



**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting  
of Council held on 20 July 2020**

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item and Recommendations</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Motions</b></p> <p>To debate motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the Constitution (to be debated in the order submitted).</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>“Peatlands located within the UK and The Republic Of Ireland, play a vital role in absorbing and storing large amounts of carbon dioxide and thus help to mitigate climate change. This council agrees that any supplier of our bedding plants at this time and in the future will from this juncture use no more than 50% peat compost within the cultivation of our plants and that the suppliers of our bedding plants now and in the future must make the commitment to be peat-free as soon as practicable and most definitely by 2030. In making this commitment we will conserve this diminishing natural resource and help to safeguard our peatlands.</p> <p>This Council agrees that officers will investigate sustainable alternatives in relation to the design and planting of our bedding schemes which will include perennial plants that are cost-effective, insect-friendly, and attractive to pollinators.”</p> <p><i>(for information: On being put to the vote the proposed amendment to the motion was lost and subsequently fell)</i></p> <p>(2) That the following motion, as amended, be adopted:</p> <p>"This council notes with concern that in the last three years this</p>

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		<p>district recorded the biggest increase in child poverty in the whole of Oxfordshire.</p> <p>This council agrees that 1 in 8 children living below the poverty line in Cherwell is completely unacceptable. Reducing child poverty is and has been a long term objective for this council. The council notes the great work of 'Brighter Futures in Banbury' in addressing child poverty since it was set up in over 10 years ago. The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic anticipated to be extremely negative, and likely to exacerbate the situation.</p> <p>This council commits to the following in order to continue to tackle child poverty-within the district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing the 'Brighter Futures' programme which has continued to run throughout the pandemic.</li> <li>• Receive annual reports to this council's committees from the Chairman of Brighter Futures, beginning Autumn 2020.</li> <li>• Build on the work from the Brighter Futures workstream 'Addressing Childhood Poverty'.</li> <li>• Use the Cherwell Industrial Strategy to attract high skilled, well paid jobs to the district as part of a green revolution.</li> <li>• Work with stakeholders to take actions that improve educational attainment, reduce exploitation and provide positive activities for young people</li> <li>• Support families to reduce inactivity and health inequalities"</li> </ul> <p>(3) That the following motion be adopted:</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1054 259 1461 360">“This Council notes recent national awareness around the Black Lives Matter Movement.</p> <p data-bbox="1054 396 1509 696">This Council believes that of course all lives matter but knows that the evidence points to BAME communities being particularly vulnerable to deprivation, poorer life chances and racism. This is reflected in, among other indicators, disproportionate deaths from Covid 19.</p> <p data-bbox="1054 732 1501 965">The Council has a good record with things like help for the Sunshine Centre, the Bretch Hill Centre, the FAST programme and Banbury Brighter Futures, but a good Council always refreshes and updates its work.</p> <p data-bbox="1054 1001 1501 1335">To that end the Council resolves to request Officers to consider an engagement exercise with BAME communities and individuals to effectively listen to their experience of life in our District and to bring back recommendations to Scrutiny and the Executive for consideration by Members.”</p> <p data-bbox="959 1370 1430 1435">(4) That the following motion, as amended, be adopted:</p> <p data-bbox="1054 1471 1477 1671">“Boris Johnson recently announced his plan for recovery from the COVID-19 crisis is to “Build, build, build, build back greener, build back better, and build back faster.”</p> <p data-bbox="1054 1706 1509 2074">This aspiration is to tackle this country’s great unresolved challenges of the last three decades: to build the homes, to fix the NHS, to solve social care, to tackle the skills crisis, to mend the indefensible gap in opportunity and productivity and connectivity between the regions of the UK, to unite and level up. A socially just and green recovery will create a</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1054 226 1473 322">better future for our planet and everyone on it. Let's build back better and build back bolder!</p> <p data-bbox="1054 360 1490 423">This council expects government to:</p> <ul data-bbox="1054 465 1506 1787" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1054 465 1506 797">• Work towards ensuring everyone has access to wholesome food, free healthcare, income and job security, affordable zero carbon housing, renewable energy, superfast broadband, public transport, clean air and green spaces.</li> <li data-bbox="1054 801 1465 864">• Promote building homes on brownfield sites.</li> <li data-bbox="1054 869 1442 965">• Build residential provision above stations and retail spaces.</li> <li data-bbox="1054 969 1465 1032">• Create new woodlands and invest in conservation.</li> <li data-bbox="1054 1037 1501 1205">• Acknowledge the value of our carers and educators by protecting and investing in our NHS, social care, schools, colleges and early years care</li> <li data-bbox="1054 1209 1477 1272">• Protect genuine local democracy on planning matters.</li> <li data-bbox="1054 1276 1497 1480">• Restructure public and private finance to give power to local communities and provide funding to councils to provide high quality local services for everyone.</li> <li data-bbox="1054 1485 1506 1615">• Decarbonise the economy and create thousands of new, well-paid, secure jobs in green industries.</li> <li data-bbox="1054 1619 1474 1787">• Ensure that the longer-term recovery will promote human rights, protect the environment and tackle injustice.”</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="959 1825 1501 1955"><i>(For information: On being put to the vote the motion on “Motion to Guarantee Democratic Accountability in 2021” was lost and subsequently fell)</i></p>

