

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## Cabinet



held on Friday 8 December 2017 at 10.30 am  
in the Meeting Room 1, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB

### Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Matthew Barber (Chairman), Roger Cox (Vice-Chairman), Eric Batts, Charlotte Dickson, Robert Sharp and Elaine Ware

Officers: Steve Culliford, Andrew Down, William Jacobs, Margaret Reed and Mark Stone

Also present: Councillor Yvonne Constance and David Fairall (Capita HR)

Number of members of the public: None

### Ca.42 Apologies for absence

Councillor Mike Murray had submitted an apology for absence.

### Ca.43 Minutes

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 22 September, 6 and 13 October 2017 as correct records and agree that the Chairman signs them as such.

### Ca.44 Declarations of interest

None

### Ca.45 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None

### Ca.46 Public participation

None

### Ca.47 Housing delivery strategy 2018 to 2028

Cabinet considered the report of the head of development, regeneration and housing. This proposed the adoption of a joint housing delivery strategy with South Oxfordshire District Council, to cover the period 2018 to 2028. The focus of the strategy was for the council to take on the role of housing delivery enabler to assist in meeting housing targets.

Following a study of housing need and housing market trends, the strategy had been developed to housing developments could meet that need, developments could progress with minimal delay and were of good quality. The strategy would also help provide homes that were suitable for everyone, including enabling independent living, and provide homes that were affordable to those whose needs were not met by the market. The action plan would enable the council to be more in control over future housing developments in the district.

Cabinet welcomed the strategy.

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the Joint Housing Delivery Strategy 2018–2028.

#### **Ca.48 Council tax base**

Cabinet considered the head of finance's report regarding the setting of the council tax base for 2018/19. Before the council tax could be set by Council, a calculation had to be made of the council tax base: an estimate of the taxable resources for the whole district and for each parish.

Cabinet noted how the council tax base was calculated and noted the assumptions made as part of that calculation. Cabinet was asked to recommend the council tax base to Council. Once set by Council in December, the council tax base would be notified to Oxfordshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and each parish and town council to allow them to set their budgets for 2018/19.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council:

- (a) That the report of the head of finance to Cabinet on 8 December 2017 for the calculation of the council's tax base and the calculation of the tax base for each parish area for 2018/19 be approved;
- (b) That, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Vale of White Horse District Council as its council tax base for the year 2018/19 be 50,451.8; and
- (c) That, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Vale of White Horse District Council as the council tax base for the year 2018/19 for each parish be the amount shown against the name of that parish in Appendix 1 of the report of the head of finance to Cabinet on 8 December 2017.

#### **Ca.49 Exclusion of the public, including the press**

**RESOLVED:** to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business under Part 1 of Schedule 12A Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 on the grounds that:

- (i) it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and
- (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**Ca.50 Exempt minutes**

Cabinet adopted the exempt minutes from its meeting held on 13 October 2017.

**Ca.51 Corporate services contract**

Cabinet agreed changes to the Five Councils' Partnership's corporate services contracts.

**Ca.52 Management restructure**

Cabinet agreed a new management structure.