



Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting of Council held on 17 October 2022

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9	<p>Community Governance Review (CGR) - results of second consultation stage and final recommendations</p> <p>** Please note that due to the size of the documents, the appendices to this report have been published as a supplement to the main agenda **</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To update Council on the outcome of the stage two consultation that was held between 4 July and 23 September 2022; to delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to complete the required legal order; to update Members on the upcoming Oxfordshire County boundary review being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, and the ongoing Parliamentary Boundary Review.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve a change in the boundary between Ambrosden and Blackthorn for area A, as shown by the dotted black line on map 1.</p> <p>1.2 To approve a change in the next ordinary year of elections for Ambrosden and Blackthorn parish councils, bringing them</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a change in the boundary between Ambrosden and Blackthorn for area A, as shown by the dotted black line on map 1 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p> <p>(2) That a change in the next ordinary year of elections for Ambrosden and Blackthorn parish councils, bringing them forward to 2023, be approved.</p> <p>(3) That a change in the boundary between Bodicote and Banbury for area F1, as shown by the dotted black line on map 2 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2024, be approved.</p> <p>(4) That it be agreed that Merlin Close remain in Bodicote.</p> <p>(5) That a change in the boundary between Bodicote and Banbury for area F, as shown by the dotted black line in the inset box on map 3 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2024, be approved.</p> <p>(6) That a change in the boundary between Bodicote and Banbury for area E, as shown by the dotted black line on map 3</p>

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	<p>forward to 2023.</p> <p>1.3 To approve a change in the boundary between Bodicote and Banbury for area F1, as shown by the dotted black line on map 2, to take effect in May 2024.</p> <p>1.4 To agree that Merlin Close remain in Bodicote.</p> <p>1.5 To approve a change in the boundary between Bodicote and Banbury for area F, as shown by the dotted black line in the inset box on map 3, to take effect in May 2024.</p> <p>1.6 To approve a change in the boundary between Bodicote and Banbury for area E, as shown by the dotted black line on map 3, to take effect in May 2024.</p> <p>1.7 To approve a change in the boundary between Drayton and Banbury for area D, as shown by the dotted black line on map 4, to take effect in May 2024.</p> <p>1.8 To approve a change in the boundary between Drayton and Banbury for area C, as shown by the dotted black line on map 4, to take effect in May 2024.</p> <p>1.9 To approve an increase in the number of Banbury Town Councillors by one, to be allocated to the Hardwick West Town Ward, to take effect in May 2024.</p> <p>1.10 To approve a Banbury-only Community Governance Review to take place after the County boundary review has concluded, in advance of the</p>	<p>(Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2024, be approved.</p> <p>(7) That a change in the boundary between Drayton and Banbury for area D, as shown by the dotted black line on map 4 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2024, be approved.</p> <p>(8) That a change in the boundary between Drayton and Banbury for area C, as shown by the dotted black line on map 4 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2024, be approved.</p> <p>(9) That an increase in the number of Banbury Town Councillors by one, to be allocated to the Hardwick West Town Ward, to take effect in May 2024, be approved.</p> <p>(10) That it be agreed that a Banbury-only Community Governance Review take place after the Oxfordshire County Council boundary review has concluded and in advance of the 2028 local elections.</p> <p>(11) That a change in the boundary between Bicester, Ambrosden, Blackthorn and Launton for area L, as shown by the dotted black lines on map 5 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2023 be approved.</p> <p>(12) That a change in the next ordinary year of election for Launton Parish Council,</p>

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	<p data-bbox="496 226 783 259">2028 local elections.</p> <p data-bbox="379 300 911 551">1.11 To approve a change in the boundary between Bicester, Ambrosden, Blackthorn and Launton for area L, as shown by the dotted black lines on map 5, to take effect in May 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="379 591 911 770">1.12 To approve a change in the next ordinary year of election for Launton Parish Council, bringing them forward to May 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="379 810 927 1030">1.13 To approve a change in the boundary between Chesterton and Bucknell for areas G and H, as shown by the dotted black lines on map 6, to take effect in May 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="379 1070 911 1290">1.14 To approve a change in the boundary between Bicester and Bucknell for area I, as shown by the dotted black lines on map 6, to take effect in May 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="379 1330 927 1509">1.15 To approve a change in the boundary between Hanwell and Horley for area O, as shown by the dotted black line on map 7.</p> <p data-bbox="379 1550 927 1729">1.16 To approve a change in the boundary between Horley and Wroxton for area N, as shown by the dotted black line on map 7.</p> <p data-bbox="379 1769 903 1948">1.17 To approve an increase of one parish councillor for Begbroke Parish Council, increasing from six to seven, taking effect in May 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="379 1989 927 2058">1.18 To approve an increase of two parish councillors for</p>	<p data-bbox="1054 226 1509 295">bringing them forward to May 2023 be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="959 336 1509 629">(13) That a change in the boundary between Chesterton and Bucknell for areas G and H, as shown by the dotted black lines on map 6 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2023, be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="959 669 1509 963">(14) That a change in the boundary between Bicester and Bucknell for area I, as shown by the dotted black lines on map 6 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book), to take effect in May 2023, be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="959 1003 1509 1252">(15) That a change in the boundary between Hanwell and Horley for area O, as shown by the dotted black line on map 7 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="959 1292 1509 1541">(16) That a change in the boundary between Horley and Wroxton for area N, as shown by the dotted black line on map 7 (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="959 1581 1509 1760">(17) That an increase of one parish councillor for Begbroke Parish Council, increasing from six to seven, taking effect in May 2023, be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="959 1800 1509 1980">(18) That an increase of two parish councillors for Chesterton Parish Council, increasing from seven to nine, taking effect in May 2023, be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="959 2020 1509 2058">(19) That an increase of one parish</p>

