Division(s): N/A

COUNTY COUNCIL – 14 JULY 2020

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council

1. Appointments 2020/21
(Cabinet, 26 May 2020)

Cabinet confirmed member appointments to a variety of bodies which in different ways supported the discharge of the Council's Executive function.

2. Oxfordshire County Council Post COVID Planning: Restart, Recover, Renew
(Cabinet, 16 June 2020)

Cabinet had before it a report which set out Oxfordshire County Council's approach to post COVID-19 planning and recovery following the national period of lockdown and a prolonged period of operation within an emergency response context

Cabinet endorsed the approach to planning for recovery for the immediate, transitional and longer term.

N.B. *As set out under Rule 19(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision was exempt from Call-In as it was deemed urgent to enable the actions and proposals in the report to be implemented immediately without any delay, which is important given the fluid situation with covid guidance and the need to respond and adapt.*

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

3. Workforce Report and Staffing Data
(Cabinet, 17 December 2019, 25 February 2020 and 26 May 2020)

Cabinet noted a series of reports that gave a snapshot of the workforce profile including headcount and full-time equivalent comparison, equality, apprenticeships, sickness, turnover and agency spend for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020. In addition, the report provided information on the cost of posts being covered by agency staff and a 4-year agency trend analysis.

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care & Public Health

4. Innovation and Sustainability Funds
(Cabinet, 21 January 2020)

The Innovation and Sustainability Funds were introduced in 2018, following the review of daytime support services and the implementation of a new, flexible countywide system of daytime support in Oxfordshire. The aim of the sustainability funding is to provide support to existing services and the innovation funding is to provide one-off funding to support the development of self-sustaining projects, delivering new opportunities for adults in Oxfordshire.

Cabinet approved the final cross-party panel recommendations for allocation of the Innovation and Sustainability Funds for Daytime Support 2020-21.

Cabinet Member: Council Business & Partnerships

5. ICT Strategy, Digital Strategy & Endorsement of Local Digital Declaration
(Cabinet, 17 December 2019)

Cabinet agreed the proposed Information Technology Strategy and the Framework for Digital Service Delivery; and adopted the Local Digital Declaration and became a signatory to it.

 * This decision was taken under the remit of the former Cabinet Member for Transformation.

6. Digital Infrastructure Strategy
(Cabinet, 17 March 2020)

Cabinet considered a plan to support delivery of the Government's commitment to have 100% coverage of full fibre broadband and close to 100% coverage of fast mobile. Cabinet approved the Digital Infrastructure & Delivery Plan; and the associated Memorandum of Understanding forming a Digital Infrastructure Partnership between Oxfordshire Local Authorities and OxLEP.

Cabinet Member: Education & Cultural Services

7. Statutory Notice to Close Culham Parochial CE Primary School
(Cabinet, 19 November 2019)

Following the publication of a statutory notice Cabinet approved the proposed closure of Culham Parochial Church of England Primary School.

8. SEND LA Ofsted Report
(Cabinet, 21 January 2020)

The Cabinet noted the outcome of the SEND Local Area re-visit report, which had been published by Ofsted on the 23 December 2019, following the revisit on the 15 - 17 October 2019.

9. Expansion of Radley CofE Primary School
(Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services, 13 May 2020)

The Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services agreed to permanently expand Radley CofE Primary School to 1 form of entry, increasing its admission number from 15 to 30 and its capacity from 105 to 210 places.

N.B. *As set out under Rule 19(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision is exempt from Call-In as it is deemed urgent and any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, in that any delay could mean the decision would be taken away from Oxfordshire County Council.*

Cabinet Member: Environment

10. Delegation of Enforcement Powers to City/District Councils
(Cabinet, 19 November 2019)

Cabinet approved the delegation of specific powers from the county council to the city and district councils in relation enforcement of the legal requirements concerning domestic Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) and in relation to the enforcement of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) in commercial properties.

11. Oxfordshire Local Aggregates Assessment 2019
(Cabinet, 19 November 2019)

Cabinet had before them a report that set out the background to the community asset transfer policy and the issues that have arisen from its application in its current form, most recently through the children's services transformation. The report proposes revisions to the policy to improve the process for all parties in future, to provide greater clarity when working with community organisations interested in taking on council buildings.

Cabinet adopted the revised Community Asset Transfer Policy.

12. Connecting Oxford
(Cabinet, 21 January 2020)

Cabinet considered a report on the Connecting Oxford proposals - further traffic restrictions across Oxford and a workplace parking levy in Oxford's Eastern Arc - and the transport, environmental and other benefits it could deliver for Oxfordshire. A timetable and costs for the work required to design a detailed scheme and develop a DfT compliant business case, which will thoroughly

assess a range of scheme benefits and impacts,were contained within the report. Initial proposals were subject to an extensive engagement exercise and the report confirmed the main findings.

In addition, the report set out the need for further consultation and engagement. It was proposed to develop a detailed scheme and business case between January/February 2020 and Autumn 2021. A decision was required on whether to proceed on this basis (with the necessary funding to undertake this work already secured from the Housing & Growth Deal).

Cabinet endorsed the overall approach proposed as the basis for further scheme and business case development of Connecting Oxford proposals in partnership with Oxford City Council.

13. Oxford Local Walking & Cycling Infrastructure Plan
(Cabinet, 17 March 2020)

Cabinet had before it a detailed 10-year plan to improve cycling and walking in Oxford. Cabinet approved the Oxford Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), including the Oxford cycle network plan.

14. Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Local Development Scheme
(Cabinet, 17 March 2020)

Cabinet approved a revised minerals and waste development scheme and proposed timetable for the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

15. Better Deals for Bus Users – Funding Opportunities
(Cabinet, 26 May 2020)

The purpose of the report was to detail two new funds for the provision of bus services under the heading of 'Better Deal for Bus Users', and to provide an update on the financial support available to bus operators as a result of the impact of Covid-19 along with updating members on other funding opportunities to support public transport.

Cabinet agreed for Officers to submit an Expression of Interest to the Government's 'All-Electric Bus City' funding initiative; and to submit up to four Expressions of Interest to the Government's Rural Mobility Funding initiative.

Cabinet Member: Finance

16. Community Asset Transfer Policy*
(Cabinet, 19 November 2019)

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17. Capital Programme Monitoring Report
(Cabinet, 17 December 2019 & 17 March 2020)

Cabinet two capital programme update and monitoring reports for the 2019/20 financial year that focused on the delivery of the capital programme based on projections at the end of October 2019 and new inclusions within the overall ten-year capital programme.

Cabinet approved the updated capital programme and:

- In relation to the Housing & Growth Deal agreed the release of the Benson Relief Road and Milton Heights Bridge schemes;

- In relation to schools agreed:

  the inclusion of the following projects in the Capital Programme: new Faringdon Primary School; new Primary School in Wallingford; the expansion project at Thame, Lord Williams's School;

  the release of the expansion project at Chalgrove Primary School in the Basic Need programme;

  the release of the expansion project at John Watson Special School (Secondary) in the Basic Need programme

- agreed the release of the Legacy Programme, and to report the governance of these projects at a programme level.

- agreed to continue to report the Growth Deal at programme level to enable resources to be moved between schemes but within the overall programme total of £143m.

18. Provisional Capital Outturn 2019/20
(Cabinet, 26 May 2020)

Cabinet noted the provisional capital programme outturn position for the 2019/20 financial year that focused on the capital spending against budget allocations within 2019/20 and the financing of this capital investment.

Cabinet Member: Local Communities

19. Youth Opportunity Fund
(Cabinet, 25 February 2020)

The Youth Opportunity Fund was introduced by Cabinet in 2019 to increase opportunities for young people across Oxfordshire. Following the application

process, as per the agreed cross-party decision-making process, the cross-party panel reviewed the applications and assessed them against grant criteria.

Cabinet approved the final cross-party panel recommendations for allocation of the Youth Opportunity Fund and closed the Fund.

Cabinet Member: All Cabinet Members

20. Business Management & Monitoring Report
(Cabinet, 17 December 2019, 21 January 2020, 25 February2020, 17 March 2020 and 26 May 2020)

Cabinet considered a series of reports that set out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities and provided an update on the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan from 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020.

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Leader of the Council   July 2020