

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	30 July 2019
Title:	Flag Flying Policy
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Purpose of Report

1. To provide the background to the update of the Flag Flying Policy.

Background

2. The Flag Flying Policy was adopted at the Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting on 25 October 2016. The policy was further amended at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 1 August 2017.
3. A Thame Community Group have been working with the County Flags Officer following a request that Counties of England adopt and fly a County flag. The group has requested that the Town Council fly the Oxfordshire County Flag on St Frideswide Day (19 October). The flag has been approved and registered with the Flag Institute.
4. The Mayor and Town Clerk reviewed the request in line with the existing policy and approved the purchase of the Oxfordshire Flag.
5. The Flag Flying Policy has also been amended to include the flag flying guidance issued in May 2019 by National Association of Civic Officers concerning the 'Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure'.
6. The amendments are highlighted in red on the attached policy.

Legal Powers: Highways Act 1980, s 144; DCLG – Plain English Guide to Flying Flags Nov 2012

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- i) The amended Flag Flying Policy be adopted.***