

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of decisions taken by the **Cabinet Member for Resources** at a meeting held via video conferencing on **Wednesday 14 April 2021** at 9:00 am
in accordance with powers delegated by the Leader of the Council

PRESENT

Councillor Toby Morris (Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader)

Officers in Attendance: Mandy Fathers (Business Manager Operational Services); Ben Amor (Senior Strategic Support Officer); and Adrienne Frazer (Strategic Support Officer)

The meeting started with a minutes silence to pay our respects to the late HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

1. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 7 April 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were agreed.

2. FLOOD SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

The Cabinet Member received the report of the Business Manager for Operational Support and Enabling which requested support for households and businesses affected by flooding in the winter of 2020/2021.

It was noted that the Councillor referred to in the report was incorrect and should be amended to Councillor Morris. The Cabinet Member also noted that the risk mentioned in section 3.1, that more than six households may be flooded and therefore due an award, was unlikely to increase as the weather is now improving.

DECISION: The following recommendations were approved:

- a) The use of the Council's discretionary powers, in relation to Council Tax, as detailed within paragraph 2.4 of this report for those residential properties severely impacted by flooding;
- b) The award of additional discretionary council tax discounts as detailed in paragraph 2.3 of this report;
- c) The use of the Council's discretionary powers, in relation to Business Rates, as detailed within paragraph 2.7 of this report for those business properties severely impacted by flooding;
- d) That delegated authority be given to the Group Manager for Resident Services to review and approve such discounts in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance.

REASONS: The Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader considered that it is important that residents are supported by the Council when their homes are affected.

The meeting closed at 9.10 am

Cabinet Member for Resources