

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 16 December 2013 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Lawrie Stratford (Chairman)
Councillor Kieron Mallon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Fred Blackwell
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Ann Bonner
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Diana Edwards
Councillor Tim Emptage
Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Ray Jelf
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor Jon O'Neill
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Nigel Randall
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Alaric Rose
Councillor Gordon Ross
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Douglas Williamson
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Also

Present: Dr Stephen Richards

Apologies
for
absence: Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Daniel Sames

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive
Karen Curtin, Director (Bicester)
Ian Davies, Director of Community and Environment
James Doble, Democratic and Elections Manager

48 **Declarations of Interest**

Members declared interests with regard to the following agenda items:

11. Community Governance Review Bicester Town Council.

Councillor D M Pickford, Non Statutory Interest, as member of Bicester Town Council.

49 **Communications**

Member Post

The Chairman reminded members that there would be no member post between Christmas and the New Year.

Chairman's Dinner

The Chairman advised members that his dinner would be held on 12 April 2014.

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

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

51 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

52 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53 **Presentation by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group - Improving the health of Oxfordshire**

The Chairman welcomed Dr Stephen Richards, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to the meeting.

Dr Richards addressed the meeting regarding a presentation on improving the health of Oxfordshire. A number of Members asked questions and answers were duly provided.

The Chairman thanked Dr Richards for his attendance.

54 **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 Executive decisions had been taken that was 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.

55 **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:

Awareness of number of people being turned away by CAB: Councillor Woodcock

Environmental Crime and tidy gardens: Councillor Dhesi

Rough sleepers in the district: Councillor Dhesi

Consideration of Planning representations by the Council: Councillor Dhesi
East Coast Flooding and Emergency Planning: Councillor Beere
Banbury Snow warden scheme: Councillor Mallon

c) Questions to Committee Chairmen on the minutes

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

56 **Motions**

There were no motions.

57 **Community Governance Review Bicester Town Council**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which requested the revocation of a previous Council resolution relating to Bicester Town Council in the light of further submissions received.

Resolved

- (1) That resolution (5) of Minute 30 of Council on 22 July 2013, relating to a proposed increase in the number of Town Councillors for Bicester Town Council be revoked.

58 **Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014-15**

The Interim Head of Finance and Procurement submitted a report which sought approval of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014-15.

Resolved

- (1) That the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book) be approved.
- (2) That the Council's Section 151 officer be given delegated authority in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management to determine if any further amendments to the CTRS are required by 31 January 2014.

59 **Transformation Bid - Policy Framework and Section 113 Arrangements**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to add the principle of shared working with Stratford-on-Avon District Council to the policy framework and to approve entering into a Section 113 agreement with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and South Northamptonshire Council for the purposes of establishing a Joint Transformation team.

Resolved

- (1) That the principle of shared working with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and South Northamptonshire Council for the purpose of the establishment and working of the proposed Joint Transformation team be added to the adopted policy framework.
- (2) That the Council enters an agreement with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and South Northamptonshire Council pursuant to section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other enabling powers so that employees can be placed at the disposal of the other Councils for the purpose of the establishment and workings of the proposed Joint Transformation team and that the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to complete such agreement in negotiation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

60 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

61 **Bicester Community Building**

The Head of Regeneration and Housing submitted an exempt report relating to the Bicester Community Building.

Resolved

- (1) As set out in the exempt minute.

62 **Questions on Exempt Minutes**

There were no questions on exempt minutes.

The meeting ended at 8.12 pm

Chairman:

Date: