

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2014
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S
COMMITTEES
REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1. PURPOSE

To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees from 13th November 2013 to 15th January 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the recommendations set out in the Appendix to the report be adopted.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. The recommendations set out in the Appendix have been extracted from the reports of the meetings of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees which have been made since the last Council meeting.

3.2. It is intended that the record of decisions of the Cabinet meeting to be held on 15th January 2014 will be circulated on Friday 17th January 2014.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

All of the above are as set out in the relevant reports to the meetings of the Cabinet/Committee, and the decisions or minutes of those meetings.

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Background Papers:
None.

Appendix

	Meeting and Date	Subject; Agenda Item No.& Minute Reference	Recommendation(s)
(1)	Cabinet (13 November 2013)	2013/2014 Budget and Performance Monitoring (Minute No. CT/80/2013/2014)	The recommendation that the Council amends the capital programme to; 2013/14 £4,917,900, 2014/15 £1,511,700 due to deletion of a completed scheme, addition of the markets scheme and re-phasing of certain projects as detailed in paragraphs 3.19 to 3.23 of the report.
(2)	Cabinet (13 November 2013)	Release of Restrictive Covenants (Minute No. CT/85/2013/2014)	The recommendation that an appropriate amendment be made to the Officer Delegation Rules contained in part 4 of the constitution consequent to the Cabinet's decision to authorise the Council's Estates Manager to approve future applications for the release of restrictive covenants precluding the development of additional dwellings on land sold under the 'Right to Buy' legislation, subject to the applicants meeting the Council's reasonable legal and administrative fees in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources.

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(3)	Cabinet (11 December 2013)	Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/2015 (Minute No. CT/92/2013/2014)	<p>The recommendations:-</p> <p>(a) that the Council retains the current Council Tax Support scheme in relation to Working Age claimants for 2014/2015, subject to uprating, but with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That the liability upon which entitlement is based be reduced from 100% to 91.5%; ii) That the maximum capital limit be reduced to £6,000 and the first £3,000 be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the tariff income; iii) That the Second Adult Rebate entitlement within the scheme be removed completely; iv) That maintenance payments be treated as Earned Income; v) That support be calculated using a maximum liability of Band E (or 91.5% of Band E, as per recommendation (a)i above); vi) That extended payments are increased from four to thirteen weeks; and vii) That those defined as disabled (see Appendix C, paragraph 2.5 on page 13) and those in receipt of War Widows Pension and/or War Disablement Pension be protected from all the above changes. <p>(b) that a Council Tax Support Hardship Fund of £10,000 be set aside for 2014/15 on condition that proportionate contributions from major precepting Authorities can be secured; and</p> <p>(c) that the Local Council Tax Support scheme be reviewed on an annual basis.</p>

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(4)	Cabinet (11 December 2013)	Deployment of High Speed Broadband (Minute No. CT/93/2013/2014)	The recommendation that the Council allocates £1.6m in the Capital Programme for 2015/2016 for the further rollout of high speed broadband across the district
(5)	Cabinet (11 December 2013)	GO Shared Services – Amendments to Governance Arrangements (Minute No. CT/94/2013/2014)	The recommendations that the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Extends the existing governance arrangements for GO Shared Services to November 2020 in line with the Collaboration Agreement; (b) Approves changes to the governance arrangements so that responsibility for the provision of Agresso Business World system administration and associated telephone helpdesk functions be amended from Forest of Dean District Council to Cotswold District Council; and (c) Authorises the relevant Strategic Director to complete the appropriate legal agreements (for (i) and (ii) above), in consultation with the Head of Legal and Property Services and the Cabinet Member for Resources.
(6)	Cabinet (15 January 2014)	2014/2015 Budget and Council Tax Base (Report No. 6)	The recommendations that the Council approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Draft base budgets for 2014/2015 totalling £11,201,000 for Total Cost of Services and £9,470,200 for Net Expenditure as detailed in Appendix A of the Cabinet report; (ii) the revised Capital Programme for 2013/2014 totalling £5,067,900 as detailed in Appendix B; (iii) the draft Capital Programme for 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 totalling £7,603,700 as detailed in Appendix B; and (iv) the Council Tax Base shown in Appendix C, calculated at 40,614.82 for the year 2014/2015.

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(7)	Cabinet (15 January 2014)	Revised Medium Term Financial Strategy 2013-2023 (Report No. 7)	The recommendation that the Council approves the options set out in the Cabinet report and Appendix B thereto with regard to the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy; spending targets and supporting principles.
(8)	Cabinet (15 January 2014)	Acquisition of Land in Chipping Norton (Report No. 12)	The recommendation that the Council approves the addition of a sum of £150,000 to the 2013/14 Capital Programme consequent to the Cabinet's decision to authorise the purchase of land in Chipping Norton: