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These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site (<u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</u>.)

The decisions take effect at the time and date specified, unless before that time written notice is given in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules requiring the decision to be called in for review by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

If you have a query please contact Sue Whitehead (Tel: (01865) 810262; E-Mail: sue.whitehead@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED		DECISIONS	ACTION	
1.	Apologies for Absence	None.	CLO (A, Newman)	
2.	Declarations of Interest	None.	CLO (A. Newman)	
held o	Minutes oprove the minutes of the meeting on 23 February 2016 (CA3) and to ve information arising from them.	Agreed and signed.	SW	
4.	Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.		
5.	Petitions and Public Address	Item 6 – Councillor Price, Mark Taylor (Proprietor, Banbury Heights and Julie Richardson (Nursing Home) Item 7 – Councillor John Christie Item 8 – Councillor Jean Fooks Councillor Anne Purse		
6.	Care Home Fees 2016			
Forwa Conta	<i>net Member:</i> Adult Social Care ard Plan Ref: 2015/101 act: Andrew Colling, Quality & acts Service Manager Tel: (01865) 32			

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The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED that in view of the above:		Revised recommendations agreed as set out in the addenda and shown in bold and strikethrough.	DASS (A. Colling)
	16/17 to revise our Target Banding from April 2016 and		
(i).	Increase the Target Banding rate for the Residential-Extensive Specialist Category to £493 per		
(ii).	week for new placements. Increase all existing weekly Residential payment rates that are currently paid below £493 per week to £493 per week		
(iii).	Increase the Nursing-Extensive Target Banding Rate to £605 per week		
(iv).	Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive that are currently below £605 per week to £605 per week		
(v).	Increase the Nursing-Specialist Target Banding Rate to £662 £680 per week		
(vi).	Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive and Substantial rates that are currently below £662 £680 per week to £662 £680 per week		
(vii).	Increase the above rates to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing Care once this is announced later in April 2016.		
(viii).	Increase all other existing Care Home placements to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing care once this is announced later in April 2016		
(ix).	Continue to use these rates as a guide to secure a care home placement at a funding level as close to the Target Banding Rate as possible.		
(x).	The above to apply from April 2016 and for care home placements in Oxfordshire.		

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(xi). The Council undertakes a review to understand the impact of National Living Wage.		
7. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue - 365 Alive Vision - 2016-2022 - March 2016		
Cabinet Member. Deputy Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2015/103 Contact: Simon Furlong, Assistant Chief Fire Officer Tel: (01865) 855206		
The Cabinet are RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendations agreed.	CFO (S. Furlong)
 (a) note the completion and success of the current Vision from 2006 – 2016; (b) adopt the renewed 365alive vision with outcome based targets measures linked to a new six-year cycle (2016 to 2022) in order to align it with the Service's new Strategic Community Risk Management Plan); and (c) require the Chief Fire Officer to regularly report on the performance of the service against the vision outcomes. 		
8. Proposals on the Future of Subsidised Bus Services		
Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2016/026 Contact: Alexandra Bailey, Service Manager – Business Development Tel: 07768 027257		
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendations agreed.	DEE (A. Bailey)
(a) note the availability of the usage data attached as Annex 3.		
(b) note the limits of the data and that it		

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does not impact upon the methodology or the decision made by Cabinet.		
(c) agree to publish the usage data and seek comments from members of the public from 16 March 2016 to 14 April 2016.		
(d) receive a further report in May to review the responses from the public on the usage data.		
9. Forward Plan and Future Business		
Cabinet Member: All Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.	Noted report and addenda.	SW/AB

Question received from the following Members:

1. From Councillor Hards to Councillor Tilley

"The Family and Childcare Trust has recently reported that more than 41,000 three-year-olds are being denied the free childcare to which they are entitled, because more and more of local authorities are struggling to provide funded places. Please would the Cabinet Member for Children Education and Families tell us whether sufficient places are available across Oxfordshire and, if not, what is the geographical distribution of the areas of shortage? "

Response from Councillor Tilley

"Local Authorities have a statutory duty to secure sufficient early years provision so that families can access their funded early education entitlement. Some children are eligible to access a funded place from the term after their second birthday. All children are entitled to a funded early education place from the term after their third birthday. This means that numbers each term will fluctuate.

Across the county over the last three terms the sufficiency for three and four year olds has been:

Term	Three and four year old population	•	Actual places taken up in private and voluntary sector	Sufficiency of places
Spring 2015	11071	4712	7964	114%
Summer 2015	13155	4712	9515	108%
Autumn 2015	8254	4712	6113	131%

There are some wards in the county which suffer shortfalls. This could be due to provider closures, quality issues or movements of children across the county. These changes are monitored and capacity building takes place where shortfalls are likely to be ongoing."

Places needed have been calculated from the projected population data for 2015. This is an update, produced in May 2015 to the January 2014 ward forecasts, obtained from housing led population forecasts available at http://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/population-0.

In order to reflect when children become eligible for places (the term after a child turns 3) a calculation has been made from the projected population figures to arrive at an estimate of the number of eligible children each term. In the absence of other readily available data the calculation has assumed that monthly birth rates are consistent across the year.

2. From Councillor Hards to Councillor Nimmo Smith

"Would the Cabinet Member please confirm when the temporary patching work on the A4130 Northern Perimeter Road Didcot at Hopkins Bridge will be completed and explain what steps are being taken to find a permanent solution to the problem which I understand has arisen because of unexplained movement in the bridge abutment ?"

Response from Councillor Nimmo Smith

"The patching is required as the fill behind the piled abutment bank-seat appears to be settling due to slope stability and/or scour issues. It is programmed to be complete by the end of March but clearly programmes at this time of year are weather dependent.

The nature of this sort of failure means that movement is likely to be relatively gradual. The temporary patching will take out the worst of the unevenness and some uneven road signs will be out on site to warning drivers of the deformation. We will continue to monitor the site and consider and prioritise any permanent solution based on that information and as part of our ongoing asset management strategy."

3. From Councillor Tanner to Councillor Nimmo Smith

"Many residents in my division feel that NSL are no longer bothering to issue penalty charge notices to people who park on double yellow lines or park incorrectly in the Grandpont controlled parking zone. Could you tell me how many PCNs have been issued in my Isis division in the last year and how that number compares with the previous year?"

Response from Councillor Nimmo Smith

"Please find below the information requested for the last 2 years for visits to South Oxford Controlled Parking Zone and an average over the period.

It should also be noted that unless a complaint is received we do not enter the zone after 17.00 hrs to 09.00 hrs and at weekends due to an agreement made when we first set up Decriminalised parking (now known as Civil Enforcement). If we receive a complaint we will issue a ticket to any vehicle parked not in compliance with the regulations.

VDA = vehicle driven away PCN = Penalty charge Notice

1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015:		
Visits	7873	
Vehicles logged	3264	
PCN's issued	664	
VDA's	269	

1 April 2015 to 10 Marc	h 16:
Visits	7611
Vehicles logged	3078
PCN's issued	475
VDA's	233

These figures are 3 weeks short compared to the previous year if you add the average over the 49 weeks they are as follows.

Visits	8076
Vehicles logged	3266
PCN's issued	504
VDA's	247"

Supplementary: Replying to a question as to whether the response meant that people could park with impunity between the hours of 5.00 pm and 9.00 am Councillor Nimmo Smith commented that they would be parking illegally between those times.