

To: Members of the Policy Committee

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NOTICE OF MEETING - POLICY COMMITTEE 18 JANUARY 2021

A meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Monday, 18 January 2021 at 6.30 pm via Microsoft Teams. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED SESSION

1. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following motion will be moved by the Chair:

“That, pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) members of the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following items on the agenda, as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of that Act”

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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| 3. LOCAL AUTHORITY NEW BUILD - WENSLEY ROAD ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS | MINSTER | 5 - 6 |
| 4. RIVER VIEW INTERIM BLOCK CONTRACT: NURSING DEMENTIA | BOROUGH WIDE | 7 - 12 |

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC SESSION

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| 5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
| 6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | |
| 7. MINUTES | 13 - 20 |
| 8. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS | |

To receive any petitions from the public and any questions from the public and Councillors.

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| 9. | DECISION BOOKS | | 21 - 22 |
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| 10. | THAMES VALLEY POLICE | | |
| <p>To receive presentations from the Thames Valley Police Chief Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner.</p> | | | |
| 11. | ADULT SOCIAL CARE ASSET REVIEW AND CAPITAL STRATEGY | BOROUGH WIDE | 23 - 64 |
| <p>This report provides an overview of the Adult Social Care (ASC) Asset Review and Capital Strategy and sets out a recommended option proposing the development of two sites to provide a consolidation of ASC services, which allows the needs of service users to be met and enables housing opportunities to be maximised.</p> | | | |
| 12. | SITES TRANSFER - APPROPRIATION OF LAND FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT | BOROUGH WIDE | 65 - 72 |
| <p>This report seeks approval to appropriate four vacant sites, earmarked for housing in the Local Plan, from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account, in order that they can be considered for the development of new council housing.</p> | | | |
| 13. | SUPPORTED LIVING RENT INCREASE FROM APRIL 2021 | BOROUGH WIDE | 73 - 80 |
| <p>This report proposes a rent increase within the Council's Supported Living properties utilised within Adult Social Care to bring rents in line with similar Council properties.</p> | | | |
| 14. | LOCAL AUTHORITY NEW BUILD - WENSLEY ROAD ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS | MINSTER | 81 - 86 |
| <p>This report requests spend approval to deliver the proposed development of 46 homes, 25 new garages and wider estate improvements at Wensley Road, and also seeks authority to award contracts for the proposed development and the appropriation of a number of garages to the Council's Housing Revenue Account.</p> | | | |
| 15. | EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR LOW CARBON INVESTMENT | BOROUGH WIDE | 87 - 146 |
| <p>This report informs the Committee of funding applications being submitted and prepared in pursuit of funding opportunities which will help deliver the Council's policy commitments in relation to climate change and seeks approval to spend grant funding should the applications be successful.</p> | | | |
| 16. | ACCEPTANCE OF CULTURE RECOVERY FUND GRANTS | BOROUGH WIDE | 147 - 154 |

This report advises the Committee of the award of grants from the Arts Council England culture recovery fund and The National Lottery Heritage Fund's culture recovery fund for heritage, totalling £1.069m.

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| 17. | CIVIL ENFORCEMENT (PARKING) CONTRACT AND PARKING STRATEGY - UPDATE | BOROUGH WIDE | 155 - 160 |
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This report provides an update on the development of a new Parking Strategy and a new Civil Enforcement Contract, and seeks approval for a two-year extension to the contract for Civil Enforcement with NSL Ltd.

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| 18. | SUPPORTING HOUSING DELIVERY AND PUBLIC SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE - CONSULTATION RESPONSE | BOROUGH WIDE | 161 - 176 |
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This report sets out a proposed response to a government consultation on proposed changes to the existing planning system including a new permitted development right to change commercial uses into residential, changes to simplify and streamline the process for new and extended public service infrastructure, and consolidation and simplification of some existing permitted development rights.