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	<p>Chesterton Parish Council, increasing from seven to nine, taking effect in May 2023.</p> <p>1.19 To approve an increase of one parish councillor for Somerton Parish Council, increasing from five to six, taking effect in May 2023.</p> <p>1.20 To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Working Group, to prepare and finalise the required Reorganisation Order to implement approved recommendations.</p> <p>1.21 To approve an extension of the Terms of Reference of the Working Group to cover the County boundary review, and delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Working Group, to consider and draft a response to the LGBCE consultations at the relevant times.</p> <p>1.22 To note the update on the Parliamentary Boundary Review.</p>	<p>councillor for Somerton Parish Council, increasing from five to six, taking effect in May 2023, be approved.</p> <p>(20) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Working Group, to prepare and finalise the required Reorganisation Order to implement approved recommendations.</p> <p>(21) That an extension of the Terms of Reference of the Working Group to cover the Oxfordshire County Council boundary review be approved, and authority delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Working Group, to consider and draft a response to the LGBCE consultations at the relevant times.</p> <p>(22) That the update on the Parliamentary Boundary Review be noted.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Review of Allocation of Seats to Political Groups</p> <p>** Please note Appendices 1 and 2 will follow **</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To review the allocation of seats to political groups in light of the disbanding of the Joint Shared Services and Personnel (JSSP) Committee and Joint Appeals Panel and to adopt the Minutes of the final meeting of the JSSP Committee.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the revised allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements as set out in Annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That the following changes to committee membership in accordance with the nominations made by political Group Leaders be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative Group

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	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To agree the revised allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements as set out in Appendix 1 (to follow).</p> <p>1.2 To note changes to committee membership in accordance with the nominations made by political Group Leaders as set out in Appendix 2 (to follow).</p> <p>1.3 To adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee held on 4 July 2022 (Appendix 3).</p>	<p>Planning Committee Add – Councillor Bryn Williams (permanent Committee member) Add – Councillor Phil Chapman (named substitute - additional) Add – Councillor Sandy Dallimore (named substitute to replace Councillor Williams who is now a permanent member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressive Oxfordshire Group <p>Licensing Committee Remove – Councillor Angus Patrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Group <p>Planning Committee Remove – Councillor Sean Woodcock (permanent Committee member) Remove – Councillor Andrew Crichton (named substitute)</p> <p>Licensing Committee Add – Councillor Sean Woodcock</p> <p>(3) That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee held on 4 July 2022 be adopted.</p>
11	<p>Calendar of Meetings 2023/2024</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Law, Governance and Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer (Interim)</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>Council is asked to consider and agree the proposed calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2023/2024 (Appendix 1).</p> <p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the calendar of meetings for Cherwell District Council for the municipal year 2023/2024 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p>

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	<p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the calendar of meetings for Cherwell District Council for the municipal year 2022/2023 (Appendix 1).</p>	
12	<p>Changes to Personnel Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>Report of Interim Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>The Council has a suite of employment law policies which give employees the opportunity to work flexibly or seek other changes to their terms and conditions. A recent introduction is a Flexible Retirement Policy, which will be considered by personnel Committee on 17 October.</p> <p>This report seeks changes to the Terms of Reference of Personnel Committee, to make it possible for that committee to determine formal applications by senior officers to consider changes to their terms and conditions of employment.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve additional wording to the Personnel Committee's Terms of Reference, to add <i>'To determine formal applications by the Head of Paid Service, s151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Corporate Directors for changes to their terms and conditions of employment, including flexible retirement requests'</i>.</p> <p>1.2 To note that such applications</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That additional wording to the Personnel Committee's Terms of Reference, to add <i>'To determine formal applications by the Head of Paid Service, s151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Corporate Directors for changes to their terms and conditions of employment, including flexible retirement requests'</i> be approved.</p> <p>(2) That it be noted that such applications by officers at Assistant Director grade and below would be determined by officers at the appropriate management level.</p>

