

Council

Thursday, 22 July 2021

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 22 July 2021. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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Civic Affairs Committee, 10 June: Babraham and Sawston Community Governance Review

Council **Agreed** that

- A)** A new parish boundary between Sawston and Babraham (as proposed by Sawston Parish Council) be adopted (as presented at Appendix A).
- B)** A formal request be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to realign the district council ward boundary between Duxford and Sawston wards so that they remain aligned with the new parish boundary.

Appointments to Committees and other bodies

Council

Endorsed the replacement of Councillor Peter McDonald by Councillor Henry Batchelor as the Council-nominated member on the Investment Partnerships Boards.

Standing in the name of Councillor Martin Cahn

This Motion was withdrawn.

Standing in the name of Councillor Heather Williams

Council **Agreed** the following motion.

This Council recognises that the minutes relating to private meetings of this Council and its Committees can be made available to the public if the grounds for exclusion of the meeting no longer apply. This Council recognises the importance of openness and transparency and will share the minutes of meetings wherever possible in accordance with the provisions of the law and the constraints of commercial confidentiality.

Standing in the name of Councillor Dr Ian Sollom

Council **Agreed** the following motion

Council strongly disapproves of the decision of the Government to remove the 'temporary' uplift in Universal Credit on 1st October.

Council agrees with the former leader of the Conservative Party and architect of Universal Credit, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, and five of his ministerial successors at the Department for Work and Pensions (Stephen Crabb, Damian Green, David Gauke, Esther McVey and Amber Rudd) that a failure to keep the uplift in place would 'damage living standards, health and opportunities [for those that] need our support most as we emerge from the pandemic [...] and the extra £20 [...] has been essential in allowing people to live with dignity'.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to request that the uplift be incorporated permanently into Universal Credit.

Standing in the name of Councillor Pippa Heylings

Council **Agreed** the following motion:

This Council

- believes planning works best when local communities are empowered to work together with developers to shape local areas and deliver new homes that are affordable to live in;
- asks the Leader of the Council to call on the Government to protect the right of communities to have a voice on individual planning applications; and to ensure that any changes to the S106 system lead to an increase in the supply of affordable housing.

Cabinet, 22 March 2021: Ermine Street Housing Business Plan

Council

Agreed To receive the Ermine Street Business Plan for the period 2020/2021 to 2029/2030 for information.