

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 (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2018 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting held 11 September 2018 were approved and signed as an accurate record.</p> <p>In relation to Minute 9/18 the Cabinet Member for Environment undertook to provide Councillor Howson with an answer to his substantive question as soon as possible.</p> <p>In relation to Minute 13/18 Councillor Field Johnson indicated that he was dissatisfied with the response that he had received from the Environment Agency on his Motion and urged the Leader of the Council to refute the letter.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Maurice Billington and Councillor Pete Handley.</p>	
<p>3. Official Communications</p>	<p>The Chairman reminded members that her Charity Dinner would be held on 23 November 2108 and that tickets were available from her personal assistant, Sara Lenihan.</p>	
<p>4. Appointments</p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p> <p>Education Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Councillor Ted Fenton in place of</p>	<p>Council noted the appointments set out on the Agenda and in the Schedule of Business, subject to the following change reported at the Meeting:</p> <p>Joint Consultative Committee for Uniformed Members of the Fire Service</p>	

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Councillor Suzanne Bartington	Councillor Jenny Hannaby in place of Councillor Zoe Patrick.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	<p>Council received the following public address:</p> <p>Mr Scott Urban, Director of Oxfordshire Liveable Streets in support of Agenda Item 18 (Motion by Councillor Suzanne Bartington);</p> <p>Mr Robin Tucker, Chair of Oxfordshire Cycling Network in support of Agenda Item 18 (Motion by Councillor Suzanne Bartington);</p> <p>Mr Simon Hunt, Chair of Cyclox in support of Agenda Item 18 (Motion by Councillor Suzanne Bartington);</p> <p>Mr Adrian Townsend, in relation to Agenda Item 12 (Growth Board);</p> <p>Mr Mohammad, Royal Cars in relation to Agenda Item 13 (Motion from Councillor Eddie Reeves);</p> <p>Mr Singh, 001 Taxis in relation to Agenda Item 13 (Motion from Councillor Eddie Reeves).</p>	
6. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	<p>19 questions with Notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers will be set out in the annex to the minutes.</p> <p>In relation to question 1 (Question from Councillor Leffman to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Leffman with a written answer detailing how many outstanding applications there were; how many staff were dealing with the issue and how many staff would be needed to deal with it in the future?</p>	

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	<p>In relation to question 2 (Question from Councillor Leffman to Councillor Lindsay-Gale) Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to investigate the cost implications of continuing to send letters regarding library reservations to those that could not access technology and let Councillor Leffman know the outcome.</p> <p>In relation to question 10 (Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Lindsay-Gale) Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to get the issue of lowering Oxfordshire's Absent Rates to below the National average on the Head Teacher Association's Agenda.</p> <p>In relation to question 19 (Question from Councillor Pressel to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance agreed to look again to see if there was anything she could do to support car clubs.</p>	
<p>7. Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 18 September 2018 and 16 October 2018 (CC9).</p>	<p>The Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 7 of the report (Update Financial & Resource Contribution towards the Free Swan School Project in Oxford) (Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Harrod) Councillor Lindsay-Gale gave an assurance that if there were any additional transport costs due to the location of the Swan School being over the 3-mile limit, that these would be taken account of as part of the Agenda setting process.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 12 of the report (Financial Monitoring and Medium Term Financial Plan Delivery Report – August 2018) (Question from Councillor Phillips to Councillor</p>	

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	Bartholomew) Councillor Bartholomew undertook to provide Councillor Phillips with a written answer outlining what percentage of the revenue stream was used for the servicing of debts.	
<p>8. Treasury Management 2017/18 Outturn</p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CC10).</p> <p>The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2017/18 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2017/18.</p>	The recommendations were agreed nem con.	
<p>9. Director of Public Health Annual Report XI</p> <p>Report by Strategic Director for People and Director of Public Health (CC11).</p> <p>The annual report summarises key issues associated with the Public Health of the County. It is an independent report about the health and wellbeing of Oxfordshire residents in the broadest terms.</p> <p>It uses science and fact to describe the health of Oxfordshire and to make recommendations for the future.</p> <p>The report covers the following areas:</p> <p>Chapter 1: The Demographic Challenge Chapter 2: Creating Healthy Communities Chapter 3: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage</p>	<p>Council paid tribute to the Strategic Director for People for his work, particularly in relation to public health.</p> <p>The recommendations were agreed nem con.</p>	

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<p>Chapter 4: Lifestyles and Preventing Disease Before it Starts Chapter 5: Promoting Mental Wellbeing and Positive Mental Health Chapter 6: Fighting Killer Diseases</p> <p>The report has also been considered at the Oxfordshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 13 September 2018.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report and note its recommendations.</p>		
<p>10. Annual Partnerships Update</p> <p>Report by Policy and Performance Service Manager (CC12).</p> <p>The report provides an update on Oxfordshire-wide partnerships that the County Council is engaged with and their activities over the past year. Each partnership report includes the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current focus for the Partnership; • Personnel including Chairman and supporting staff of the Partnership; • Governance arrangements; • Key achievements over the past year; • Aims of the partnership for the forthcoming year; • Key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed <p>The report includes updates from partnerships that are particularly important to the overall outcomes for Oxfordshire and this is reported annually to Council in a light touch format.</p>	<p>RESOLVED: (55 votes to 0, 4 abstentions)</p> <p>On a motion by Councillor Hudspeth, seconded by Councillor Brighouse and carried by 55 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions to note the report and refer the item to the relevant scrutiny committees for consideration.</p>	

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<p>The Annual Partnerships report has been reviewed by the Oxfordshire Partnership at their meeting on 15 October 2018.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>		
<p>11. Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves</p> <p>“This Council believes that residents in Oxfordshire should have the greatest possible choice of transport available to them.</p> <p>This Council notes Oxford City Council's refusal to grant licenses to new entrants in the private-hire market including peer-to-peer ridesharing apps. As these services need a critical mass to be successful, the decision by the City Council is having a detrimental effect on the other areas of the County, including all the district areas, and thus contributing to rural isolation by depriving people of services and choice.</p> <p>This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to:</p> <p>(a) The Leaders of Oxford City Council and all district councils with a view to ensuring that consumers enjoy a greater choice of private-hire services by extending licenses for new entrants to that market and by assisting this Council's efforts in extending the provision of bus services in the light of new legislation that has already enabled successful innovative services in the County.</p> <p>(b) The County's commercial and community bus operators with a view to widening the availability of bus services in the County, including hop-on-hop-off services, and to relevant partners as above, including also parishes and prospective community groups, so as to encourage the</p>	<p>With the consent of Council, Councillor Reeves moved an alteration to his motion at the suggestion of Councillor Price as shown in bold italics and strikethrough below:</p> <p>“This Council believes that residents in Oxfordshire should have the greatest possible choice of transport available to them.</p> <p>This Council notes Oxford City Council's refusal to grant licenses to new entrants in the private-hire market including peer-to-peer ridesharing apps. As these services need a critical mass to be successful, the decision by the City Council is having a detrimental effect on the other areas of the County, including all the district areas, and thus contributing to rural isolation by depriving people of services and choice.</p> <p>This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to:</p> <p>(a) The Leaders of Oxford City Council and all district councils with a view to ensuring that residents consumers—enjoy have a diverse range of accessible transport options, which could include the licensing of private hire vehicles for new entrants into the market, to meet their varied needs and support</p>	

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<p>12. Motion by Councillor Liz Brighouse</p> <p>"This Council notes that many council budgets are at breaking point. Austerity has caused huge damage to communities up and down the UK, with devastating effects on key public services that protect the most defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people- and the services we all rely on like roads, libraries, children's centres, waste management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Government cuts mean councils have lost 60p out of every £1 that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010 	<p>The Motion was lost by 30 votes to 27.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councils now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services “standing still” and meeting additional demand. Even Lord Gary Porter, the Conservative Chair of the LGA, has said “Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital services on a shoestring”. <p>This Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by Oxfordshire and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government.”</p>		
<p>13. Motion from Councillor Paul Buckley</p> <p>"This Council accepts the recommendations of the Andrew Gilligan report into how to increase cycling in and around Oxford, commits to implementing them and calls on Cabinet to implement and bid for funding."</p>	<p>WITHDRAWN on the basis that Councillor Suzanne Bartington had agreed to amend her motion to take on points from his motion.</p>	
<p>14. Motion by Councillor Suzanne Bartington</p> <p>“This Council recognises our ambition to achieve economic growth whilst improving the health and wellbeing of communities in Oxfordshire. Active travel provides an effective mechanism to achieve such goals, with potential to co-deliver multiple social, environmental and economic benefits. This council has recognised in LTP4 the importance of investment in sustainable transport and shares the Government’s Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy ambition to double cycling by 2025. Cognizant of Andrew Gilligan’s recent recommendations to the National Infrastructure Commission, it now wishes to accelerate progress towards this</p>	<p><u>Order of Business</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: nem con to move Agenda Item 18 to Agenda Item 15.</p> <p>With the consent of Council, Councillor Bartington moved her motion, amended at the suggestion of Councillor Paul Buckley as follows:</p> <p>“This Council recognizes our ambition to achieve economic growth whilst improving the health and wellbeing of communities in Oxfordshire. Active travel provides an effective mechanism to achieve such goals, with potential to co-deliver multiple social, environmental and economic benefits. This council has recognised</p>	

