at	(4)	That the net revenue budget for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2022 (annexes to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.
		Appendix 2 in approving recommendations 1.3 – 1.6. 1.2.1 To delegate authority to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Lead Member for	(5)	That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Revenue Budget 2022/23, including the Savings Proposals, and Pressures (annexes to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be
		Finance and Governance, to agree the apportionment of settlement costs relating to the ending of the S113 Partnership Agreement with Oxfordshire County Council, in line with the Financial Principles	(6)	approved. That an increase in the Basic Amount of Council Tax for Cherwell District Council for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2022 of £5, resulting in a Band D charge of £143.50 per annum be agreed.
		agreed by Council 7 February 2022 for the termination of the Agreement.	(7)	That the Capital Bids and Capital Programme (annexes to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.
	1.3	In relation to the Revenue Budget (Section 3.3) and Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) (Section 3.6).	(8)	That the Capital and Investment Strategy (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.
		1.3.1 To agree that the net revenue budget for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2022, as set out in Table 3.3.1, and further analysed in the Budget Book provided at Appendix 11, be approved.	(9)	That the Treasury Management Strategy, including the Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2022/23 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.

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	1.3.2	To agree that the MTFS and Revenue Budget 2022/23 (Sections 3.6 and 3.3 respectively), including the Savings Proposals, and Pressures included at Appendices 3 and 4 respectively.	(10)	That the Property Investment Strategy (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved. That a minimum level of General Balances of £6m be approved.
		ation to Council Tax: To agree an increase in		
		the Basic Amount of Council Tax for Cherwell District Council for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2022 of £5, resulting in a Band D charge of £143.50 per annum.		
	Prog	relation to the Capital ramme and related egies (Section 3.4):		
	1.5.1	To approve the Capital Bids and Capital Programme at Appendix 16 and 17 respectively.		
	1.5.2	To approve the Capital and Investment Strategy (Appendix 18).		
	1.5.3	To approve the Treasury Management Strategy, including the Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2022/23 (Appendix 19)		
	1.5.4	To approve the Property Investment Strategy		

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	(Appendix 20). 1.6 In relation to reserves: 1.6.1 To approve a minimum level of General	
11	Balances of £6m. Calculating the amounts of Council Tax for 2022/23 and setting the Council Tax for 2022/23 Report of Assistant Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer	Resolved (1) That it be noted that the Council Tax Base 2022/23 was determined at the Executive meeting held on 10 January 2022:
	Purpose of report To detail the Calculations for the amounts of Council Tax for 2022/23 and the setting of Council Tax for 2022/23. Recommendations It is recommended that the Council resolves: -	a) for the whole Council area as 56,801.60 [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by sections 72 to 79 of the Localism Act 2011 ("the 1992 Act")]; and
	 (1) To note that the Council Tax Base 2022/23 was determined at the Executive meeting held on 10 January 2022: a) for the whole Council area as 56,801.60 [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by sections 72 to 79 of the Localism Act 2011 ("the 1992 Act")]; and 	b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates as in the attached annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book). (2) That it be agreed that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish Precepts and Special Expenses) be £8,151,030.
	b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates as in the attached Appendix 1.	(3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the 1992 Act:
	(2) That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish Precepts and Special Expenses) is £8,151,030.	a) £116,132,464 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the 1992 Act,
	(3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in	taking into account all precepts issued to it by

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	of the 1992 Ac			Parish Councils and any additional special expenses.
	amoun estima out in 9 the 19 accour	£116,132,464 the aggregate of the lats which the Council tes for the items set Section 31A (2) of 92 Act, taking into all precepts to it by Parish	b)	£102,218,905 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the 1992 Act.
	Counc	ils and any nal special	c)	£13,913,559 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate
	amour estima	£102,218,905 the aggregate of the lats which the Council tes for the items set Section 31A (3) of 92 Act.		at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the 1992 Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in
	amour aggreg	3,559 being the at by which the gate at 3(a) above		Section 31B of the 1992 Act).
	3(b) at the Co with Se 1992 A Tax re year (li	ds the aggregate at cove, calculated by uncil, in accordance ection 31A (4) of the act, as its Council quirement for the tem R in the formula tion 31B of the 1992	d)	£244.95 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (6(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year
	R), all	£244.95 being the at 3(c) above (Item divided by Item T bove), calculated by		(including Parish Precepts and Special Expenses).
	the Co with Se 1992 A amoun for the Parish	uncil, in accordance ection 31B of the Act, as the basic at of its Council Tax year (including Precepts and al Expenses).	e)	£5,762,529 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts and Special Expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the 1992 Act as per the attached annex to the
	all spe	£5,762,529 being gregate amount of cial items (Parish		Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book).
	Expension Section	ots and Special ses) referred to in a 34(1) of the 1992 per the attached dix 2.	f)	£143.50 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item

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	202 Cou Con hav Cou	£143.50 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T(1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept or special item relates. be noted that for the year O22/23 the Oxfordshire County ouncil and the Police and Crime ommissioner for Thames Valley ave issued precepts to the ouncil, in accordance with ection 40 of the 1992 Act, for		T(1(a) above), calculate by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the 1992 Act, at the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept or special item relates. (4) That it be noted that for the year 2022/23 the Oxfordshire County Council and the Police and Crimic Commissioner for Thames Valley have issued precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the 1992 Act, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated below. Valuation Oxfordshire Police and Crime Band County Crime		e with Section e 1992 Act, as amount of its ax for the year gs in those area to which Precept or m relates. for the year shire County ce and Crime names Valley s to the ace with 92 Act, for ellings in the dicated below: Police and	
			dwellings in the indicated below:		<u>Band</u>	County Council	Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley
	Voluction	Oxfordshire	Police and			£	£
	<u>Valuation</u> <u>Band</u>	County	Crime		Α	1,101.07	160.85
		<u>Council</u>	Commissioner for Thames		В	1,284.59	187.66
			<u>Valley</u>		С	1,468.10	214.47
		£	£		D	1,651.61	241.28
	A	1,101.07	160.85		E	2,018.63	294.90
	В	1,284.59	187.66		F	2,385.66	348.52
	C	1,468.10	214.47		G	2,752.68	402.13
	D	1,651.61	241.28		Н	3,303.22	482.56
	E	2,018.63	294.90	(5)	That the	Council, in	accordance
	F G	2,385.66 2,752.68	348.52 402.13	(0)	with Sec	ctions 30 and	d 36 of the
	н	3,303.22	482.56		amounts	t, hereby ses	ne annex to
	with 199 amo	Sections 30 2 Act, hereby ounts shown i amounts of C	n Appendix 2 as council Tax for the		Minute E Council for each	part of its a	amounts of /ear 2022/23 rea and for
	area cate	categories of dwellings.		(6)	basic an 2022/23	nount of Cou is not exces	ssive in
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	excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the 1992 Act.	the 1992 Act.
12	Pay Policy Statement 2022/23	Resolved
	Report of Director of Human Resources Purpose of report The Localism Act requires all councils to agree and publish a Pay Policy Statement every financial year. The Act lays down requirements on the content of the statement. This requirement is supplemented by detailed guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government entitled 'Openness and Accountability in Local Pay: Guidance under Section 40 of the Localism Act'. The Act requires the Pay Policy Statement to be agreed by Full Council. As required by the Act and Code of Practice, once approved by Council the Pay Policy Statement will be published on the Council's website and will be available on request. Recommendations The meeting is recommended: 1.1 To approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/2023. 1.2 To recommend that an updated Pay Policy Statement is sought in year to reflect any change to structural arrangements during 2022/2023 following the decision to formally end the s113 arrangements between Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council. 1.3 To note that that the cost of living pay award for 2021/2022 has not yet been agreed or implemented and is therefore not reflected in the figures.	(1) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/2023 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved. (2) That the Director of Human Resources be requested to produce an updated Pay Policy Statement in year to reflect any change to structural arrangements during 2022/2023 following the decision to formally end the s113 arrangements between Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council. (3) That it be noted that the cost of living pay award for 2021/2022 has not yet been agreed or implemented and is therefore not reflected in the figures.
13	Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles	Resolved

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	Report of Assistant Director Regulatory Services & Community Safety Purpose of report	(1) That the revised Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted.
	To consider a revised Statement of Licensing Principles which is required to be published by the council under the Gambling Act 2005.	
	This report introduces a revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles (attached as Appendix 1). It explains the reason for the review, provides a summary of the main changes to the current statement of licensing principles, and outlines the consultation process followed in revising the current document. Council is requested to approve the revised statement of licensing principles.	
	Recommendations	
	The meeting is recommended:	
	1.1 To agree that the revised Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 be adopted by the Council.	
14	Parliamentary Boundary Review update	Resolved
	Report of Chief Executive	(1) That the update on the Parliamentary Boundar Review 2023 be noted.
	Purpose of report	(2) That it be noted that the
	To update Council on the next stages of the Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023	Parliamentary Boundary and Community Governance
	Recommendations	Review working group wi consider and draft
	The meeting is recommended:	submission to the second and any subsequent consultations.
	1.1 To note the update on the Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023.	(3) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in
	1.2 To note that the Parliamentary Boundary and Community Governance Review working group will consider and draft a submission to the second and any	consultation with the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman in the Chairman's absence) of the Parliamentary Boundary and Community Governance

