

Cherwell District Council

Special Council

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 27 January 2015 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Alastair Milne Home (Chairman)
Councillor Melanie Magee (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Attack
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Claire Bell
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Diana Edwards
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Ray Jelf
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Nigel Randall
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Alaric Rose
Councillor Dan Sames
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Bryn Williams
Councillor Douglas Williamson
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Apologies
for
absence: Councillor Fred Blackwell
Councillor Ann Bonner
Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE

Councillor Matt Johnstone
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor Jon O'Neill
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Douglas Webb

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer
James Doble, Democratic and Elections Manager

61 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

62 **Cherwell Boundary Review: Response to Local Government Boundary Commission for England Draft Recommendations**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to agree Cherwell District Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's ("LGBCE" or "the Commission") draft recommendations of the further electoral review for Cherwell District Council.

In the course of debate many members from all political groups expressed strong concern regarding the effects of the proposals from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Members did not feel the proposals reflected the geography of the district, community identity and did not improve the representational role of councillors, all of which were addressed in the original proposals put forward by the council. In particular there was concern expressed regarding the size of rural wards, the effect on the adverse impact on the town and parish wards of Banbury and Kidlington.

Resolved

- (1) That Cherwell District Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's draft recommendations of the further electoral review for Cherwell District Council (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book be agreed).
- (2) That the Chief Executive be delegated to make any necessary amendments to the council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's draft recommendations of the further electoral review for Cherwell District Council prior to submission in light of the resolutions of Council.

Polling District and Polling Places Review 2014

The Returning Officer submitted a report to agree the recommendations from the Council's Polling District and Polling Place Review 2014

Resolved

- (1) That the recommendations for Polling Districts and Polling Places within Cherwell (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book be agreed.
- (2) That it be noted that a further polling place review will be undertaken following the conclusion of the Boundary Commission review.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Returning Officer and Chief Executive to conduct and implement a review of polling places once the District Boundary Review has been completed in 2015.

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm

Chairman:

Date: