

Tuesday, 2 November 2021

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## CABINET

You are summoned to a meeting of the Cabinet which will be held in the Council Chamber, Woodgreen, Witney, OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 2.00 pm.**



Giles Hughes  
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

Councillors: Michele Mead (Leader), David Harvey (Deputy Leader), Suzi Coul, Merilyn Davies, Jane Doughty, Jeff Haine and Norman MacRae MBE.

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# AGENDA

1. **Notice of Decisions (Pages 5 - 12)**  
To receive notice of the decisions taken at the meeting held on 13 October 2021.
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee on any items to be considered at the meeting
4. **Participation of the Public**  
To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.
5. **Receipt of Announcements**  
Purpose:  
To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council or Members of the Cabinet.
6. **Homeseeker Plus Policy Update (Pages 13 - 134)**  
Purpose  
To update Members on the legislative changes needed to ensure that the HomeseekerPlus Policy meets the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Allocation of Accommodation standards and reflects the outcome of the stakeholder consultation.  
  
Recommendations  
That Cabinet:
  - a) Approves the Policy for adoption; and
  - b) Give approval for the HomeseekerPlus Management Board to:
    - Confirm the date for adoption once all partners have approval through their individual authorities governance structure (likely to be early 2022)
    - Professionally format the Policy prior to publication
7. **Our House and Housing First Project Updates and Funding Extension Options (Pages 135 - 148)**  
Purpose  
To update members on the 'Our House' and Housing First projects since their inception, to recommend the continuation of the projects and outline future opportunities over the next two years.  
  
Recommendations  
That Cabinet:
  - a) Agrees the recommendation to continue the projects for a further 18 months from April 2022;
  - b) That Cabinet agrees to outsource the Support element of both projects via waiver;

- c) Agrees to the exploration of external funding sources including bidding for Government and/or community grant funds in order to continue the projects;
- d) Agrees to use Housing Reserve / Housing Grant Underspend as set out in 2.35 to guarantee the continuation of the projects whilst alternative funding options are explored; and
- e) Approves the delegation of any amendments to these allocations to the Housing Manager in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness subject to compliance with funding allocation conditions.

8. **Use of the Internet and Social Media in Investigations and Enforcement Policy (Pages 149 - 158)**

Purpose

To present Cabinet with a new Use of the Internet and Social Media in Investigations and Enforcement Policy for adoption.

Recommendations

- (a) That Cabinet approves and adopts the Policy attached to this report; and
- (b) That Cabinet authorise the Chief Executive to approve future minor amendments to the Policy in consultation with the Counter Fraud Unit Manager, Legal Services and the Leader of the Council.

9. **Community Facility Grant Awards - 2nd Round - 2021/22 (Pages 159 - 168)**

Purpose

To consider applications for grant aid from the Community Facilities Grant Scheme.

Recommendation

That Cabinet agrees to award grants in accordance with the recommendations set out in Annex A.