

Tuesday, 8 November 2022

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CABINET

You are summoned to a meeting of the Cabinet which will be held in Chipping Norton Town Hall, Lower Room, OX7 5NJ, on **Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 2.00 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

Councillors: Andy Graham (Leader), Duncan Enright (Deputy Leader) Joy Aitman, Lidia Arciszewska, Duncan Enright, Andy Graham, Dan Levy, Mathew Parkinson, Andrew Prosser, Carl Rylett and Geoff Saul

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AGENDA

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022.
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations from Members of Cabinet on any items to be considered at the meeting
4. **Participation of the Public**
Members of the public may ask a question at a meeting of Cabinet for up to three minutes on any item of business for decision at the meeting or on any issue that affects the district or its people. Members of the public wishing to speak at a Cabinet meeting must notify democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk, including their name and the agenda item or topic they wish to speak on, by 2.00pm two clear working days before the meeting (e.g. for a Wednesday meeting, the deadline would be 2.00pm on the Friday before). If the topic of the question is not within the remit of the Council, advice will be provided on where best to direct the question. The relevant Cabinet Member will either respond verbally at the meeting or provide a written response which will be included in the minutes of the meeting.
5. **Receipt of Announcements**
Purpose:
To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council or Cabinet Members.
6. **Council Tax Support Scheme (Pages 11 - 18)**
Purpose
To present the results of the public consultation on proposals for revising the current Council Tax Support scheme with effect from 1 April 2023

Recommendation
That Cabinet resolves to recommend to Council to approve the increase to income bands as detailed within paragraph 2.5 from 1 April 2023.
7. **Rural England Prosperity Fund (Pages 19 - 22)**
Purpose
To inform Cabinet of the Council's indicative allocation of funding under the Rural England Prosperity Fund, to seek in principle approval of the overall approach to use of that funding and to seek delegated authority to finalise the submission to Government which is due by 30 November 2022.

Recommendations
That Cabinet resolves to:
 - a) Note the Council's indicative allocation of £716,216 from the Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund;
 - b) Approve the proposed approach to the use of the fund set out in this report;
 - c) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the submission to Government in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the S151 Officer.

8. **Playing Pitch Strategy (Pages 23 - 122)**

Purpose

To consider the findings and recommendations proposed by consultants commissioned to develop a Playing Pitch Strategy for the District and to approve the Strategy.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

- a) Endorse the findings of the consultants and approves the Playing Pitch Strategy, including its key recommendations and site specific action plan;
- b) Authorise officers to work in partnership with other organisations to establish the feasibility and funding sources for the projects identified within the strategy and to prepare business cases, where opportunities arise, and bring them forward for consideration;
- c) Approve the relevant resources including an allocation of £50,000 from the Council's Priority Fund for a fixed term post to support and facilitate the development of partnerships and bring business cases forward for approval.

9. **Response to Oxford City Council Local Plan 2040 Preferred Options Consultation (Pages 123 - 136)**

Purpose

To agree the District Council's response to Oxford City Council's Preferred Option Local Plan consultation.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

- a) Note the contents of the report;
- b) Agree that the draft response attached at Annex A be submitted to Oxford City Council

10. **Community Facilities Grant 2nd Round 2022/23 (Pages 137 - 140)**

Purpose

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

Recommendation

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

11. **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS3b) of Carterton Leisure Centre (Pages 141 - 146)**

Purpose

For Cabinet to consider and review the PSDS3b (Public Decarbonisation Scheme) grant application process, including the proposed stages, associated costs and risks.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

- a) Support the proposed application process;
- b) Approve a pre contract at risk budget of £53,000.

12. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

If Cabinet wishes to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for Cabinet to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of the Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. **Exempt Annex B to item 11: Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS3b) of Carterton Leisure Centre (Pages 147 - 148)**

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