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If you have a query please contact Sue Whitehead (Tel: 07393 001213; E-Mail: sue.whitehead@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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RE	COMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED	DECISIONS	ACTION
1.	Apologies for Absence	None	DLG (A. Newman)
2.	Declarations of Interest	None.	DL:G (A. Newman)
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3.	Minutes		
held and resp	approve the minutes of the meetings on 22 May and 4 June 2018 (CA3a CA3b(to be circulated separately) ectively) and to receive informationing from them.	Minutes of meetings held on 22 May and 4 June 2018 agreed.	
4.	Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.	
5.	Petitions and Public Address	6. Councillor Glynis Phillips	
		7. Damian Haywood, Chair of the governing body at Mabel Prichard School Phillip Middlewood David Mytton Keith Strangwood Jane Pargeter Councillor Marie Tidball, City Executive Board Member for Supporting Local Communities Councillor John Howson	

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		Councillor Emma Turnbull Councillor Michael Waine	
		8. Councillor Emma Turnbull	
		9. Councillor John Sanders	
		10. Councillor Laura Price Councillor Liz Brighouse	
	Provisional 2017/18 Revenue and Capital Outturn net Member: Finance	Please note that the decision below has been called in for review by Performance Scrutiny Committee	
Cont Finar	vard Plan Ref: 2018/001 vact: Katy Jurczyszyn, Strategic nce Manager (Finance, Strategy & toring) Tel: 07584 909518		
The (Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:		DF (K. Jurczyszyn)
(a)	note the provisional revenue and capital outturn for 2017/18 along with the year-end position on general balances and earmarked reserves as set out in the report;	Recommendations agreed, noting the amended annexes set out in the addenda	
(b)	note the virements as set out in Annex 2a;		
(c)	approve the transfer of over and under spends to general balances as set out in paragraph 12;		
(d)	recommend Council to approve the use of £0.1m underspend on Transition fund for open access children's services which will be transferred to the Budget Priorities Reserve until required as set out in paragraph 13; and		
(e)	agree that the surplus on the On- Street Parking Account at the end of		

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not ap purpose Section Regulat forward	7/18 financial year, so far as plied to particular eligible is in accordance with 55(4) of the Road Traffic ion Act 1984, be carried in the account to the financial year as set out in the second in		
7. Home t	o School Transport and Policy		
Education Forward Plan Contact: Neil	mber: Public Health & Ref: 2018/050 Darlington, Admission & rvice Manager Tel: 07393		
	et is RECOMMENDED to owing proposals for SEND	Recommendations agreed subject to the substitution shown in strikethrough and bold italics below:	CEF (N. Darlington)
who wo access encoura Post 16 school	ace to all Post-16 students build otherwise be unable to education and to aging low income parents of students to apply to their or college for a 16–19 to defray the costs of rt.	to Henley College and to implement	
cash lir access those w needs from vu have a eligibility those holiday	e to the setting of a specific nited budget for supporting to after school clubs for who have the most complex or are identified as being linerable families who do not access to transport. The criteria should be similar to for supporting access to activities for this group of and young people who are to 17.		

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agre	he Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to e the following proposals for all ents:		
(a)	To agree the ending of the current arrangements giving free travel to Post 16 students to Henley College and to implement this change from September 2018.		
(b)	To agree that from September 2018 free travel should be provided for those students who have been placed at an alternative education provider if the places have been paid for by Oxfordshire County Council and the distance from home to the placement is over the statutory walking distance or the route is unsafe to walk even if accompanied, as necessary, by a responsible adult.		
(c)	To confirm the increased charges for the Spare Seat Scheme for 2018/19 and 2019/20 and agree an increase in the charges for the Spare Seat Scheme of 2% in 2020/21, 2% in 2021/2022 and a further 2% in 2022/23.		
(d)	To agree to the continuation of free travel for children of secondary school age who live at RAF Benson to Icknield Community College and to agree to annually review this arrangement.		
(e)	To introduce the new Home to School Travel and Transport Policy for those aged 5 to 16 and the new Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Policy from September 2019.		