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<p>13</p>	<p>Appointment of Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To appoint a Monitoring Officer following recruitment to the post of Assistant Director Law, Governance and Democratic Services.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To appoint Shiraz Sheikh as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 18 October 2022.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That Shiraz Sheikh be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 18 October 2022.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Notification of Urgent Action - Appointment of Data Protection Officer</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To inform Council of a decision taken under urgency powers by the Chief Executive in relation to the appointment of a Data Protection Officer.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive as set out at Appendix 1.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive in relation to the appointment of Data Protection Officer be noted.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Bicester Depot</p> <p>Exempt Report of Corporate Director Resources</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) As set out in the exempt decisions.</p>

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		<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>18</p>	<p>Motions</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> <table border="1" data-bbox="379 981 935 1339"> <thead> <tr> <th>Topic</th> <th>Proposer</th> <th>Seconder</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>One Planet Living</td> <td>Councillor Dan Sames</td> <td>TBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fracking</td> <td>Councillor Matt Hodgson</td> <td>Councillor Amanda Watkins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Investment Zone</td> <td>Councillor Ian Middleton</td> <td>TBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Sewage Transparency</td> <td>Councillor Nick Cotter</td> <td>TBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climate and Ecology</td> <td>Councillor Dorothy Walker</td> <td>Councillor Ian Middleton</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note that the deadline to submit motions has passed. The deadline for Members to submit amendments to motions is noon on Thursday 13 October 2022. No amendments will be permitted after this deadline.</p> <p>Any amendments submitted will be published as a supplement to the agenda on the afternoon of Friday 14 October 2022. Amendments for motions will be dealt with in the order submitted.</p>	Topic	Proposer	Seconder	One Planet Living	Councillor Dan Sames	TBC	Fracking	Councillor Matt Hodgson	Councillor Amanda Watkins	Investment Zone	Councillor Ian Middleton	TBC	Water Sewage Transparency	Councillor Nick Cotter	TBC	Climate and Ecology	Councillor Dorothy Walker	Councillor Ian Middleton	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>“Fracking involves injecting water, sand and other substances into subterranean rocks to extract the gas that is trapped between them. It has caused water pollution in the US, earthquakes there and in the UK, massively pollutes the environment and water table and contributes to greenhouse gases when burnt.</p> <p>We've already seen earthquakes in Lancashire, and Quadrilla were forced to pause fracking there in 2018 after the British Geological Survey showed that there had been 17 earthquakes in 9 days.</p> <p>Fracking was banned in 2019 by the Conservative government amid these concerns. These concerns have not gone away.</p> <p>We now have a Prime Minister who believes fracking is fine again and has reversed that decision. Inexplicably so when investment in renewals is both more cost effective and much better for the environment. It is inexplicable that the government should be considering such environmental and climatic destruction when we are facing a climate catastrophe.</p>
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		<p>Liz Truss has said developers will be given permission "where there is local support". Various sites across the country have been identified as possibilities, some are in Cherwell. As this Council declared a climate emergency in 2019, and published the Climate Action Framework in 2020, which includes statements on moving towards net-zero carbon by 2030, we, as a council, need unite behind that and be seen to be standing by it. We, the Labour Group, I know, are united on this and we call upon this Council to declare the District of Cherwell a NO FRACKING ZONE."</p> <p>(2) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>"Earlier this year Thames Water welcomed Oxfordshire's first regional river designated as bathing water in Port Meadow's Wolvercote Mill Stream. It's important that this success is built on by Cherwell District council to protect our waterways from natural and man-made pollution.</p> <p>Only 14% of the UK's waterways are in a good ecological condition, with water companies across the UK having discharged raw sewage into waterways 400,000 times in 2020 – more than 3 million hours of discharge.</p> <p>In compliance with our climate change emergency motion, this Council has a duty to protect our natural environment. The government has so far failed to hold the water companies to account, so this council should work with Thames Water to increase transparency and minimise discharges into Cherwell's waterways.</p> <p>This Council therefore will :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek to establish a local strategy

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		<p>that puts sewage treatment at the heart of its local plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Ensure that an evidence base is compiled that assesses the cumulative impact of sewage discharges so that this is factored into decisions made within the local plan. 3. Seek to better understand the cumulative impact of wastewater discharge including untreated sewage into our local rivers on wildlife and residents 4. From 2023, request that Thames Water clarifies which treatment works will be managing sewage from new developments and the likely impact on the number of sewage discharges into watercourses 5. Requests that planning officers include a specific section on the impact on watercourses in all relevant reports relating to major developments” <p>(For information: The motion “One Planet Living” was deferred to the 19 December 2022 Council meeting. On being put to the vote, the motions “Investment Zones” and “Climate and Ecology” were lost and consequently fell)</p>