County Council Decisions



These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking any resulting action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers circulated to all members of the Council and available on the Council's web site (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

If you have a query please contact Deborah Miller (Tel: (01865) 815384; E-Mail:deborah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Election of Chairman for the 2014/15 Council Year	Councillor Anne Purse was elected as Chairman for the 2014/15 Council Year.	HLC (R. Dunn/A. Bartlett)
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2014/15 Council Year	Councillor Val Smith was elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2014/15 Council Year.	HLC (R. Dunn/A. Bartlett)
3. Minutes		
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2014 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.	The Minutes of the Meeting held 1 April 2014 were approved and signed.	
4. Apologies for Absence	An apology for absence was received from Councillor Steve Harrod.	HLC (R. Dunn)
5. Declarations of Interest		
Members were reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.	There were none.	
6. Official Communications	The Chairman reported as follows:	
	Members were asked to note that an Armed forces Day was to be held on the 23 June 2014. Further details would be sent to all	All to note.

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
	members of the Council closer to the time.	
	 Members were informed that Rachel Dunn, Senior Democracy Officer would be in the Common Hall Café from 11.45 am – 1.00 pm for those members wishing to complete their CRB checks. 	
	Members were reminded that there would be a briefing on the City Deal and Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan from 1.00 pm to 2.00pm in the Council Chamber.	
	The Chairman invited all Members to join her for a champagne reception at the Council Site and 2.00 pm.	
7. Petitions and Public Address	There were none.	
8. Appointments		
Cabinet Membership and Delegation of Cabinet Functions		
Council is RECOMMENDED to note the delegations made by the Leader of the Council with regard to the functions of the Cabinet.	The Leader of the Council notified Council that Councillor Louise Chapman would be called Cabinet Member for Fire Service & Corporate Plan.	HLC (S. Whitehead/ A. Bartlett)
Committees and Review of Political Balance	Agreed (nem con).	
Council is RECOMMENDED to:		
 (a) to confirm the political balance on committees shown in Annex 3 to the report; (b) to appoint to committees the councillors and co-opted 	Agreed (nem con).	HLC (S. Whitehead/ A. Bartlett)
councillors and co-opted members shown in Annex 2,		

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
subject to any changes reported at the meeting.		
9. Local Transport Plan Update		
Five of the area strategies within the LTP3's implementation plan have been updated: these are for Banbury, Bicester, Carterton, Science Vale and Witney, covering the parts of the County likely to experience significant growth to 2030. The area strategy for Oxford is also currently undergoing review. The updates have been necessary to bring the proposed transport improvements in each area into line with Local Plans, thereby supporting our approach to securing funding for key infrastructure required to support planned growth. The proposed changes are in line with the overarching objectives and policies of LTP3.		
Council is RECOMMENDED to adopt the updated Area Strategies for Banbury, Bicester, Carterton, Science Vale and Witney, as attached in Annexes 1-5, to replace the current strategies for these areas in Local Transport Plan 3.	Agreed by 49 votes to 0, with 12 abstentions.	DEE (J. White)
10. Scrutiny Committees - Annual Report		
Structured to reflect the activity of the Council's three scrutiny committees; Performance Scrutiny, Education Scrutiny and Health Overview & Scrutiny. The report highlights the work carried out by each Committee to scrutinise service activity and performance as well as Cabinet decisions taken over the past year.		
The Audit and Governance Committee has reviewed this report and commented that focus on the achievements and outcomes of the work of each committee was a welcome improvement. The report has		

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
also been reviewed by the Scrutiny Chairman's Co-ordinating Group. Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report.	Agreed (nem con)	CEO (E. Hale)
11. Officer Scheme of Delegation		
At its Annual Meeting, Council is required to agree the officer scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution. The Officer Scheme of Delegation forms Part 7.3 of the Constitution and gives delegated authority to the Chief Executive, directors and to other chief officers whose titles and/or areas of responsibility are set out in Part 2, Article 11 of the Constitution.		
This report highlights some amendments to the Scheme of Delegation and to Article 11 following changes to certain post titles, the introduction of new regulations and give greater clarity to certain delegations and to the procedure that will apply when a director is required to act in the absence of the Chief Executive.		
Council is RECOMMENDED to note the amendments to Article 11 and to Part 7.3 of the Constitution, as identified in paragraphs 3 to 7 above, and to approve the Officer Scheme of Delegation (Part 7.3) as amended.	Agreed (nem con).	HLC (G. Watson)
12. Virement to Council		
Council approved the budget for 2014/15 on 19 February 2014. Annex 8 sets out virements to move £1.701m of expenditure on Supported People into the Mental Health Pool in 2014/15 consistent with the use of this budget in 2013/14.		
As at the end of February 2014 there was a forecast underspend of -£4.076m on the Public Health grant funding of £25.264m for 2013/14. Council are also		

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
recommended to approve a one-off proposed allocation of £2.000m from the Public Health grant funding towards the Capital Programme for the provision of children's homes. Through this contribution the Council will be able to discharge its responsibilities within the Children 5-19 public health programme.		
Council are RECOMMENDED to approve these virements in 2014/15.	Agreed (nem con).	CFO (K. Wilcox)