

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of decisions taken by the **Cabinet Member for Resources** at a meeting held in Committee Room Two, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney on **Wednesday 21 August 2019** at 9:00am in accordance with powers delegated by the Leader of the Council

PRESENT

Councillor Toby Morris (Cabinet Member for Resources)

Officers in Attendance: Mandy Fathers and Paul Cracknell

4. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 3 July 2019, copies of which had been circulated, was signed by the Cabinet Member for Resources.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, being of the opinion that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during the remaining item of business there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)), the public be excluded from the meeting.

6. DISCRETIONARY COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT

The report of the Group Manager for Residents' Services containing exempt information regarding an application for Discretionary Council Tax Discount submitted under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 was received and considered.

DECISION: That the application for Discretionary Council Tax Discount be not approved and the applicant be required to meet the full Council Tax liability, including the 200% empty property premium once that falls due.

REASONS: Given that the property had remained empty and unfurnished for almost two years pending the redevelopment of the site with no attempt on the part of the owner to bring it back into use or secure its demolition and in the absence of any evidence of financial hardship, the Cabinet Member for Resources saw no reason to deviate from the Council's policy.

OPTIONS: The options available to the Council and the associated financial implications were set out at paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report.

The meeting closed at 9.05am

Cabinet Member for Resources