

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held on **Monday 21st November 2016** at 7.00 in **The Garth, Garth Park, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** for the transaction of the following business:

Present:

Cllr Richard Mould – Chairman
 Cllr David Magee
 Cllr Lynn Pratt
 Cllr Dan Sames
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Rose Stratford

In Attendance:

Cllr Sean Gaul
 Sue Mackrell – Chief Officer
 Angie Suter – Administrator

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		Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Adrian Colwell, Cherwell District Council was present to give an overview on the East West Expressway.
208/1617	1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr David Anderson, Cllr Jolanta Lis, Cllr Nick Mawer and Cllr Lawrie Stratford.</p>
209/1617	2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>RESOLVED that a declaration of interest was received from Cllr Lynn Pratt regarding agenda item 6 – Consultation from Feoffee.</p>
210/1617	3	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors confirmed the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting:</p> <p>POL03/1617 – 19th September 2016.</p>
211/1617	4	<p>ASSET MANAGEMENT</p>
	4.1	<p>ASSETS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>Now in the process of wrapping up the task and finish group with the Chief Officer.</p>
	4.2	<p>GARTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>Researchers at Oxford Brookes University have been put forward for a prestigious prize for the work done on the Garth House Improvements Project.</p>

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	4.3	<p>BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>We are awaiting the latest plans from A2 Dominion with the schedule for releasing land. Once we have this information we can approach the companies expressing an interest and draw up a planning application accordingly.</p>
212/1617	5	<p>MAJOR TOWN INITIATIVES</p> <p>Councillors were asked to note and comment as appropriate on the minutes from the following meetings:</p> <p>5.1 Bicester Vision Executive Board Meeting - Thursday 4 August 2016</p> <p>5.2 Bicester Vision Executive Board Meeting – Thursday 6 October 2016</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors noted the above minutes.</p>
213/1617	6	<p>CONSULTATION FROM FEOFEE</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors considered their response to the consultation form Feofee regarding changes they wish to make to their constitution.</p> <p>All in favour of the changes. Motion carried.</p>
214/1617	7	<p>BICESTER TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS 2016 OPENING ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors approved the following recommendation:</p> <p>1. The Policy Committee agrees that the Council offices close from midday on December 23rd 2016 until 3rd January 2017.</p> <p>2. The Policy Committee agrees to grant an extra days leave to facilitate this closure.</p>
215/1617	8	<p>AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors noted the recommendation:</p> <p>Councillors are encouraged to complete the survey as individuals at the link detailed above and to formulate a comment to be submitted from Bicester Town Council.</p>
216/1617	9	<p>CONSULTATION ON THE REMOVAL OF BRITISH TELECOM (BT) PHONE BOXES</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors agreed with CDC's intention to remove 5 phone boxes.</p>

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217/1617	10	<p>BUDGETS 2017/2018</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors agreed with the recommendation:</p> <p>That the budget for 2017/2018 is approved and recommended to Town Council for adoption at its budget setting meeting on January 16th 2017.</p> <p>All in favour, motion carried.</p>
218/1617	11	<p>LATE ITEM</p> <p>OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION. THE FUTURE OF DAYTIME SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE OVER 18 YEARS.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors are happy for the Chief Officer and head of Policy to formulate as response and circulated to members prior to submitting it to OCC.</p>
219/1617	12	<p>ITEMS TO NOTE:</p> <p>None to note.</p>
220/1617	13	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors noted the forward plan and that the East West Expressway be added.</p>
221/1617	13	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7pm</p>
222/1617	14	<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p>
223/1617	15	<p>RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF OFFICER</p> <p>RESOLVED to give authorisation to Cllr Mould to negotiate a starting salary with the candidate within the guidelines agreed.</p> <p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 20:45 hrs</p>