



Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Council held on 15 July 2024

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9	<p>Annual Report of Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee 2023/2024</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director of Finance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the contents of the Annual Report of the Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee 2023/24.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Annual Report of the Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee 2023/24 be noted.</p>
10	<p>Treasury Management Report - Annual Performance Report 2023/24</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Finance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the contents of this Treasury Management Annual Performance Report and the Capital Prudential indicators attached in appendix 1.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Treasury Management Annual Performance Report 2023/2024 and the Capital Prudential indicators be noted.</p>
11	<p>Motions</p> <p>To debate the following motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the Constitution (to be debated in the order submitted)</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>Mental Health Initiative “The Labour Group would like to increase the impact</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposer: Cllr Lynn Parsons • Spare Seats Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposer: Cllr Eddie Reeves • Consultation on Congestion Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposer: Cllr Eddie Reeves • Member briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposer: Cllr Eddie Reeves 	<p>of the existing mental health programme which was started by the Youth Activators in conjunction with the mental health charity MIND. It is proposed that this is achieved by making the programme longer and available through all schools, which we can achieve by partnering with the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership to identify schools where there were higher levels of need reported initially.</p> <p>Providing a 12-week programme in 11 schools per term will result in all schools in the district benefitting within two years. The proposal would also target academic years 5 and 6 in primary and year 7, 10 and 11 in secondary as transition years.</p> <p>The cost of the proposal is £0.035m per year and is proposed on an ongoing basis. Funding can be provided from the general contingency budget within Policy Contingency.</p> <p>This council resolves to ask the Executive to increase spending on the mental health initiatives currently in place within the Chief Executive's directorate to be funded by an allocation from the Policy Contingency budget."</p> <p>(2) That the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>Spare Seats Scheme</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1054 237 1509 636">“Oxfordshire County Council has not run its Spare Seats scheme for school bus places well in recent years. Parents and carers have too often been left in an unenviable position following changes, with consultation of Cherwell District Council too often lacking about changes affecting its wards and schools.</p> <p data-bbox="1054 678 1461 748">On 26 June, the Oxford Mail reported that:</p> <p data-bbox="1054 790 1493 1003"><i>“Oxfordshire County Council is withdrawing its Spare Seats scheme for pupils travelling from Middle Barton and The Bartons villages to Chipping Norton School.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1054 1046 1493 1335"><i>“It follows a furore last year when the council scrapped the scheme on nine routes, affecting more than 200 children including at Wheatley Park School, The Warriner in Bloxham and Wood Green in Witney.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1054 1377 1509 1845">Parental choice remains an important principle of the current education settlement and will remain so unless changed by a new government. Whilst such a principle remains, it is important that local government works with maintained schools and academies to facilitate transport to families’ preferred schools at reasonable cost.</p> <p data-bbox="1054 1888 1509 2063">Given that County Hall’s most recent cancellations would appear to imperil this important principle, the Council requests that its Leader write to the</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1054 237 1506 524">Leader of Oxfordshire County Council setting out in clear terms that, in future, Cherwell District Council would expect to be more fully consulted upon all such changes affecting families across North Oxfordshire.</p> <p data-bbox="959 566 1469 636">(3) That the following motion, as amended, be adopted:</p> <p data-bbox="1054 678 1506 1261"> Consultation on Congestion Commission “On 14 February, Oxfordshire County Council considered setting up a Congestion Commission as part of its last budget debate. Although this measure was not taken up at the time, this Council now considers that it is time for such commission to ensure that commuters into Oxford have a meaningful voice about how any policy changes planned in County Hall affect their working lives. </p> <p data-bbox="1054 1303 1506 1664"> This Council further notes that the administration at Oxfordshire County Council has refused to rule out extending measures currently planned for Oxford to Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington, despite concerns from local businesses about the health of our high streets. </p> <p data-bbox="1054 1706 1506 1995"> Such measures include Oxfordshire County Council’s ambitious suite of traffic filters, workplace parking tax and Low-Traffic Neighbourhoods, none of which have been ruled out for Cherwell in future. </p> <p data-bbox="1054 2033 1506 2067">Were all such measures to go</p>

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		<p>ahead, Oxfordshire motorists and working people could be hit by £57million in fines and charges over a five-year period as follows:</p> <p>Zero Emissions Zone: £25m;</p> <p>Workplace Parking Levy: £21m;</p> <p>Traffic Filters: £11m.</p> <p>This Council requests that its Leader write to the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council requesting that Cherwell District Council be fully consulted before any plans are put in train or capital expenditure committed to introduce similar measures across North Oxfordshire.”</p> <p>For information, on being put to the vote, the motion on “Member Briefings” was lost.</p>
12	<p>Amendment to Committee Membership</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the Conservative Group committee membership amendment.</p> <p>1.2 To note the change of Labour Group Leader.</p> <p>1.3 To note the Labour Group committee membership changes.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the following Conservative Group committee membership amendment be noted:</p> <p><u>Planning Committee</u> Councillor Andrew McHugh from full committee member to named substitute Councillor Phil Chapman from names substitute to full committee member</p> <p>(2) That the notification of the change of Labour Group Leader and Deputy Labour Group Leader be noted:</p> <p>Labour Group Leader: Councillor Amanda Watkins Deputy Labour Group Leader:</p>

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		<p>Councillor Andrew Crichton</p> <p>(3) That the following Labour Group committee membership amendments be noted:</p> <p><u>Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee</u> Remove: Councillor Sean Woodcock Add: Councillor Besmira Brash</p> <p><u>Appeals Panel</u> Remove: Councillor Sean Woodcock Add: Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke</p> <p><u>Budget Planning Committee</u> Remove: Councillor Sean Woodcock Add: Councillor Andrew Crichton</p>