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10	<p><b>Amendments to Proportionality Calculations and Committee Membership and Outside Body Representative</b></p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the amended constitution of Political Groups.</p> <p>1.2 To note the amended allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements as set out in Table 1.</p> <p>1.3 To note the amended allocation of seats on committees that are not subject to political balance requirements as set out in Table 2.</p> <p>1.4 To note the amendments to committee membership, as advised by the respective Leaders of the Independent Group, Progressive Oxfordshire Group and Conservative Group (to follow).</p> <p>1.5 To appoint a representative to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the amended constitution of Political Groups be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the amended allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the amended allocation of seats on committees that are not subject to political balance requirements be noted.</p> <p>(4) That the following amendments to committee membership, as advised by the respective Leaders of the Independent Group, Progressive Oxfordshire Group and Conservative Group be noted:</p> <p><b>Appeals Panel</b> Remove: Councillor John Broad (was previously appointed as an Independent Group Member)</p> <p>Add: Councillor John Broad (appointed as Progressive Oxfordshire Group member)</p> <p><b>Licensing Committee</b> Add: Councillor Tim Hallchurch (Conservative Member)</p> <p>(NB. No member is removed as there was previously an Independent Group vacant seat on the Committee)</p> <p><b>Planning Committee</b> Remove: Cllr John Broad (was previously named substitute for the Independent Group)</p> <p>Remove: Councillor Conrad Copeland (as Full Member for the Progressive Oxfordshire Group)</p> <p>Remove: Cllr Nick Cotter (as named substitute for the Progressive Oxfordshire Group)</p> <p>Add: Cllr Fraser Webster as named substitute for the</p>

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		<p>Independent Group</p> <p>Add: Cllr John Broad as Full Member for the Progressive Oxfordshire Group</p> <p>Add: Cllr Conrad Copeland as names substitute for the Progressive Oxfordshire Group</p> <p><b>Standards Committee</b> Remove: Councillor Tim Hallchurch (Conservative Group Member)</p> <p>Add: Councillor Ian Middleton (Progressive Oxfordshire Group member)</p> <p>(5) That Councillor Kieron Mallon be appointed as the council's representative to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>
11	<p><b>Move-on Plans for Homeless People Accommodated During the Pandemic</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 Make budget provision of £150,000 in 2020/21 to cover the cost of supporting homeless people to move-on from emergency accommodation post-pandemic, should alternative funding be unavailable.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That budget provision of £150,000 in 2020/21 be agreed to cover the cost of supporting homeless people to move-on from emergency accommodation post-pandemic, should alternative funding be unavailable.</p>
12	<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/2020</b></p> <p>Report of Monitoring Officer (Interim)</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the contents of the</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/2020 be noted.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/2020.</p>	
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Amendments to the Officer Scheme of Delegation</b></p> <p>Report of Corporate Director Commercial Development, Assets and Investment &amp; Monitoring Officer (Interim)</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the revised scheme of officer delegations as set out in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) be amended with immediate effect.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to determine any amendments to the Officer Scheme of Delegations that are necessary to address (i) post titles changing (ii) current service responsibilities being revised (iii) new service responsibilities being introduced and/or (iv) new or existing powers being identified for or demanding allocation by the Monitoring Officer, pending update to Council at the first practicable opportunity.</p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>Capital Programme Virement - Graven Hill</b></p> <p>Report of Director of Finance</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the virement of £2m from the existing ceased Bespoke Mortgage Scheme capital programme to finance a loan arrangement with Graven Hill Village Development Limited to support the offering of pilot part exchange scheme.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the virement of £2m from the existing ceased Bespoke Mortgage Scheme capital programme to finance a loan arrangement with Graven Hill Village Development Limited to support the offering of pilot part exchange scheme be approved.</p>