## ...Decisions...Decisions...Decisions



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 (<a href="www.oxfordshire.gov.uk">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>.)

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: 07393 001213; E-Mail: sue.whitehead@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED DECISIONS		ACTION	
1. Apologies for Absence	Councillor Rose	DLG (A. Newman)	
2. Declarations of Interest	None	DLG (A. Newman)	
- guidance note opposite		,	
3. Minutes		SDC (A. WarREN)	
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2016 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Minutes agreed and signed subject to the following additional resolution to be read in conjunction with Minute 110/16 - Proposed Amendments to Traffic and Access Restrictions – Queen Street, Oxford:  To agree that the future Cabinet report on proposals for an experimental closure of Queen Street as agreed by Minute 110/16 should include consideration of banning cyclists for the experimental period.		
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.		
5. Petitions and Public Address	Petition - From Beth Knighton Director of Donnington Doorstep on a request to be considered for Transition		

CABINET - TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2017			
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6 Business Management &	Funding  Item 6 – Councillor Nick Hards, Councillor Liz Brighouse, Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee  Item 7– Councillor Nick Hards, Councillor Richard Webber  Item 8 – Rachael Scott-Hunter also submitted a petition in support of stopping the closure of day support centres Ted Cooper resident of Witney Maggie Swain, Chair of the October Club Management Committee Councillor Jenny Hannaby Councillor Janet Godden, Councillor Glynis Phillips, Councillor Liz Brighouse  Item 9 – Councillor Janet Godden, Councillor Glynis Phillips  Item 10 – Councillor Glynis Phillips  Item 11 – Jaqi Mason, Parish Councillor, Clifton Hampden & Burcot speaking on behalf of OXAGE Councillor Charles Mathew, Councillor Lynda Atkins, Councillor Steve Curran		
6. Business Management & Monitoring Report for Quarter 2 - January 2017  Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2016/087 Contact: Ian Dyson, Assistant Chief Finance Officer (Assurance) Tel 07393 001250			
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note and discuss the performance set out in this	Recommendation agreed.	ACFO Jones)	(s.

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report.		
7. Service & Resource Planning Report - 2017/18 - January 2017		
Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2016/086 Contact: Katy Jurczyszyn, Strategic Finance Manager (Finance, Strategy & Monitoring) Tel: 07584 909518		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to RECOMMEND Council to approve:	Recommendations agreed subject to the amendment shown in bold below to Recommendation 2:	CF (K. Jurczyszyn)
<ul> <li>in respect of revenue:</li> <li>(1) a budget for 2017/18 and a medium term plan to 2020/21, based on the proposals set out in Section 4.2;</li> <li>(2) a council tax requirement (precept) for 2017/18;</li> <li>(3) a council tax for band D equivalent properties;</li> <li>(4) virement arrangements to operate within the approved budget;</li> </ul>	The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve: (1) the Review of Charges as set out in Annex 1 and as revised in the addenda.	
<ul> <li>in respect of treasury management:         <ul> <li>(1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2017/18;</li> <li>(2) to continue to delegate the authority to withdraw or advance additional funds to/from external fund managers to the Treasury</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Management Strategy Team; (3) that any further changes required to the 2017/18 strategy be delegated to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance;		
<ul> <li>(4) the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix A of Section 4.5;</li> <li>(5) Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in Appendix B of Section 4.5;</li> </ul>		

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<ul> <li>(6) The Specified Investment and Non Specified Investment instruments as set out in Appendix C and D of Section 4.5;</li> <li>(7) The Treasury Management Policy Statement as set out in Appendix E of Section 4.5;</li> </ul>			
In respect of capital:  (1) Approve a Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2020/21 as set out in Section 4.9 including:  (i) the new capital proposals as set out in Section 4.9.1 (Appendix 3);  (ii) the Highways Structural Maintenance Programme 2017/18 and 2018/19 as set out in Section 4.9.2;			
(2) Approve the Strategic Asset Management Plan at Section 4.9.3;			
to delegate authority to the Leader of the Council, following consultation with the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Finance, to make appropriate changes to the proposed budget.			
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve:     (1) the Review of Charges as set out in Annex 1.			
8. Daytime Support Review			
Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2016/104 Contact: Benedict Leigh, Strategic Commissioner – Adults Tel: 07554 115683			
Subject to full Council making appropriate provision with the 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Plan to 2020/21 Cabinet is	Recommendations agreed.	DASC ( Leigh)	Έ.

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<ul> <li>RECOMMENDED to</li> <li>consider the results of the consultation;</li> <li>agree to adopt the proposals outlined in this document for community and voluntary support;</li> <li>agree to adopt option A (the building based option) for delivery of the Community Support Service;</li> <li>agree the charges for the Community Support Service and the method of charging as set out in paragraphs 82 and 83 above.</li> <li>Carers' Strategy and Carers' Personal Budgets</li> <li>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2016/089</li> <li>Contact: Benedict Leigh, Lead</li> <li>Commissioner (Adults) Tel: (01865) 323554</li> </ul>			
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the revised carers' personal budget payment and to welcome the intention of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to fund an enhanced information and advice offer via direct GP referral.	Recommendation agreed with the following amendment shown in bold:  The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the revised carers' personal budget payment and to welcome the intention of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to fund an enhanced information and advice offer via direct GP referral in accordance with paragraphs 24 and 26 of the report.	DASC (B. Leigh)	
10. Housing Related Support Pooled Budget Agreement  Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2016/084  Contact: Natalia Lachkou, Commissioning Manager Tel: 07881 500344			

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to hou Cou Gro part which the dele	Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree contribute to a pooled budget for sing related support between the inty Council, the District and City incils and Clinical Commissioning up, under the terms of the proposed nering agreement, the final version of the would be signed in due course by relevant senior officer under the egated decision making authority terms.	Recommendations agreed.	DASC Lachkou)	(N.
For Con	Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan - Core Strategy binet Member: Environment ward Plan Ref: 2016/070 btact: Peter Day, Minerals & Waste cy Team Leader Tel: (01865) 815544			
The	Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendations agreed.	SDC Day)	(P.
(a)	agree the main modifications to the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy in Annexes 8, 8a and 8b for publication for public consultation; and		,,	
(b)	authorise the Strategic Director Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to finalise the additional modifications to the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy in Annex 8 for publication for public comment; and			
(c)	authorise the Strategic Director Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to finalise the Strategic Environmental Assessment / Sustainability Appraisal report on the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy, to include the work			

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contained in Annexes 2 – 7, for publication for public consultation; and			
(d) authorise the Strategic Director Communities to make a request to the Inspector who is carrying out the examination of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy to recommend modifications to the plan under section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.			
12. Delegated Powers - January 2017			
Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2016/088 Contact: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213  To report on a quarterly basis any executive decisions taken under the	Noted.		
specific powers and functions delegated under the terms of Part 7.2 (Scheme of Delegation to Officers) of the Council's Constitution – Paragraph 6.3(c)(i). It is not for scrutiny call in.			
13. Forward Plan and Future Business			
Cabinet Member: All Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager Tel: 07393 001213			
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.	Noted,	SW/AB	

### ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Members:

### 1. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Nimmo Smith

"How many faults with streetlights have been reported each month since the termination of the contract on street lighting; cumulatively how many faults with street remained outstanding at 31st December?"

### Answer

"There are approximately 66,000 streetlights, illuminated signs and bollards, subway lights etc in Oxfordshire. At the end of December there were 1,694 faults, which is just 2.5 per cent. This is broadly what we would expect at this point in the calendar year as there are more faults reported in the late autumn and winter months than at other times of the year. Therefore 97.5 per cent of streetlights/illuminated signs etc in Oxfordshire are in full working order and our interim contractor is working hard on the list of current faults.

Month`	Issued	Completed
April	375	49
May	228	44
June	213	53
July	214	161
August	378	504
September	252	140
October	948	225
November	702	356
December	490	574
January		
February		
March		
Totals	3800	2106

#### 2. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Nimmo Smith

"Can the Cabinet member provide a date when a new contract dealing with street lighting will be signed?"

### Answer

"Work on preparing a new contract is well underway and the procurement is programmed to take place to enable award at the start of September 2017. However, it is worth pointing out that the council is not without a streetlighting contract, last year the council appointed an interim contractor – Amey.

Amey have been working on emergency repairs since mid-June which is a much better situation than we envisaged back in the spring. That is why we have a number of faults awaiting repair that is not dissimilar to what we'd expect in most normal years in mid-Winter."

