

**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting  
of Council held on 19 October 2015**

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item and Recommendations</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Motions</b></p> <p>To debate a motion which has been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution.</p> <p><u>Oxfordshire County Council consultation on the options for the future of the Children’s Centres and Early Intervention Service</u></p> <p>This Council notes the public consultation launched by the County Council on options for the future of the Children’s Centres and Early Intervention Service with the aim of cutting the budget by a staggering £8m.</p> <p>This Council states that these cuts are ideologically motivated as an attack on public services pursued by the government and by its forerunners in the Coalition. Having imposed reductions in local government funding which has led to atrocious cutbacks in these services, and also in youth services, services for those with learning disabilities, support for the homeless, and cuts in adult social care; these cutbacks represent a comprehensive assault on the most vulnerable in our society.</p> <p>This Council finds the proposals to close all 44 children’s centres entirely unacceptable and asks the Leader to inform the County Council that this</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>This Council notes the public consultation launched by the County Council on the options for the future of the childrens centres and Early Intervention Service. This Council looks to respond to the consultation after receiving officer advice. This Council believes that improving the outcomes for Cherwell children can form the basis of an innovative response.</p>

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	<p>would have very serious impacts indeed, not only on the most vulnerable, but on all the users of the centres who find their support invaluable as well as on wider society within Cherwell District and beyond.</p> <p>While this Council acknowledges the appalling cuts in local government funding, it asks that proper consultation with the centres and the public is done to develop alternative ways to achieve the savings without taking away what is for many a lifeline.</p> <p>It therefore asks the Leader to respond in the strongest terms to the County's consultation imploring the County Council to save as many of the vital services in children's centres as it can, and also asking the Leader to consider any ways in which this authority (although it is also subject to similar government cutbacks) might support the retention of any services.</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Sean Woodcock</p>	
11	<p><b>Result of Banbury Grimsbury and Castle By-Election</b></p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>To advise Council of the result of the Banbury Grimsbury and Castle by-election held on 1 October 2015 and to note changes to political balance and membership of Committees.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the results of the Banbury Grimsbury and Castle by-election held on 1 October</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the result of the Banbury Grimsbury and Castle by election held on 1 October 2015 be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the constitution of the Council (40 Conservatives, 8 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent) following the by-election be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements following the by-election be agreed.</p> <p>(4) That the following amendments</p>

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	<p>2015.</p> <p>1.2 To note the constitution of the Council following the by-election.</p> <p>1.3 To agree the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements as set out in Table 1 following the by-election.</p> <p>1.4 To agree the amendments to committee membership as requested by the Conservative Group and Labour Group as necessitated by the changes to the proportional allocations following the by-election as set out in Table 2 and the addendum to this report (to follow).</p> <p>1.5 To note the amendment to the membership of the Joint Councils and Employee Engagement Committee as requested by the Conservative Group Leader set out in the addendum to the report (to follow).</p>	<p>to committee membership as necessitated by the changes to the proportional allocations following the by-election as requested by the Labour Group (appoint Councillor Shaida Hussain to the Licensing Committee and Councillor Andrew Beere to the Planning Committee) be agreed and authority be delegated to the Head of Law and Governance to confirm the remaining amendments to committee membership on the direction of the Conservative Group Leader and Labour Group Leader.</p> <p>(5) That authority be delegated to the Head of Law and Governance to confirm the amendment to the membership of the Joint Councils and Employee Engagement Committee on the direction of the Conservative Group Leader.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Transformation Governance</b></p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to request Council to discontinue the Joint Arrangements Steering Group and amend the membership of the Joint Commissioning Committee on the recommendation of the Joint Commissioning Committee. The report makes recommendations to ensure governance arrangements</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Joint Arrangements Steering Group (JASG) be discontinued and that the Head of Transformation be delegated to update HR policies and procedures as necessary.</p> <p>(2) That the membership of the Joint Commissioning Committee be increased from 4 to 6 members from each council and that the frequency of meetings be increased to bi-</p>

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	<p>remain effective and transparent</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>Council is recommended by the Joint Commissioning Committee to:</p> <p>1.1 Discontinue the Joint Arrangements Steering Group (JASG) and that the Head of Transformation be delegated to update HR policies and procedures as necessary</p> <p>1.2 Increase the membership of the Joint Commissioning Committee from 4 to 6 members from each council and agree that the frequency of meetings is increased to bi-monthly diarised meetings to ensure effective Member oversight of the transformation programme.</p> <p>1.3 Note that in accordance with the revised proportionality calculation the Leader of the Conservative group will advise on the nominations to the Joint Commissioning Committee from his political group.</p>	<p>monthly diarised meetings to ensure effective Member oversight of the transformation programme.</p> <p>(3) That, in accordance with the revised proportionality calculation, Councillors Barry Wood and Lynn Pratt be appointed to the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p>
13	<p><b>Adoption ('Making') Of Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>To ask Council to formally 'make', i.e. to adopt, the Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan (HNNP) following a successful referendum in Hook Norton Parish held on 3 September 2015. There was a majority vote in favour of adopting the</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the referendum result of the 3 September 2015 where 97% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan, which was above the required 50%, be noted.</p> <p>(2) That it be resolved that Cherwell District Council as local planning authority 'make' the Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan (annex to the Minutes as set out in the</p>

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	<p>neighbourhood plan so that it becomes part of the statutory development plan for Cherwell District Council under the provisions of Section 38A (4) and (6) the Town and Country Planning Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. On 5 October 2015, the Executive resolved to recommend to Full Council that the Plan be 'made'.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the referendum result of the 3 September 2015 where 97% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan which is above the required 50%.</p> <p>1.2 To resolve that Cherwell District Council as local planning authority 'make' the Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan (appendix 3 to this report) part of the statutory development plan for the District.</p> <p>1.3 To approve the issuing and publication of a decision statement, under regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, that Cherwell District Council has resolved to make the Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan (appendix 4 to this report).</p> <p>1.4 To delegate to the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy the correction of any spelling, grammatical or typographical errors, and the undertaking of any minor presentational improvements, if required prior to the Plan being published by Council.</p>	<p>Minute Book) part of the statutory development plan for the District.</p> <p>(3) That the issuing and publication of a decision statement, under regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, that Cherwell District Council has resolved to make the Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p> <p>(4) That authority be delegated to the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy for the correction of any spelling, grammatical or typographical errors, and the undertaking of any minor presentational improvements, if required prior to the Plan being published by Council.</p>

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14	<p><b>New Woodgreen Leisure Centre Management Contract and Facility Improvements</b></p> <p>Report of Director of Community and Environment</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>To consider a supplementary capital estimate in order to undertake priority works prior to the new contract commencement</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve a supplementary capital estimate of up to £130,000 for priority Woodgreen Leisure Centre building works prior to the new contract commencement.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That a supplementary capital estimate of up to £130,000 for priority Woodgreen Leisure Centre building works prior to the new contract commencement be approved.</p>
16	<p><b>Local Housing Company</b></p> <p>Exempt Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the creation of a Local Housing Company, registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) as a Community Benefit Society, HMRC as an exempt charity and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) as a registered provider be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the sale of existing affordable housing assets (both completed and occupied and in development) as itemised in the exempt annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) at existing market value as certified by an independent valuer to the Local Housing Company (once incorporated and registered</p>

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		<p>with the FCA and the HCA) be approved and it be noted that any proposed future disposals of Council owned assets to the Local Housing Company would form the subject of future reports to Executive or full Council as appropriate.</p> <p>(3) That the lending of finance from the Council to the Local Housing Company, as long as this is viable for both the Local Housing Company and the Council and is within the Council's peak borrowing limits and the legal requirements relating to the prohibition of unlawful State Aid, be approved.</p> <p>(4) That approval be given for the Council undertaking a key financial role in the Local Housing Company, subject to such role complying with the legal requirements in relation to the prohibition of unlawful State Aid, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Through the provision of loan finance on a formal loan arrangement with the Council</li> <li>ii. Through providing a contingent guarantee for external finance and lease arrangements</li> </ul> <p>(5) That authority be delegated to the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve the business plan of the Local Housing Company and to appoint Council Directors to the Board of the Local Housing Company (if incorporated and registered with the FCA and</p>

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		<p>the HCA) including such future appointments as are necessary to fill vacancies that might arise.</p> <p>(6) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Leader of the Council</li> <li>• The Lead Member for Housing</li> <li>• The Lead Member for Estates and the Economy</li> <li>• The Lead Member for Financial Management</li> <li>• The Director of Resources</li> <li>• The Director of Development</li> <li>• The Head of Finance and Procurement</li> <li>• The Head of Law and Governance</li> </ul> <p>to take the necessary operational, legal and financial steps to ensure effective implementation of the above, including the naming of the Local Housing Company and its subsidiary, subject to there being no conflict of interest arising for the Head of Regeneration and Housing between the Council and the Local Housing Company in respect of any actions to be taken following the Company's incorporation and registration with the FCA and HCA.</p>