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	subsequent consultations. 1.3 To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman in the Chairman's absence) of the Parliamentary Boundary and Community Governance Review working group, to finalise the council's submission and respond on behalf of Cherwell District Council to the second and any subsequent consultation periods held during the review, including via attendance at a public hearing if considered appropriate.	Review working group, to finalise the council's submission and respond on behalf of Cherwell District Council to the second and any subsequent consultation periods held during the review, including via attendance at a public hearing if considered appropriate.
15	Revision to the Council's Resolution made 26 February 2018 regarding Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal Report of Interim Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning Purpose of report To request a revision to the Resolution made by Council at its meeting on 26 February 2018, regarding the authority delegated to the Chief Executive to agree the Growth Deal Affordable Housing Delivery Plan, and to explain the reasons for the request. Recommendations The meeting is recommended: 1.1 To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to agree the necessary changes and substitutions to the Cherwell District Council Growth Deal affordable housing delivery programme; and 1.2 Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the S.151 Officer and Lead Member for Finance and Governance, to agree Growth Deal grant agreements and Cherwell District Council Growth Deal 'Top Up'	(1) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to agree the necessary changes and substitutions to the Cherwell District Council Growth Deal affordable housing delivery programme; and (2) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the S.151 Officer and Lead Member for Finance and Governance, to agree Growth Deal grant agreements and Cherwell District Council Growth Deal 'Top Up' grant agreements subject to available funding.

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	available funding.		
17	Proposed Community-led Housing Scheme - Hook Norton Exempt report of Head of Estates, Assets and Investments and Housing	Resolved (1) That the update on the proposed community-led housing scheme be noted.	
	Development & Standards Manager	(2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Estates, Assets and Investments, in consultation with the Lead Member for Economy, Regeneration and Property, to negotiate and agree the revised terms and conditions necessary to complete the sale and transfer of Cherwell District Council owned land to Hook Norton Community Land Trust, to enable the development of affordable housing and community facilities.	
18 Notification of Urgent Decision F Taken by Director of Finance		Resolved	
	Exempt report of Interim Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning	(1) That the urgent decision taken by the Director of Finance, under delegated powers (Part 3, paragraph 1.13 (Officer Scheme of Delegation) of the Council's Constitution) to increase the council's Capital Programme by £1.875m in 2021/22, in order to include two affordable housing schemes that will be funded by Oxfordshire Growth Deal funding and Cherwell District Council's Growth Deal Top Up funding (comprising S.106 Commuted Sums) be noted.	
19	Inclusion of additional Growth Deal Scheme in the Capital Programme	Resolved	
	2021/2022 Exempt report of Interim Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning	(1) That the inclusion of a Growth Deal funded scheme of 18 affordable homes be included in the Capital Programme 2021/2022 at a total value of £0.761m.	

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				(2)	That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning in consultation with the s.151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to negotiate and agree the terms of the Oxfordshire Growth Deal grant(s) and Cherwell District Council Growth Deal Top Up grant(s) (comprising S.106 Commuted sums) which will enable the affordable housing scheme to be delivered.
				(3)	That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the S.151 Officer and Lead Member for Finance and Governance, to approve and agree Growth Deal grant agreements and Cherwell District Council Growth Deal 'Top Up' grant agreements subject to available funding.
21	Motions To debate the following motion which has been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the Constitution.		the m	nformation, on being put to the vote notion on the Oxfordshire Growth ds Assessment was lost.	
	Topic Oxfordshire Growth Needs Assessment (OGNA)	Proposer Councillor lan Middleton	Seconder TBC		
	Please note the motions has particular to su motion is noon 2022. No ameriafter this deadle Any amendme published as a on the afternoon 2022. Amendme dealt with in the	assed. The dealbmit amendments will be line. nts submitted visually supplement to one of Friday 25 ments to the months asserted to the months to the months asserted to the months to t	edline for ents to the 24 February e permitted will be the agenda February otion will be		

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22	Emergency Motion	Resolved	
		(1) That the following motion be adopted:	
		"The commencement of hostilities in the Ukraine by President Putin is a direct threat to the peace and stability of Western Europe and by de facto the residents of this District. The potential for the conflict to escalate is a real and credible threat that we cannot afford to ignore and could draw in military personnel, both full time and reserve, based and living within this District. In a similar fashion to the impact of climate change, like it or not this District will start to feel the impact of either a prolonged or escalated conflict. Residents of the District will be impacted economically in the short term and perhaps to an even greater extent if the situation deteriorates. This council resolves to denounce	
		the naked aggression of President Putin against a peaceful sovereign nation and to ask the Executive to actively consider any request to provide assistance to any refugees displaced by this conflict."	