### 3. From Councillor Tanner to Councillor Tilley

"Donnington Doorstep is an independent family centre in my division which until 2015/16 received an extremely helpful £60,000 a year from the County Council to part fund Doorstep's drop-in stay-and-play work. It has not proved possible for Doorstep to replace all of the County Council funding in one go. Doorstep is therefore being forced to reduce its drop-in service to just one day a week from February 2017.

However the Doorstep board (of which I am treasurer) is confident that in time we will be able to obtain sufficient extra income from trusts and the local community. Will the Cabinet member ask the cross-party group of councillors to look again at whether it is possible for Donnington Doorstep to obtain some transition funding from the £1 million set aside by the County Council for the purpose of supporting stay-and-play and other activities in the now voluntary children's centres?"

#### **Answer**

"I appreciate the position that Donnington Doorstep finds itself in and sympathise with the difficult times that the voluntary sector as a whole are experiencing. You will be aware that we previously commissioned a service from Donnington Doorstep under contract which came to an end in March 2016.

Council discussed the transition fund at its meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> July with the motion resolved unanimously as: Council continues to support the general principle that those in greatest need should have the highest priority. However, Council regrets that it has been compelled to abandon the concept of universal provision offered by our children's centres in Oxfordshire as a result of the Government's cuts in Local Authority Funding.

In the meantime, Council is aware that, as a result of the focus of the most needy children and families in our county, there will be large areas – particularly in the West which now have no Children's Centre buildings – the same areas likely to suffer most from rural isolation as the council removes bus subsidies.

Ensuring that there were some compensation for these areas was a key statement agreed by Council in its February budget. Council therefore believes it is now essential that the effects of the loss of Children's Centres, in these areas is compensated for by:

- 1. Offering active support to the parents, volunteers and parish councils taking over or hoping to take over the vacated centres;
- 2. Persuading district Councils to join us in giving as much support to these bodies as possible;
- 3. That the £1m Transition Fund agreed at the February budget should be committed to these areas to achieve the above.

In addition to the above Cabinet agreed the panel Terms of Reference and Grant Criteria on 20<sup>th</sup> February with the guidance 'to provide pump priming grants for establishing universal provision of children's services in communities.

The panel chairman Cllr Stratford advised that the application was declined for funding on the basis that this did not meet the criteria of the 12 July in that these services were outside of those offered by our centres.

I feel it is clear that the discussion at council was for supporting those groups to take over vacated centres as outlined in number one and to direct the transition fund to these areas as outlined in number three. I am aware that Donnington Doorstep have resubmitted their proposal and that the Cabinet will be considering the recommendations of the cross-party group when it meets in February."

Supplementary: In response to a request for an assurance that the Transition Funding Working Group would consider the latest application Councillor Stratford confirmed that it had been looked at by the Group and recommendations would come to the next Cabinet meeting.

### 4. Councillor Williams to Councillor Tilley

"Would the Portfolio Holder be willing to restore the £60,000 grant withdrawn by the County Council to Donnington Doorstep Family Centre. The reason being that this Childrens Centre being a separate trust is not part of the local authority network of provision and therefore cannot benefit from the concession on rents recently granted by the Council to Children's Centres."

### Answer

In early 2013, Donnington Doorstep, following an open tender process, was awarded a contract by the Council to deliver the following services:

- Two Stay & Play sessions per week to support the work of East Oxford Children's Centre services
- 2. Outreach support for families (up to 10 at any one time) who find it difficult to access Children's Centre services, working in partnership with Florence Park Children's Centre.

Agreed cost was just over £60k per annum.

The contract started on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 and ran in the first instance for two years to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The contract was extended in October 2014, to run to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 when the contract ended

There is no budget identified in the Children Education and Family budget 2017 / 18 to commission providers such as Donnington to provide stay and play sessions.

Donnington Doorstep would not be eligible for concession on rent as this concession is only available to community groups delivering from OCC .

Supplementary: Asked whether the Cabinet in making its decision would take into account the impact on the Centre; that it was an independent centre and therefore not eligible for the rent waiver and in view of the work done during Bullfinch Councillor Hudspeth replied that recommendations would come to cabinet and everything would be taken into account.