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8. Change to Policy on 25 Hour Early Years Funded Places		
Cabinet Member: Public Health & Education Forward Plan Ref: 2018/024 Contact: Debbie Rouget, Service Manager – Early Years Sufficiency & Access Service Tel: 07554 437472		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve a change to the policy on Full Time admissions for Reception Aged 4 Year Olds to remove the 25-hour funding offer for children deferring or not taking up a school reception place, with effect from 1 April 2019	Recommendations agreed.	CEF (D. Rouget)
9. Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Site Allocations - Issues and Options Consultation Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2018/015 Contact: Peter Day, Minerals and Waste Policy Team Leader Tel: 07392 318899		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to authorise the Director for Planning & Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Site Allocations Plan Issues and Options Consultation Document for publication for public consultation, the document to include the site options listed in annexes 3 and 4 and the consultation questions at paragraphs 25 – 28 and annex 5 of this report, following consultation with the Minerals and Waste Cabinet Advisory Group.	Recommendations agreed	DPP (P. Day)

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Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2018/079 Contact: Ben Threadgold, Policy and Performance Service Manager Tel: 07867 467838/Samantha Shepherd, Senior Policy Officer Tel: 07789 088173 Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to: (a) note the Draft Corporate Plan 2018- 2021; (b) RECOMMEND that the Draft Corporate Plan be agreed by Council; (c) Delegate authority for final additions and changes to be agreed by the Leader and the Chief Executive on behalf of Cabinet.	Recommendations agreed	ACE (B. Threadgold)
 11. Appointments 2018/19 Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2018/002 Contact: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213 The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to: (a) agree appointments to the bodies set out in the Annex to this report; (b) agree that following a review of appointments a further report is submitted to the October meeting of Cabinet 	Recommendations agreed	SW
12. Forward Plan and Future Business Cabinet Member: All		

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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

A. Question received for the meeting on 22 May 2018.

At Cabinet the following question submitted to the meeting on 22 May and in error was not processed. Cabinet that the question and response be included in the addenda for the next meeting

From Councillor Howson to Councillor Hibbert Biles

"In reply to a question posed at Cabinet on 17th June 2014 about whether the then Cabinet member would make representations to the regional school commissioner and Ofsted as to the very high non-attendance at St. Gregory the Great School, the then cabinet member replied that the School Improvement officer had been sent into the school to try and establish the underlying cause of the high absence rate. She had further requested that an analysis of poor attendance be undertaken on a class by class and year by year basis. This has been successful in improving attendance in the past. Should this not improve attendance, she would then consider contacting Ofsted?

Can the current cabinet member offer any explanation as to why this school, now an academy, should have had the worst attendance figures for any school in Oxfordshire for the autumn term of 2017 despite being declared 'inadequate' by Ofsted during the previous school year and the actions following on from my earlier question?"

Answer

"Trish Murphy is the allocated school liaison officer for the County Attendance team and started in her role in December 2017. She was allocated St Gregory the Great, by Jo Goodey, the new interim Education Inclusion Manager at a time which coincided with the Ofsted report.

Trish has been into the school on three occasions, the first being with Rachael Etheridge on the 27th February 18 to meet with Elizabeth Lutzeier and Anita Whyte. This meeting was delayed for various reasons including other county representatives going into the school. Since then Trish has repeatedly tried to go into the school on a number of occasions, twice the school have cancelled the meeting prompting further delay.

Trish visited the school on the 9th May shadowing the LCSS link worker identified for the school. Trish again visited on 23rd May and met with Anita to go over the school attendance, there is showing some improvement with attendance and new systems are in place to track attendance and behaviour within the school. Fixed term exclusions are starting to come down which is having a positive impact on PA's.

Weekly attendance reports are now being produced for the Head of Years to have a better oversight of the students, Trish reports that the school seem to be offering more support to students.

The County Attendance team continue to receive referrals from St Greg's. There is some signs of improvement in attendance, the school were set an initial target of 91% by Rachael Etheridge, they are currently at 90.7% according to the data.

Clearly efforts have been impacted on by the struggle to get into the school, Trish has been asked to wait for the exams to finish before going into the school again.

