

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 8 December 2011 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE (Chairman)
Councillor Colin Clarke (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Ann Bonner
Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards
Councillor Tim Emptage
Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor George Parish
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Alaric Rose
Councillor Daniel Sames
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Patricia Tompson
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Martin Weir
Councillor Douglas Williamson
Councillor Barry Wood

Also Present: Chief Constable Sara Thornton, Thames Valley Police
Superintendent Andy Boyd, Thames Valley Police

Apologies for absence: Councillor Rick Atkinson
Councillor Fred Blackwell
Councillor Patrick Cartledge
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Mrs Catherine Fulljames

Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Victoria Irvine
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor Leslie F Sibley
Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Nicholas Turner

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive
Calvin Bell, Director of Development
Ian Davies, Director of Community and Environment
Martin Henry, Director of Resources / Section 151 Officer
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer
Chris Rothwell, Head of Community Services
James Doble, Democratic, Scrutiny and Elections Manager

55 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

56 **Communications**

There were no communications.

57 **Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

58 **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

59 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60 **Thames Valley Police - Address by Chief Constable**

The Chairman welcomed Sara Thornton, Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police and Cherwell Local Area Commander Superintendent Andy Boyd to the meeting.

Chief Constable Thornton addressed the meeting regarding policing in Thames Valley. A number of Members asked questions and answers were duly provided.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Constable and Superintendent Boyd.

61 **Minutes**

a) **Minutes of the Executive, Lead Member Decisions and Executive Decisions made under Special Urgency**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Lead Member decisions as set out in the Minute Book be received and that it be noted that since the last meeting of Council, no items had been taken that were subject to the special urgency provisions of the Constitution.

b) **Minutes of Committees**

Resolved

That the minutes of Committees as set out in the Minute Book be received.

62 **Questions**

a) **Written Questions**

There were no written questions.

b) **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

Questions were asked and answers received on the following issues:

Empty homes: Councillor Emptage

Implications of council tax collection over 12 months: Councillor Williamson

c) **Questions to Committee Chairmen on the minutes**

There were no questions to Committee Chairman on the minutes of meetings.

63 **Motions**

There were no motions.

64 **Standards Committee Independent Member - Extension of Term of Office**

The Head of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer submitted a report to seek approval of the extension of the term of office of Kenneth Hawtin, Independent Member of the Standards Committee. It was outlined that it was a requirement of the Cherwell constitution to have 4 independent members and in light of the imminent end of the standards regime an extension to the term of office was felt to be the most expedient option given these circumstances.

Resolved

- (1) That the continued appointment of Kenneth Hawtin as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee be approved until the Council makes a decision on the future of the Standards Committee in light of the Localism Act 2011.

65 **A Shared Information Services/Information Technology (IS/IT) service**

The Head of Finance and Procurement submitted a report to propose that the principle of a shared IS/IT service be adopted as part of the Cherwell District Council policy framework. It was outline that this procedural issue required approval of Council in order to enable the Executive to make a decision on the business case in due course.

Resolved

- (1) That the principle of establishing a shared IS/IT service with South Northamptonshire Council be included within the Council's policy framework.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

Chairman:

Date: