

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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

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## **CABINET - TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2025**

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<b>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</b>	<b>DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. Apologies for Absence</b>	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tim Bearder and Dr Nathan Ley.	DLG (A Newman)
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	There were none.	
<b>3. Minutes</b>  To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 9, 21 and 28 January 2025 ( <b>CA3</b> ) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of the meetings held on 9, 21 and 28 January 2025 were approved as a correct record.	DLG (C Reynolds)
<b>4. Questions from County Councillors.</b>	There were none received.	
<b>5. Petitions and Public Address</b>	<u>8 Badger Culling</u>  Cllr Ian Middleton	
<b>6. Appointments</b>	There were no appointments to report to this meeting.	

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<p><b>7. Reports from Scrutiny Committees</b></p> <p>Cabinet will receive the following Scrutiny reports: -</p> <p>Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports on S.106 and City Centre Accommodation Strategy</p>	Cabinet received the reports and will respond in due course.	DLG (R Doney)
<p><b>8. Badger Culling</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/374  <i>Contact:</i> Teresa Kirkham, Head of Countryside and Waste  <a href="mailto:Teresa.Kirkham@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Teresa.Kirkham@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Director of Environment and Highways (CA8)</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Re-affirm the Councils opposition to badger culling</li> <li>b) Note that a specific policy about badger culling not being permitted on Council-owned land will be presented for adoption in due course</li> <li>c) Note that the Leader has written to DEFRA making clear the council's continued opposition to the cull and any extension in size and scope.</li> </ul>	Recommendations approved.	DEH (T Kirkham)

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<p><b>9. Councils for Fair Tax Declaration</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/353  <i>Contact:</i> Ian Dyson, Director of Financial and Commercial Services  <a href="mailto:Ian.Dyson@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Ian.Dyson@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (<b>CA9</b>).</p> <p><b>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the Councils for Fair tax Declaration</b></p>	Recommendations approved.	EDR (I Dyson)
<p><b>10. Enhanced Pathways Business Case - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategic Early Intervention Team</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education and Young People's Services &amp; SEND Improvement  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2025/020  <i>Contact:</i> Jane Elvidge, Interim Manager – SEND Strategic Early Intervention Team  <a href="mailto:Jane.Elvidge@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Jane.Elvidge@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>Report by Director of Children's Services (<b>CA10</b>).</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p><b>a) Approve Oxfordshire County Council ("the Council") continuing to fund 20 existing Enhanced Pathways to enable the Council to meet the increasing numbers and complexities of children and young people with Special Educational Needs in mainstream schools and to realise probable savings through this spend to save model.</b></p>	Recommendations approved.	DCS (J Elvidge)

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<p>b) Approve the Council to fund a further 20 Enhanced Pathways to double to reach of the project to enable the Council to offer a more equitable offer across the county to meet the increasing numbers and complexities of children and young people with Special Educational Needs in mainstream schools and to realise probable savings through this spend to save model.</p> <p>c) Approve the Council's budgetary commitment for a period of 3 years for each Enhanced Pathway (barring significant changes to central government funding of SEND during that period).</p> <p>d) Commit to consider and review opportunities to upscale the Enhanced Pathways programme over the coming years in line with the impact evidence provided.</p>		
<p><b>11. Oxfordshire Climate Adaptation Route Map &amp; Oxfordshire County Council Climate Adaptation Delivery Plan</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/365  <i>Contact:</i> Tom Layzell, Climate Adaptation Policy and Project Lead  <a href="mailto:Tom.Layzell@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Tom.Layzell@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Director of Economy and Place (CA11).</p>		

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<p><b>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p>a) Note the recent endorsement of the Oxfordshire Climate Adaptation Route Map by the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP).</p> <p>b) Approve the adoption of the Oxfordshire Climate Adaptation Route Map and OCC Delivery Plan.</p>	Recommendations approved.	DEP (T Layzell)
<p><b>12. Civil Enforcement Procurement Model</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Transport Management  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2025/007  <i>Contact:</i> Keith Stenning, Head of Network Management  <a href="mailto:Keith.Stenning@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Keith.Stenning@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a> and            Cathy Champion, Operations Manager – Civil Enforcement  <a href="mailto:Cathy.Champion@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Cathy.Champion@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Report by Director of Environment and Highways (CA12).</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p>a) Approve the preferred service model and procurement strategy (enhanced multi contractor) for the Civil Enforcement and Zero Emission Zone (ZEZ) operation.</p> <p>b) Support progression to the next stage of the project, that being the development and drafting of the specification, contract, and other tender documents required for procurement.</p>	Recommendations approved.	DEH (K Stenning)

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<p><b>13. Household Waste Recycling Centre Service Delivery Model</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/331  <i>Contact:</i> Teresa Kirkham, Head of Countryside and Waste  Teresa.kirkham@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Environment and Highways (CA13).</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approve the commencement of work to explore and consider options for the household waste recycling centre management service delivery provision, noting that the current contract is coming to an end in September 2027.</li> <li>b) Endorse the proposed approach for developing the options and key procurement stages as set out in this paper.</li> <li>c) To approve the use of Extended Producer Responsibility funding for consultancy work to support the future household waste recycling centre model development.</li> </ul>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEH (T Kirkham)</p>
<p><b>14. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 3 2024-25</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Corporate and Community Services  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2025/041</p>		

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<p><i>Contact:</i> Cherie Cuthbertson, Director of HR and Cultural Change  Cherie.cuthbertson@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer <b>(CA14)</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</b></p>	Recommendation approved.	EDR (C Cuthbertson)
<p><b>15. Capital Programme Approvals - February 2025</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/226  <i>Contact:</i> Natalie Crawford, Capital Programme Manager  Natalie.crawford@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer <b>(CA15)</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) approve the inclusion of a new one-form-entry primary school -East Carterton - into the Capital Programme with an indicative budget of £10.227m, to be funded from S106 developer contributions and basic need funding.</li> <li>b) note that £7.500m of the remaining Housing and Growth Deal funding is to be allocated to Grove Airfield School in 2024/25.</li> </ul>	Recommendations approved.	EDR (N Crawford)

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<p><b>16. Forward Plan and Future Business</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i>  <i>Contact Officer: Chris Reynolds, Senior Democratic Services Officer,</i>  <a href="mailto:chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk">chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include “updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting”. Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at <b>CA16</b>. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.</p> <p>The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity to identify any further changes they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.</p> <p><b><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></b></p>	Noted.	
<p><b>17. For Information only: Cabinet response to Scrutiny items</b></p> <p>Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Progress Report  Flood Event Response  Community Asset Transfer Policy  Commercial Strategy Update</p>	Noted.	



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<p><b>18. City Centre Accommodation Strategy - Proposed Disposal of New and Old County Hall</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/294  <i>Contact:</i> Michael Smedley, Head of Estates Assets and Investments  Michael.smedley@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Property and Assets <b>(CA18)</b></p> <p>The information in this case is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:</p> <p>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p> <p>and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p> <p>The annexes containing exempt information under the above paragraph are attached.</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p>a) <b>Agree to the freehold disposal of New and Old County Hall, on the terms set out in exempt Annex 4.</b></p> <p>b) <b>Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to negotiate and agree the final heads of terms which will be substantially</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p> <p>This item is not subject to Scrutiny call-in.</p>	<p>DPA (M Smedley)</p>

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<p><b>in accordance with the details set out in exempt Annex 4.</b></p> <p><b>c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, to conclude negotiations and complete all necessary legal documentation to implement the disposal.</b></p>		

