

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019**

**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 8 November 2018 to 16 January 2019.

**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 16 January 2019. It is likely that this will give rise to recommendations to Council and the text set out in items (e) to (j) of the [Appendix](#) reflects the recommendations contained in the applicable reports. The full minutes of the meeting will be circulated on Friday 18 January.

**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 Minute Reference or Agenda Item No.	Recommendations
(a)	<p>Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee 22 November 2018</p> <p>Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee 28 November 2018</p> <p>Cabinet 12 December 2018</p>	<p>Notice of Motion – Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers (Minute Nos. E&amp;S/50/2018/19, F&amp;M/53/2018/19 &amp; CT/81/2018/19)</p>	<p>The recommendations regarding this matter are to be dealt with at Agenda Item No. 8.</p>
(b)	<p>Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee 28 November 2018</p> <p>Cabinet 12 December 2018</p>	<p>Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/2020 (Minute No. F&amp;M/52/2018/19)</p> <p>(Minute No. CT/84/2018/19)</p>	<p>The recommendation that the Council supports:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the amendment of the current Council Tax Support scheme in relation to Working Age claimants for 2019/20, including any uprating, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The introduction of a banded scheme which would see a simple flat rate percentage discount awarded, depending on a person's total weekly 'net' income as set out at minute No. F&amp;M/52/(a)i</li> <li>(ii) All child maintenance payments being ignored when calculating weekly income.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) the proposal that those defined as disabled and those in receipt of War Widows Pension and/or War Disablement Pension, be protected from the above proposed changes.</li> </ul>
(c)	<p>Development Control Committee 10 December 2018</p>	<p>Notice of Motion – Water Discharge (Minute No. DC/15/2018/19)</p>	<p>The recommendation regarding this matter is to be dealt with at Agenda Item No. 9.</p>

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(d)	Cabinet 12 December 2018	Policy to Implement New Enforcement Powers in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (Minute No. CT/82/2018/19)	The recommendation that the Council incorporates the approved powers to impose Civil Penalties and to deal with the matters specified in Section 3 of the Cabinet report into the Officer Delegations in Part 4 of the Constitution.
(e)	Cabinet 16 January 2019	Policy to Review and Implement Charges for Serving Enforcement Notices under the Housing Act 2004 (Agenda Item No. 9)	The recommendations that the Council:-  (i) incorporates the recommended charge for serving Enforcement Notices into the fees and charges for 2019/2020, to be effective from 1 April 2019.  (ii) incorporates the delegation to the Group Manager, Professional Services to agree the reduction or waiver of a fee where special circumstances might apply into the Officer Delegations in Part 4 of the Constitution.
(f)	Cabinet 16 January 2019	Council Tax Premium for Long Term Empty Properties) (Agenda Item No. 10)	The recommendation that the Council increases the Long Term Empty Property Premium as set out in the report.
(g)	Cabinet 16 January 2019	Retail Relief for Business Rates (Agenda Item No. 11)	The recommendation that the Council incorporates the delegation to the Group Manager for Customer Services to award Retail Rate Relief in accordance with the approved scheme into the Officer Delegations in Part 4 of the Constitution.

(h)	Cabinet 16 January 2019	2019/2020 Budget and Council Tax Base (Agenda Item No. 12)	The recommendations that the Council approves:-  (i) the revised Capital Programme for 2018/19 totalling £8,769,072 as detailed in Appendix C to the Cabinet report;  (ii) the draft Capital Programme for 2019/20 to 2028/29 totalling £64,435,000 as detailed in Appendix C;  (iii) the Council Tax Base shown in Appendix D, calculated at 43,593.56 for the year 2019/20;  (iv) (iv) 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 2019;
(i)	Cabinet 16 January 2019	Revised Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019 – 2028 (Agenda Item No. 13)	The recommendation that the Council approves the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy, spending targets and principles supporting it, as set out in the Appendices to the Cabinet report will be considered in February in conjunction with the final budget setting process.
(j)	Cabinet 16 January 2019	Proposed Compulsory Purchase of the Unicorn Public House, Great Rollright. (Agenda Item No. 14)	The recommendation that the Council makes budgetary provision to enable the resolution to commence Compulsory Purchase proceedings to be implemented, by setting £300,000 aside from earmarked reserves.