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City Executive Board

Date: **Friday 23 November 2012**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford**

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City Executive Board

Membership

Chair

Councillor Bob Price	Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships
Councillor Ed Turner	Finance and Efficiency
Councillor Colin Cook	City Development
Councillor Van Coulter	Leisure Services
Councillor Steven Curran	Young People, Education and Community Development
Councillor Mark Lygo	Parks and Sports
Councillor Scott Seamons	Housing
Councillor Dee Sinclair	Crime and Community Safety
Councillor Val Smith	Customer Services and Regeneration
Councillor John Tanner	Cleaner, Greener Oxford

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<p>Lead Member: Councillor Turner</p> <p>Report of the Head of Customer Services</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to provide feedback from the recent consultation on the proposed Local Council Support Scheme, agree the principles of the new scheme (which will then be drawn up for approval by Council on 17th December 2012) and to agree the Council Tax Discount and Exemption proposals for inclusion in the budget setting consultation.</p> <p><u>Recommendations:-</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Note the outcome of the consultation on the proposed Local Council tax Support Scheme;(2) Instruct officers to draft the details of the new Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2013/14 replicating the provisions of the existing Council Tax Benefit Scheme and submit the new Local Council Tax Support Scheme to council for approval at its meeting on the 17th December 2012;(3) Agree the Council Tax Discount and Exemption amendments as set out in paragraph 20 for inclusion in the budget setting and consultation.	

6 TENANT AND RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY 2012

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Lead Member: Councillor Seamons

Report of the Executive Director Community Services

The purpose of the report is to recommend a new strategy for involvement that will achieve best practice, meet regulatory requirements and the aspirations of tenants. This follows a review of current involvement of tenants/leaseholders on Oxford City Council by the Tenant Participation and Advisory Service (TPAS)

Recommendations:-

- (1) To approve the proposed Tenant Involvement Strategy “Keeping Customers and Communities at the Heart of what we do”;
- (2) To approve the action plan for implementation.

7 OXPENS MEADOW - DEED OF DEDICATION

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Lead Member: Councillor Executive Board Member for Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships

Report of the Executive Director City Regeneration

The purpose of the report is to consider the dedication of part of Oxpens Meadow as a Queen Elizabeth II Field, by imposing restrictive covenants in favour of the Field in Trust/National Playing Fields Association, to remain as public open space in perpetuity.

Recommendations:-

- (1) To agree the dedication of part of Oxpens Meadow (as specified on the plan attached to the report) as a QEII Field as a lasting legacy to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her Diamond Jubilee year;
- (2) To agree to amend the resolution of the Board of 8th February 2012, and instead to agree to the Council entering into a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust (FIT) for the area highlighted on the plan attached to the report, and otherwise on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Head of Corporate Property.

8 MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

PART TWO
MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

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