



## Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting of Council held on 18 July 2022

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9	<p><b>Disbanding of Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee and Joint Appeals Panel</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Law, Governance and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (interim)</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>To agree to disband the Joint Shared Services and Personnel (JSSP) Committee as from 31 August 2022 following the end of the formal partnership arrangements between Cherwell District Council (CDC) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and the conclusion of business for the Committee.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 to disband the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee with effect from 31 August 2022 and note the conclusion of its business.</p> <p>1.2 to disband the Joint Appeals Panel with effect from 31 August 2022.</p> <p>1.3 to request that the interim Monitoring Officer update the Constitution to reflect the disbanding of the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee and Joint Appeals Panel accordingly effective 1</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee be disbanded with effect from 31 August 2022 and the conclusion of its business noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Joint Appeals Panel be disbanded with effect from 31 August 2022.</p> <p>(3) That the interim Monitoring Officer be requested to update the Constitution to reflect the disbanding of the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee and Joint Appeals Panel accordingly effective 1 September 2022 and to add into the Chief Executive's delegations the power to terminate, extend or vary the new arrangements.</p> <p>(4) That the interim Monitoring Officer be requested to submit revised proportionality calculations with the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee and Joint Appeals Panel removed from the calculations and any committee allocation and appointment adjustments made accordingly to the 17 October Full Council meeting.</p> <p>(5) That it be noted at its meeting of 4 July 2022, the Joint</p>

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	<p>September 2022 and to add into the Chief Executive's delegations the power to terminate, extend or vary the new arrangements.</p> <p>1.4 to request that the interim Monitoring Officer submit revised proportionality calculations with the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee removed from the calculations and any committee allocation and appointment adjustments made accordingly to the 17 October Full Council meeting.</p> <p>1.5 to note that at its meeting of 4 July 2022, the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee noted that operational oversight of the new arrangements for service areas would be undertaken by each respective Chief Executive and agreed delegated powers to terminated, extend or vary the new arrangements.</p>	<p>Shared Services and Personnel Committee noted that operational oversight of the new arrangements for service areas would be undertaken by each respective Chief Executive and agreed delegated powers to terminated, extend or vary the new arrangements.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/22</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director – Law, Governance and Democratic Services (Interim)</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>This report presents the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021/22</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the report.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/22 be noted.</p>

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11	<p><b>Amendments to Committee Membership</b></p> <p>Group Leaders to advise of any changes, if any, to Committee membership for their political group for Council to note.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the following Conservative Group changes to committee membership be noted:</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Remove: Councillor John Donaldson Add: Councillor Bryn Williams</p> <p>Planning Committee Remove: Councillor Barry Wood as committee member to become named substitute Add: Councillor Colin Clarke (previously named substitute)</p> <p>Remove: Councillor Donna Ford as named substitute Add: Councillor Bryn Williams as named substitute</p>
12	<p><b>Motions</b></p> <p>To debate the following motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the Constitution (to be debated in the order submitted).</p> <p>a) Motion to declare a Food Poverty Emergency (motion proposed by Cllr Moon and seconded by Cllr Biegel)</p> <p>b) Cost of Living Crisis (motion proposed by Cllr Hingley and seconded by Cllr Middleton; Amendment proposed by Cllr Sames and seconded by Cllr Wood)</p> <p>c) Camspfield House, Kidlington (motion proposed by Cllr Middleton and seconded by Cllr Coton)</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>“The long-term effects of the COVID pandemic, spiralling inflation and stagnant wages are leaving many adults and children across our communities hungry. Over 2m people in the UK are now reliant on food banks.</p> <p>Many residents throughout Cherwell are facing the terrible choice of heating or eating. The situation this coming winter is set to get worse. Fuel bills and the cost of food are both likely to increase again in the autumn. The knock-on effects on declining mental health will increase the burden on the</p>

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	<p>d) Refugee Crisis Motion (proposed by Cllr Middleton and seconded by Cllr Patrick. Amendment proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Mawer)</p>	<p>NHS.</p> <p>This Council acknowledges the suffering of residents struggling to feed themselves and their families and declares a Food Poverty Emergency.</p> <p>We commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designating a Food Champion: a lead member for food poverty at Cherwell District Council</li> <li>- Establishing and reporting to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the scale of the food poverty crisis in Cherwell</li> <li>- Drawing up a Cherwell Food Action Plan that supports local communities in helping to relieve the food poverty emergency, in line with the new countywide food strategy</li> <li>- Developing a promotional campaign that raises awareness of underclaimed Healthy Start food vouchers</li> <li>- Supporting local communities to reduce food waste and improve the food choices of residents and continuing to be an active member of the Cherwell Community Food Network."</li> </ul> <p>(2) That the following motion, as amended, be adopted:</p> <p>"We recognise the need to continue to support our communities at a time when the cost of living is increasing. We would like to</p>

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		<p>thank our staff for ensuring that £6.7m of the £7.7m of Government funded resources, through the Council Tax Rebate Scheme, has already been provided to support our residents.</p> <p>We will continue to work closely with the Government and the Leader of the Council will write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, requesting a meeting to discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subsidy for bus and train travel, to ensure people can travel affordably and sustainably</li> <li>2. A review of the energy cap to cover all types of domestic fuels and provide protection to SMEs.</li> <li>3. Expansion of the coverage of the Rural Fuel Duty Rate Relief.</li> <li>4. Additional financial support for councils to aid the most vulnerable.</li> <li>5. Increasing investment in UK renewables to decarbonise the energy sector and prevent a future energy fuelled cost of living crisis.”</li> </ol> <p>(3) That the following motion, as amended, be adopted:</p> <p>"The UK government response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis has been criticised for its slow start and unnecessary bureaucracy at a time of extreme stress for people fleeing war. Local authorities,</p>

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		<p>already dealing with the fallout from the pandemic and the emerging cost of living crisis, are on the frontline of sorting out the issues from the Homes for Ukraine scheme.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the generosity of our residents and the dedication and hard work of our staff has ensured that hundreds of guests have been placed safely with hosts in Cherwell. There is uncertainty about the longer-term prospects for refugees while the conflict in Ukraine continues.</p> <p>Reports from groups like Opora show that the likelihood of refugees becoming renters in the private sector is unlikely based on the documentation requirements from landlords and letting agents. This places a huge additional pressure on social housing availability. This is a problem that may impact all refugees.</p> <p>This Council therefore re-affirms its commitment to welcoming refugees and working in partnership with other agencies and organisations to provide longer term stability for all refugees in Cherwell and calls on the Leader to write urgently to Lord Harrington, Minister for Refugees, offering an invitation to Cherwell to show how beneficial partnership working can be in resolving issues. We also request reassurance on long-term funding packages, delivering parity for refugees from different countries</p>

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		<p>alongside national guidance to private landlords regarding letting properties to refugees and so prevent a major housing crisis.”</p> <p>(For information, following debate of the Campsfield House, Kidlington motion, on being put to the vote the motion was lost and subsequently fell)</p>