

DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Not to fly the flag of Kashmir from the 1930s extension flagpole to mark the National Day of Kashmir on 24 October 2022.
Decision date:	Monday 17 October 2022
Source of delegation:	<p>The City Executive Board (now Cabinet) delegated responsibility to the Head of Law and Governance on 13 March 2019 for the operation of the Flag Flying Protocol, including the arrangements for considering one-off requests and for holding and maintaining the List of Annual Flag Flying Commitments and the List of Annual Bell Ringing Commitments.</p> <p>The Head of Law and Governance delegated responsibility to deal with any Flag Flying responsibilities in accordance with the Flag Flying Protocol to the Committee and Member Services Manager.</p>
What decision was made?	Not to fly the flag of Kashmir from the 1930s extension flagpole to mark the National Day of Kashmir on 24 October 2022.
Purpose:	Not to fly the flag of Kashmir from the 1930s extension flagpole to mark the National Day of Kashmir on 24 October 2022.
Reasons:	<p>Oxford City Council's Protocol for Flag Flying and Bell Ringing states that additional one-off flag flying requests will only be considered if the relevant mast is available on the date(s) in question. In this instance there was an existing annual commitment to fly the United Nations flag from the 1930s extension flagpole on 24 October to mark United Nations Day, rendering the relevant mast unavailable. The annual commitment to fly the United Nations flag on 24 October was agreed by the City Executive Board (now Cabinet) on 13 March 2019.</p> <p>The Protocol also sets out a hierarchy of flag flying commitments. The hierarchy sets out that occasions the Council has chosen to recognise annually will take precedent over one-off requests. In this instance the annual commitment to fly the United Nations flag on 24 October takes precedent over the one-off request to fly the flag of Kashmir.</p>
Decision made by:	Alice Courtney, Committee and Member Services Manager (Interim Acting)

Other options considered:	To fly the flag of Kashmir. This option was rejected in accordance with Oxford City Council's Protocol for Flag Flying and Bell Ringing, due to an annual commitment to fly the United Nations flag from the 1930s extension flagpole on 24 October to mark United Nations Day and in accordance with the hierarchy of commitments set out in the Protocol.
Documents considered:	None
Key or Not Key:	Not Key
Wards significantly affected:	None
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Alice Courtney Committee and Member Services Manager (Interim Acting) 18 October 2022

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Alice Courtney, Committee and Member Services Manager	18 October 2022

Consultee checklist

<i>Consultees</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Susan Brown, Leader of the Council	17 October 2022