

Meeting of Council

Monday 22 July 2019

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Monday 22 July 2019 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

Friday 12 July 2019

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3 Communications (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive communications from the Chairman and/or the Leader of the Council.

4 Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

5 Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

6 Minutes of Council (Pages 3 - 16)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 14 May 2019.

7 Minutes

- a) Minutes of Executive, Lead Member Decisions and Executive Decisions not included in the 28 day notice

The Leader of the Council to formally propose that the minutes of the meetings of the Executive and Lead Member Decisions as set out in the Minute Book (circulated separately) be received and to report that since the last meeting of Council at which this was reported held on 25 February 2019, 2 decisions have been taken which were not included in the 28 day notice relating to Castle Quay Tenant Update and the OVO Ladies Cycling Tour.

- b) Minutes of Committees

The Leader of the Council to formally propose that the minutes of committees as set out in the Minute Book (circulated separately) be received.

8 Questions (Pages 17 - 18)

- a) Written Questions

To receive any written questions and answers which have been submitted with advance notice in accordance with the Constitution.

At the time of agenda publication (12 July 2019), two written questions have been submitted.

A written reply to each the questions will be circulated at the meeting. The Member who has received the written reply will be able to ask a supplementary question providing it is relevant to the reply and does not introduce new information. The Member to whom the question was addressed may reply to such supplementary question or may undertake to reply in writing.

- b) Questions to the Leader of the Council

The Chairman to invite questions to the Leader of the Council (including any matters arising from the minutes).

Following a response to their question being provided Members will be entitled to a follow up or supplementary question.

c) Questions to Committee Chairmen on the Minutes

The Chairman to invite questions to Chairmen of Committees on any matter arising from the minutes of their committee (if any).

9 Motions

To debate the following motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution:

Climate Change

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in their October report stated that if the planet wants to avert dangerous climate breakdown, we need to cut emissions in half by 2030, and hit zero by the middle of the century.

Oxfordshire is already doing its bit: we are committed to reducing emissions from our own estate and activities by 3% a year. Unfortunately, our current plans are not enough. The IPCC's report suggests that the world has just a dozen years left to restrict global warming to 1.5° above pre-industrial levels. Should they increase by 2°, humanity's capacity to prevent catastrophic food shortages, floods, droughts, extreme heat and poverty will be severely impaired. Limiting Global Warming to 1.5° may still be possible, but only with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities. Furthermore, bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.

Cherwell District Council calls on the Leader to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Pledge to make Cherwell District Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
4. Continue to work with partners across the Cherwell and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies;
5. Report to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency.

Proposer: Councillor Mark Cherry

Seconder: To be advised

Cherwell Local Plan

This council notes:

1. That when he approved the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031, the planning inspector stated that a review of the plan should be carried out ***“once the specific level of help required by the city of Oxford to meet its needs that cannot reasonably be met within its present confines, is fully and accurately defined”***
2. That questions and comments raised recently by Jonathan Bore and Nick Fagan, the inspectors reviewing the Oxford Local Plan 2036, along with other recent studies, have cast doubt on the assumptions underlying Oxford's

housing need, suggesting that it has not been “**fully and accurately defined**” and may have been over-estimated and based on outdated data.

3. That recent announcements from the University of Oxford as to their plans for development as part of the partial review raises concerns that removal of substantial amounts of the green belt will not in fact deal with unmet housing need in Oxford.
4. That as a result of the above, the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (Part1) Partial Review – Oxford’s Unmet Housing Need could be premature, based on potentially inaccurate information, and could lead to outcomes which differ significantly from expectations.

This council therefore agrees:

1. The ‘working assumption’ of Oxford’s housing need can no longer be relied on as an accurate figure and should be urgently reviewed.
2. That the planning inspector’s report into the Cherwell partial review should only be considered alongside the Oxford City local plan once it has been examined and published, and Oxford’s need is “fully and accurately defined”.
3. That in the meantime, the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (Part1) Partial Review should be suspended, and no land under consideration as part of the review should be removed from green belt protection.
4. That expansion of the Begbroke Science Park and the building of reserved housing for the university on green belt land has no bearing on Oxford’s unmet housing need and should be subject to a separate and specific planning policy review and inquiry.

Proposer: Councillor Ian Middleton

Seconder: Councillor Conrad Copeland

Council Business Reports

10 Cherwell District Council / Oxfordshire County Council Signage Agency Agreement (Pages 19 - 22)

Report of Assistant Director: Environmental Services

Purpose of report

To agree to enter into agency agreements with Oxfordshire County Council regarding unauthorised signs, sponsorship of roundabouts and maintenance of the roundabouts outside Bicester Village.

Recommendations

The Council is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the progress on partnership working with Oxfordshire County Council;
- 1.2 To approve entering into Section 101 agreements with Oxfordshire County Council for the purpose of transferring to the district council the following responsibilities:

- i. Removal of unauthorised signs
- ii. the landscape maintenance of roundabouts outside Bicester Village and
- iii. the sponsorship of roundabouts

1.3 To delegate negotiation and final agreement of the Section 101 agreements to the Assistant Director: Environmental Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Clean and Green, the Director: Law and Governance and the Executive Director: Finance.

11 Police and Crime Panel Annual Report (Pages 23 - 42)

Report of Chief Operating Officer (Deputy Chief Executive)

Purpose of report

This report presents to members the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel Annual Report for 2018/2019 and provides members with background to the role of the Police and Crime Panel.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the Annual Report of the Police and Crime Panel and the manner in which this panel provides oversight and scrutiny of Thames Valley Police by holding the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to account.
- 1.2 To appoint a named substitute member to the Police and Crime Panel.

12 Revised Scheme of Officer Delegations (Pages 43 - 98)

Report of Director of Law & Governance

Purpose of report

To enable the Council to adopt a revised scheme of officer delegations that reflects the recent revision to various Senior Officer responsibilities.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To adopt the revised scheme of officer delegations at Appendix 1 with immediate effect.
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Director of Law & Governance, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to make any amendments that are consequential on the current allocation of service responsibilities being revised, new service responsibilities being introduced or post titles changing.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

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Declarations of Interest

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Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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