

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2017

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE

To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees from 16 November 2016 to 11 January 2017.

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 held since the last Council meeting.

3.2. There is a meeting of Cabinet to be held on 11 January 2017. It is likely that this will give rise to recommendations to Council and the text reflects, so far as possible, the recommendations contained in the relevant reports. The full minutes of the meeting will be circulated on Friday 13 January 2017.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

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

	Meeting and Date	Subject; and Agenda Item No. or Minute Reference	Recommendations
(a)	Cabinet 16 November 2016	Options to Improve Waste Service Delivery (Minute No. CT/87(b)/2016/2017)	The recommendation that the Council approves one off growth of £74,500 to be included within the refresh of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and budget in 2017/18 to facilitate the transfer of the garden waste collection service to UBICO Limited with effect from March 2017.
(b)	Cabinet 14 December 2016	Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/2018 (Minute No. CT/94/2016/2017)	<p>The recommendations:-</p> <p>(a) That the current Council Tax Support scheme in relation to Working Age claimants for 2017/18, including any uprating, be amended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The removal of the family premium on all new claims for working age claimants in line with Housing Benefit; ii) The reduction of backdating from six months to one month in line with Housing Benefit; iii) The amendment of the period for which a person can be absent from Great Britain and receive Council Tax Support to four weeks in line with Housing Benefit ; iv) The limiting of the number of dependent children to two (with exceptions where there are multiple births) on new claims in line with Housing Benefit, Universal Credit and Tax Credits; v) The reduction of the number of extended weeks from 13 weeks to four weeks in line with Housing Benefit; vi) The disregarding in full of child maintenance payments for those customers in receipt of Universal Credit; <p>(b) That those defined as disabled and those in receipt of War Widows Pension and/or War Disablement Pension, be protected from all the above changes.</p>

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(c)	Cabinet 14 December 2016	Devolution Update – Combined Authority and Directly Elected Mayor Proposal (Minute No. CT/101/2016/2017)	The recommendation that the Council supports the principle of a Devolution bid with Oxfordshire partners underpinned by governance arrangements of a Combined Authority and elected Mayor so that it can maximise the infrastructure improvements desired by residents in the swiftest way possible.
(d)	Audit and General Purposes Committee 15 December 2016	Appointment Process for External Auditors (Minute no. AGP/40/2016/2017)	The recommendation that the Council opts in to the appointing person arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of the external auditors, on the basis and for the reasons set out in the report to the Committee.
(e)	Audit and General Purposes Committee 15 December 2016	Future Provision of Internal Audit Services (Minute no. AGP/42/2016/2017)	The recommendation that the Council (a) accepts the proposal from the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) to provide internal audit services to the Council; and (b) authorises the Strategic Director (section 151 officer) to take the necessary steps for the Council to become a shareholder in SWAP with effect from 1 April 2017.
(f)	Cabinet 11 January 2017	2017/2018 Budget and Council Tax Base (Agenda Item No. 6)	The recommendations to approve:- (a) the revised Capital Programme for 2016/17 totalling £10,017,000 as detailed in Appendix B to the Cabinet report; (b) the draft Capital Programme for 2017/18 to 2021/22 totalling £15,725,900 as detailed in Appendix B; (c) the Council Tax Base shown in Appendix C, calculated at 42,580.71 for the year 2017/18; (d) that the National Non-domestic Rates Return 1 (NNDR 1) for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) is delegated to the Council's Chief Financial Officer (s.151) prior to its submission date of 31st January 2017;

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(g)	Cabinet 11 January 2017	Community Infrastructure Levy (Agenda Item No. 9)	The recommendation to approve the proposed suggested changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule attached as an Appendix to the Cabinet report for the purposes of a six week period of public consultation in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations as amended.