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<p>goal. This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Apply Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) to agree a prioritised and costed Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN), building on work of the Oxfordshire Cycle Network. ii. Actively seek capital and revenue funding for SATN delivery through local and national sources. iii. Assess what co-benefits could be gained by allocating a fraction of local transport funds to active travel infrastructure (e.g. 5 or 10%) following best practice examples. iv. influence the Planning authorities use of planning powers more proactively and effectively to achieve beneficial active travel outcomes. v. Establish a framework to oversee quality control of all active travel infrastructure projects in accordance with the Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards, from inception through planning to implementation, ensuring all proposals are audited for safety and encouragement of active travel. vi. Use innovative data sources and technologies to identify active travel patterns and latent demand, and to monitor and increase effectiveness of interventions.” 	<p>recognises in LTP4 the importance of investment in sustainable transport and shares the Government’s Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy ambition to double cycling by 2025. Accepting Cognizant of Andrew Gilligan’s recent recommendations to the National Infrastructure Commission into and within Oxford, it now wishes to accelerate progress towards this goal. This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Apply Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) to agree a prioritised and costed Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN), building on work of the Oxfordshire Cycle Network. ii. Actively seek capital and revenue funding for SATN delivery through local and national sources. iii. Assess what co-benefits could be gained by allocating a fraction of local transport funds to active travel infrastructure (e.g. 5 or 10%) following best practice examples. iv. influence the Planning authorities use of planning powers more proactively and effectively to achieve beneficial active travel outcomes. v. Establish a framework to oversee quality control of all active travel infrastructure projects in accordance with the Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards, from inception through planning to 	

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	<p>implementation, ensuring all proposals are audited for safety and encouragement of active travel.</p> <p>vi. Use innovative data sources and technologies to identify active travel patterns and latent demand, and to monitor and increase effectiveness of interventions.”</p> <p>The Motion as amended was carried unanimously (49 votes to 0).</p>	
<p>15.Motion by Councillor Laura Price</p> <p>"The greatest strength of local government is its ability to embrace openness and transparency, working with and for the people we represent to strive for the very best services and the most effective use of public money.</p> <p>To ensure that Council is committed to this fundamental principle we propose the Monitoring Officer conduct a review of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any meetings including Members relating to Council functions and informing decision-making which are held in private 2. Timings of meetings <p>The review will be reported back to Audit & Governance Committee to form an action plan ensuring the maximum amount of business is held in public and that meetings are scheduled at times which enable the widest possible access to elected Councillors."</p>	<p>The time being 4.15, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	
<p>16.Motion by Councillor Mike Fox-Davies</p> <p>"The high growth in housing and commerce is driving many construction projects across most areas of Oxfordshire</p>	<p>The time being 4.15, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

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<p>and this has major consequences to the surrounding community. One of these consequences is the damage by the construction traffic to minor roads and allied infrastructure which are not designed for that weight or volume of traffic.</p> <p>This Council therefore seeks to ask the Strategic Director for Communities to instruct officers to put the necessary mechanisms in place which will require Developers to mitigate any damage to such roads and infrastructure and return them back to pre-construction condition.”</p>		
<p>17. Motion from Councillor Jamila Azad</p> <p>In Oxfordshire we have a proud record of excellent support for children in our care, however a 2016 report by The Children’s Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation and begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time it can be extremely challenging. With no family to support them and insufficient financial education, some are falling into debt and financial difficulty.</p> <p>Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.</p> <p>The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places corporate parenting responsibilities on district councils for the first time, requiring them to have regard to children in care and care leavers when carrying out their functions. This provides us with a fantastic opportunity to work together with our District and City colleagues for the benefit of approximately 800 young care leavers in the 16-25 year old age bracket.</p> <p>Council therefore resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to use our convening</p>	<p>The time being 4.15, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

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<p>powers and expertise in corporate parenting to work with all council tax collecting authorities to look at the implications of exempting young care leavers, with a view to agreeing a workable proposal to be published across Districts in Sept 2019.</p>		
<p>18. Motion by Councillor John Howson</p> <p>“Pupil place planning is an important function carried out by the County Council. Traditionally, Oxfordshire has had a good reputation in conducting this work, until that is the government introduced the Free School Programme. Creating the Swan School as a Free School has caused delay and confusion to the detriment of pupils and their parents living in and around the City of Oxford.</p> <p>This Council requests the Leader of the Council to ask the Local Government Association to discuss whether all pupil place planning and both the building of new publicly funded schools and the extending of existing schools should be handled entirely by local authorities in line with their published and annually updated Pupil Place Plan.</p> <p>Council also asks the Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services to seek clarification from the Department for Education about when new schools may be opened as Voluntary Aided Schools following the Secretary of State for Education’s speech of the 11 May 2018 and whether or not there would be any restrictions on such schools converting to academy status once open”</p>	<p>The time being 4.15, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

ANNEX
