

## **ADDRESS TO FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

### **PATRICK COULTER FOR HEADINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM.**

#### **PROPOSED GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR A COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR HEADINGTON.**

I'm Chair of Headington Neighbourhood Forum. We warmly support the proposed governance review for a Community Council for Headington.

The provision of a Community Council has been a key policy of the Headington Neighbourhood Plan from the outset. We recognised the need for a body to deliver the Plan policies and projects in the long term.

The Community Council would also help to develop a sense of identity for Headington and would strengthen and improve community cohesion. We have excellent local councillors in Headington both City and County. The Community Council would be a democratically provided layer of support for the work of our councillors.

We are pleased to offer all our support to officers as they carry out the governance review. For example we can encourage local groups to respond to the consultation.

A key task for us all is to build strong and cohesive communities in Oxford. We believe that a Headington Community Council could make a major contribution to this work.

Thank you.

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