



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Monday 1 March 2021**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 2 March 2021
2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution (and not therefore subject to the call-in procedure): None, but agenda item 13 is not subject to call-in as it is notifying Executive of urgent action already taken
3. Date by which notice of call-in of any of the following decisions must be received in writing by the Chief Executive (see notes below):- Noon on Friday 5 March 2021
4. Notes:-
 - (a) For background documentation to the following decisions, please refer to the agenda and supporting papers (copies of which are available on the Council's website (www.cherwell.gov.uk) or from Democratic Services);
 - (b) Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Chief Executive by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;
 - (c) Call-in can be requested by any six non-executive members of the Council.
However, if at any point during a municipal year the total number of opposition councillors is six or less the total number of non-executive members required to call-in a decision shall be the total number of opposition councillors less two.
 - (d) Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).
 - (e) The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

**Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive**

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<p>Agenda Item 6 Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021-2026</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is requested to:</p> <p>1.1 Note the changes to the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021-2026 and Action Plan following public consultation.</p> <p>1.2 Approve the amended strategy and action plan in order to ensure that the Council meets statutory requirements</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the changes to the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021-2026 and Action Plan following public consultation be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the amended Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021-2026 and Action Plan (annexes to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved in order to ensure that the Council meets statutory requirements and complies with good practice.</p>	<p>To ensure the Council can meet its statutory duties, it is recommended that the amended strategy and action plan be approved by the Executive at its meeting on 1 March 2021 with delegated authority to the Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning in consultation with the Lead Member, to make any minor editorial amendments to the strategy as needed and to undertake a review and update of the Action Plan on an annual basis. The Strategy and Action Plan will subsequently be published as the final version on the Council's website with a hard copy being made available to anyone on request.</p> <p>Implementation of the</p>	<p>Option 1: Not having a strategy at all - This would result in the Council not meeting its statutory obligations under the Homelessness Act 2002, therefore this option is rejected.</p> <p>Option 2: A single countywide strategy and no local strategy - A draft countywide Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy has been published for consultation and provides an overarching vision for Oxfordshire, however there is no statutory requirement for it. CDC Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021-2026 already aligns with, and will contribute towards</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>and complies with good practice.</p> <p>1.3 Delegate authority to the Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning in consultation with the Lead Member, to make any minor editorial amendments to the strategy as needed and to undertake a review and update of the Action Plan on an annual basis.</p>	<p>(3) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning in consultation with the Lead Member, to make any minor editorial amendments to the strategy as needed and to undertake a review and update of the Action Plan on an annual basis.</p>	<p>Strategy and Action Plan will be monitored by the Housing Strategy team, and the first review and update of the action plan will be undertaken in March 2022 to ensure that it remains effective and responsive to the changing circumstances and needs of customers and stakeholders. The Equality and Climate Impact Assessment will also be reviewed and updated in line with the aims of the Council's 'Including Everyone: Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Framework' to ensure continued delivery of inclusive services.</p>	<p>achieving, the overarching aim and objectives set out in the countywide strategy and vision. Each local authority area has different geographic, economic, social and political structures which require a more granular strategy aimed at meeting specific local needs. A countywide strategy alone will not provide this local detail and would also result in the Council not meeting its statutory obligations. On this basis, this option is rejected.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 7 Disabled Adaptations Policy Report of Assistant Director,</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Disabled Adaptations Policy</p>	<p>Although the current <i>Disabled Facilities Grant Policy</i> remains compliant, has served the Council well, and</p>	<p>Option 1: Not introduce a new policy and continue with the existing <i>Disabled Facilities Policy</i>. This</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Housing and Social Care Commissioning</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 approve the Disabled Adaptations Policy as the replacement for the current Disabled Facilities Policy.</p>	<p>(annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved as the replacement for the current Disabled Facilities Policy.</p>	<p>much of it has ‘stood the test of time’, a new policy is required to reflect the changes that have taken place since it was introduced, including changes in the Council’s operating environment, budget growth, the increased use of discretionary grants and the need to simplify decision making processes to facilitate service delivery. The proposed <i>Disabled Adaptations Policy</i> will ensure that the Council’s Grants Team can continue to deliver the current high level of services to disabled residents in a clear and consistent manner.</p>	<p>option was rejected because of the need to reflect the extended use of discretionary grants to complement provision of adaptations and to update process and decision making.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 8</p> <p>Nominations Agreement for Housing Allocations</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the revised</p>	<p>The Nominations Agreement is an important document which sets out the terms and</p>	<p>Option 1: To not revise the Agreement. This is rejected on the grounds</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Report of Assistant Director Housing and Social Care Commissioning</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 Approve the revised Nominations Agreement 2021 which will then replace the 2017 Nominations Agreement.</p> <p>1.2 Delegate authority to the Assistant Director Housing and Social Care Commissioning, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing, to agree and enter in to any future amendments to the</p>	<p>Nominations Agreement 2021 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved and it be noted that it will replace the 2017 Nominations Agreement.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Housing and Social Care Commissioning, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing, to agree and enter in to any future amendments to the Nominations Agreement that are deemed to be necessary and do not constitute a major</p>	<p>procedures that both CDC and the Registered Providers owning or managing rented accommodation in the district will work to when making or receiving nominations of eligible households to take up occupancy of a vacant home.</p> <p>The revised Nominations Agreement brings the document up to date and enables charging to be introduced from 1 April 2021. The associated delegation ensures that officers are able to respond quickly to operational demands.</p>	<p>that we would not be able to introduce charging which is a necessary step in terms of the budget reductions that need to be made.</p>	

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<p>Nominations Agreement that are deemed to be necessary and do not constitute a major policy change.</p>	<p>policy change.</p>			
<p>Agenda Item 9 Monthly Performance, Finance and Risk Monitoring Report</p> <p>Report of Director of Finance, and Head of Insight and Corporate Programmes</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the monthly performance, finance and risk monitoring report be noted.</p>	<p>The Council is committed to performance, risk and budget management and reviews progress against its corporate priorities on a monthly basis.</p>	<p>Option 1: This report illustrates the Council's performance against the 2020-2021 business plan. As this is a monitoring report, no further options have been considered. However, members may wish to request that officers provide additional information.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 12 Lease for Waterside Development</p> <p>Exempt Report of Corporate Director – Commercial Development, Assets and Investment</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) As set out in the exempt decisions</p> <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>As set out in the exempt decisions</p>	<p>As set out in the exempt decisions</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13 Notification of Urgent Action</p> <p>Exempt report of Corporate Director – Commercial Development, Assets and Investment</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the decision taken under urgency powers by the Corporate Director – Commercial Development, Asset and Investment in consultation with the</p>	<p>In line with the Constitution this report is informing the Executive of a decision that was taken under urgency powers as set out in the exempt decisions</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to note the report. This is not recommended as the urgent action has been taken and it is a constitutional requirement for it to be reported to the Executive</p>	<p>None</p>

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	Leader of the Council, as set out in the exempt decisions.			