

To: All Councillors

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Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE was held on Thursday, 11 May 2023. The Decisions taken at the meeting are set out below.

The deadline for call-in of any of these decisions for scrutiny (within five working days) will be **NOON ON FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023**. Members must notify Susan Sale, Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) by e-mail, telephone or letter if they wish to refer a decision to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Constitution requires that **five non-Executive Members may call-in** a decision of the Executive for scrutiny.

Members should contact their Chairman or Vice-Chairman before calling any items in.

Yours sincerely

Susan Sale  
Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer

## **NOTE FOR MEMBERS**

The item numbers below correspond to the item numbers on the Executive Agenda.

### **AGENDA**

#### **2. LOXLEY WELL, DUNSFOLD**

##### **The Executive RESOLVED**

- i. to proceed to a substantive hearing at the High Court on 8 June 2023 to challenge the Secretary of State's decision of 7 June 2022 to grant planning permission at Loxley Well under s.288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and,
- ii. authorised officers to make the necessary virement to meet the Council's external legal costs of up to £32,500 and the SoS's and UKOGs legal costs of up to £50,000 in the event the Council is unsuccessful and is ordered to pay a portion of their costs; and,
- iii. asked the Joint Chief Executive to contact Dunsfold and Alfold Parish Councils to inform them of these resolutions and explore whether those Parish Councils wish to offer their substantive support.

Reason: To continue the Council's opposition to the grant of planning permission to UKOG for drilling at Loxley Well, Dunsfold. Since holding a Listening Panel in July 2019 and hearing the concerns of local residents and businesses, and considering the wider environmental concerns, the Council has consistently expressed its opposition to any oil and gas drilling at the site. In September 2019, the Council declared a Climate Emergency and opposition to UKOG's planning permission is consistent with that declaration. Given the potential significance of the outcome of the Judicial Review, the Executive consider it a moral imperative to continue its legal challenge.

**[Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Resources]**

**For further information or assistance, please telephone Fiona Cameron,  
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