

COUNTY COUNCIL – 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

1. Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

Cabinet considered a report which set out the need for a strategy, the principals on which it was based, and the timetable for agreement in order to meet the £350,000 savings requirement in the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) budget by 2017/18.

Cabinet agreed to approve a public consultation on a HWRC strategy based on the principals outlined in the paper. Cabinet also agreed to approve the withdrawal of the non-statutory Green Waste Credit payment from 1 April 2016 in order to fill the medium term financial plan funding gap and to provide investment funding to enable the implementation of the longer term strategy.

2. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 4

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

Cabinet noted a report which provided details of performance for quarter four (2014-15) in order to monitor the performance of the Council in key service areas.

Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families

3. National Citizen's Service – Contract for 2015-18

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

The National Citizen Service (NCS) programme was a Central Government initiative managed through the NCS Trust. Prime contractors had been awarded contracts for 2015-18. The South East contract awarded to The Challenge Network. Oxfordshire County Council had been awarded the local contract to deliver NCS within Oxfordshire following successful delivery since 2011.

Cabinet agreed to accept the contract for the delivery of NCS by Oxfordshire County Council for the period 2015-16.

Cabinet Member: Environment

4. Connecting Oxfordshire: Local Transport Plan 2015-31

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

Cabinet considered the Connecting Oxfordshire report, Oxfordshire's new Local Transport Plan (LTP4), which had been developed over the past 18

months in response to the rapidly changing national and local growth, economic development, infrastructure planning and funding agendas.

The report set out the issues raised through the consultation period, including the main themes or points that were made, and identified the changes which are proposed to be made to the Plan arising from this and internal and external developments which have taken place since the draft Plan was published. The report also set out work undertaken on the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment of the Plan.

Cabinet agreed to approve Connecting Oxfordshire and to recommend it for adoption by Full Council at its meeting in September 2015, subject to amendments to recognise that the proposals for Chipping Norton, Burford and Henley would be included when funding is available.

5. A40 – Science Transit Public Transport Scheme and Long-Term Strategy

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

OCC had taken a 'strategic corridor' approach to developing solutions to the existing (and projected) congestion issues for the A40 with a number of schemes delivering some capacity and efficiencies on the network in the short term and assessment of the scale and approach for a full 'access solution' to the A40 corridor. Cabinet considered a report which gave an overview of this on-going and planned multi-million investment.

Cabinet agreed to approve to add the A40 Science Transit Public Transport Scheme to the capital programme in order to extend the number of short-term measures delivering capacity on the A40. Cabinet noted the context of a wider delivery programme of schemes currently underway which would improve the congestion along the A40 corridor. Cabinet also approved the proposal to consult with the public on the long-term options for a full access solution to the A40 corridor.

6. Compulsory Purchase Powers for Acquisition of Land Required for Delivery of Schemes – Harwell Oxford Entrance

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

The Council's Major Infrastructure Delivery Commercial Team was managing the delivery of a number of major highway improvement schemes. Some of these schemes required additional land to enable delivery of the proposed improvements which would reduce congestion, improve movement, access and safety and encourage use of sustainable transport.

Cabinet considered a report which detailed the Harwell Oxford Scheme (with supporting CPO land details) that required additional land.

Cabinet agreed to approve delegation of the exercising of Compulsory Purchase Order Powers to the Director of Environment and Economy, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment for the purchase of land required for the delivery of the major infrastructure scheme 'Harwell

Oxford Entrance' as outlined in the report, in the event that the land could be acquired by negotiation so as to keep to the scheme programme.

Cabinet also agreed to note that, in so far as the whole or any part or parts of land required is not acquired by negotiation, the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order under provisions contained in Part X11 of the Highways Act 1980 for the acquisition of the land, will be progressed. This could include providing the necessary attendance, expert witness provision etc. at a Public Inquiry if required.

Cabinet Member: Finance

7. 2015/16 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report – May 2015

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

Cabinet considered a financial report on revenue and capital spending against budget allocations, including virements between budget heads.

Cabinet noted the report and annexes; approved the virement requests and supplementary estimate request; noted the Treasury Management lending list; approved the updated Capital Programme and the associated changes to the programme (subject to the reference to Annex 7c being amended to read Annex 8c); approved the fees and charges; approved the updated capital programme; approved the inclusion of a £14.54m budget for the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund programme over three years from 2015/16 to 2017/18; approved the Harwell Oxford Entrance City Deal project to proceed to detailed design and procurement with a total budget of £2; and approved the Hagbourne Hill City Deal project to contractually commit to letting the contract with a total budget of £6.015m.

Cabinet Member: Public Health & Voluntary Sector

8. Public Health Annual Report

(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

Cabinet considered a report which summarised key issues associated with the Public Health of the County. It included details of progress over the past year as well as information on future work.

The report covered the following areas: The Demographic Challenge; Health, Houses and Roads; Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage; Mental Health; Lifestyle and Health - We are what we eat, drink, smoke and do; and Fighting Killer Diseases

The report had also been considered at the Oxfordshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 2 July and at the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board on 16 July 2015.

Cabinet noted the comments of the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and agreed to recommend to Full Council to receive the report and note its recommendations.

Cabinet Member: Business & Customer Services

9. Longford Park New Primary School, Banbury
(Cabinet, 21 July 2015)

The Longford Park housing development of 1,070 homes was now being built in Banbury. To serve this development a new 1.5 FE primary school, (Admission number 45) was required. In order to ensure that the Council had a sufficient supply of school places the new school was required to be complete and ready for use for September 2016.

Cabinet considered a report submitted for their consideration in anticipation of an expeditious Final Business Case review and subsequent governance approvals in the third financial quarter 2015, to facilitate mobilisation phases on receipt of the Land transfer agreement expected in July 2015.

Cabinet agreed to endorse the progress to date and to delegate to the Chief Finance Officer and Director for Environment & Economy, in consultation with the Leader, the authority to approve the Stage 2 Full Business Case and the award of the construction project.

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Leader of the Council

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