

**Cabinet
Tuesday, 17 March 2026**

ADDENDA

4. Questions from County Councillors (Pages 3 - 6)

Questions and answers attached.

5. Petitions and Public Address (Pages 7 - 8)

List of speakers attached.

6. Appointments

There are no appointments to report to this meeting.

12. Business Management & Monitoring Report - Performance and Risk - Quarter 3 2025-26 (Pages 9 - 10)

Updated Annex D attached.

17. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 11 - 12)

Forward Plan update attached.

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ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

<p>1. COUNCILLOR JAMES FRY</p> <p><u>Agenda Item 15:</u> Anecdotal evidence from people who have used the new system for booking deliveries to HWRC serving the City and Banbury is that when trying to book online, some people are given dates up to three weeks ahead.</p> <p>Yet, at the centres, staff apparently say that fewer people are turning up to bring their household waste. Staff at the centres apparently advise people to turn up, as before, without an appointment, and book on their phones when they arrive at the site.</p> <p>What do the January and February data reveal about deliveries under the new system vs. 2025 data? Are data available for the same months about fly tipping?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDY ROBERTS, CABINET MEMBER FOR PLACE, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION</p> <p>The booking system allows for bookings to be made from half an hour, up to two weeks in advance. Looking at sites serving the Banbury and City areas, at the time of drafting this response (Thursday 12 March) there are plenty of slots available today, Friday, and for the weekend ahead, with no timeslots being fully booked to capacity. This is despite there being thousands of bookings being made each week.</p> <p>Site staff should not be advising people to turn up and make on the spot bookings, and not pre-book their visits in future. This will be investigated with our site contractor to ensure this is not the case.</p> <p>As part of the changes, a reduction in visitor numbers was anticipated through improved measures to prevent illegal trader abuse of the service, as well as fewer non-Oxfordshire residents using the services, both of which come at a cost to the service. Intelligence from other authorities suggests booking systems lead to customers planning their visits better, delivering more on each trip to the HWRC, but making fewer overall visits. It is also worth noting there have been spells of bad weather since the service changes were introduced which often impacts service usage.</p> <p>We do not hold data on flytipping as this is gathered and held by the district councils. Specific data on flytipping would need to be requested from the relevant district authority. The OCC Waste Management team have been liaising with district council colleagues through the Oxfordshire Resources and Waste Partnership (ORWP) operational and enforcement groups. To date, no increases in fly tipping have been brought to the attention of the team, nor any new trends emerging since changes were introduced within the HWRCs.</p>
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Please see table below for HWRC traffic data. Please note:

- Traffic data has to be treated as indicative, as this will include other traffic movements beyond pure HWRC visitor vehicle movements (e.g. operational traffic)
- Traffic count data for Stanford and Dix Pit HWRCs is not included as these systems had periods of faultiness across several months in this period. We believe that visitor trends on these sites should be similar to those at other HWRCs.
- This is a very narrow data set drawn from what is typically a quiet time of year, and longer-term trends and other data sets need to be analysed to fully understand the impacts on the service.

	Jan	Feb
2025	53088	49587
2026	44447	32128
Percentage change	-16%	-35%

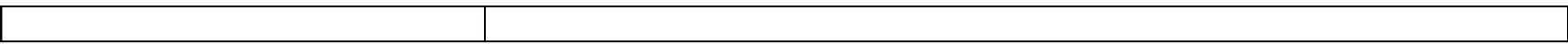
2. COUNCILLOR JAMES FRY

Agenda Item 9: The CDEL (Capital Departmental Expenditure Limit) on the Local Transport Grant grows very rapidly from £4.0 million in 2026/27 to £9.12 million in 2029/30, without any explanatory narrative.

Please provide some detail to explain this unusually strong growth. Where is the grant spent?

COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

Government has announced a 4-year consolidated funding allocation bringing together a variety of highway and transport grants received. The grants support the various highway and transport projects within the council's capital and revenue programmes. As part of the grant conditions, we are required to produce a 4-year Local Transport Delivery Plan to identify our priorities to utilise the funding over this timeframe.



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ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

Item	Speakers
7 - Reports from Scrutiny Committees – Road safety	Peter Barnett Cllr Brad Baines
9 - Local Transport Consolidated Funding Settlement - Local Transport Delivery Plan	Robin Tucker Cllr James Fry
10 – Movement and Place Plans	Paul Finnemore Robin Tucker Richard Allen Cllr Gareth Epps Cllr James Fry
11 – Treasury Management Q3 Performance Report	Cllr Brad Baines
12 – Business Management and Monitoring Report – Performance and Risk - Q3 2025-26	Cllr Brad Baines
13 – Update on High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant	Cllr Brad Baines
14 - Capital Programme Update and Monitoring Report	Robin Tucker Cllr Brad Baines
16 – Acquisition of property/lease in Oxfordshire	Cllr Liz Brighthouse

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Appendix 5 – Fees & Charges updates (addenda)

The amendments to the fees below are to ensure that there is alignment, within all the city edge Park & Rides (P&D), of fees being charged by both Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council. The Henley on-street Pay and Display (P&D) charge is also proposed to be aligned with the Abingdon P&D charge. Finally, the Parking Permit fees have been round to the nearest £1, to ease customer administration.

The additional charge replaces the charge approved in January and updates the rate unit being % rather than monetary.

All changes should be from 1 April 2026.

Service area	Charge description	Unit	Approved by Cabinet on 27.01.26		Revised Proposed		Reason for the amendment
			Charge excl VAT 26/27	Charge incl VAT 26/27	Charge excl VAT 26/27	Charge incl VAT 26/27	
Planning & Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. Agreements between £1m – £2m	% of agreement between £1m – £2m	£0.01	£0.01	1.00%	1.00%	Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery. Updated rate presentation

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ITEM 17 – FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Members are asked to note the following change to the Forward Plan:

Deferred item

Cabinet Member **/ Decision by**

<i>Cabinet Member for Future Economy and Innovation</i>	Economic Development Strategy <i>(Ref: 2026/017)</i> A new economic strategy for Oxfordshire is currently in development. This item is to approve the strategy, make funding decisions, and delegate authority as necessary.	21 April 2026	Deferred from 17 March 2026
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