David Clarke, new Deputy Director for Education contacted the RSC office to raise this issue with them and they are very much aware of this and other issues. Following the recent Ofsted monitoring visit this has now been raised at Ministerial level. Regular meetings have been established at the school to monitor progress being made. The first took place in May and the next meeting is next week. David has asked to be invited to these and future meetings to be able to represent our concerns especially in relation to attendance and gain a greater understanding of how we could hold the school and system to greater challenge in order for the outcomes to improve. The RSC officer further explained that the school is in the process of being merged with another Multi Academy Trust but this is still in the discussion phase."

Supplementary

Councillor Howson stated that he had met with governors and understood attendance was improving. However, given the importance of the issues involved including safeguarding he asked that everything possible be done to ensure the figures continued to improve. Councillor Hibbert-Biles replied that officers including the new Deputy Director would be visiting the school regularly. Recently the Government had recognised the difficulties Local Education Authorities had in asserting authority over academy schools but she was pleased to say that the Council had a good rapport with the school.

B. Questions received for meeting on 19 June 2018

1. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Lindsay-Gale

"In the last 2 Property Data Survey Condition reports to the DfE what Grades were assigned to Northfield School in each survey and when were the returns sent to the government?"

Answer

The PDS condition surveys were initiated by DfS in response to Michael Gove's request to establish the public sector liability in terms of managing the education estate. They were undertaken by private technical advisors employed by DfS.

OCC did not participate and submit these PDS Condition Survey reports to DfS. We also do not have these reports in our possession or have access to any such reports on Northfields.

We do have our own condition surveys with the last one being undertaken earlier this year, this has been the basis of current action on the Northfield site.

These surveys were organised and run by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) (Condition Data Collection programme: information and guidance - GOV.UK; https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/property-data-survey-programme), we are not aware that OCC provided condition data to any third party.

Supplementary: Responding to concern that the County Council had not taken part in the DfS initiated surveys and asking what condition had been assigned to Northfield School under our own survey Councillor Lindsay-Gale explained that the survey that had been carried out for us under the previous contract had not been good enough. The Council was still investigating and councillors would be kept informed.

2. From Councillor Phillips to Councillor Constance

"Oxford City -Controlled Parking Zones - Future Programme.

I welcome your decision on 7 June to include Sandhills and Risinghurst in the list of areas assigned priority 2 status for Controlled Parking Zones consultations. Would it be possible to publish the timetable for this programme given the limited budget and capacity within the Directorate to manage this programme?"

Answer

"Following the approval of the CPZ priorities on 7 June officers are developing a programme for all the new zones. Implementing CPZs involves a number of different teams across the council and their input will be required to identify a deliverable programme. The intention is to publish the programme in late June or early July. Local members will be kept informed and will be sent the proposed programme before it is published."

Supplementary: Councillor Constance responding to a further question confirmed that she expected to be the decision maker.

3. From Councillor Phillips to Councillor Constance:

'Oxfordshire Growth Deal

At the last Oxford City Localities meeting on 24 May we were briefed on the emerging development sites for Growth Deal investment.

I was pleased to see that the Collinwood Road Crossing in Risinghurst was included in this list. As you know the crossing is required to provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists across the A40 dual carriageways. However it also provides a great opportunity to provide a cycleway linking the communities of Barton and Risinghurst. Could I be advised on the progress of the decision making process with specific reference to the Collinwood Road crossing?'

Answer

'Thank you for your question regarding the Collinwood Road Crossing over the A40.

You are correct that the scheme is included in the Growth Deal Investment schemes and is contained within a programme of work, grouped together as 'Oxford City Wide Cycle and Pedestrian Routes'.

The Collinwood Road Crossing scheme is currently being reviewed, along with several other suggestions for schemes from various stakeholders, which will all be assessed for deliverability and likely costs by the end of July. A decision on the actual schemes that will be taken forward to feasibility design stages will be shared with the stakeholder groups in August this year.'

Supplementary: Councillor Phillips asked who would make decisions with regard to priorities and Councillor Constance indicated that this should be known by the end of July.