

Cabinet
Tuesday, 20 September 2011

ADDENDA

4. Questions from County Councillors (Pages 1 - 2)

Attached.

5. Petitions and Public Address (Pages 3 - 4)

Attached.

8. Oxfordshire Concessionary Fares Scheme - Application and Pass Issuing

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

Forward Plan Ref: 2011/098

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The relevant portfolio holder is now the Deputy Leader and this is reflected in the amended recommendation (b) below.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) agree that the Oxfordshire Customer Services Centre should now undertake an appropriate procurement process to select the most suitable supplier(s), and engage with said supplier(s) to provide a system for managing Concessionary Travel Pass applications and the production and issuing of the travel passes;
- (b) delegate authority to the Deputy Director Customer Services, in consultation with the **Deputy Leader**, to agree any detail in relation to the management of all aspects of the Concessionary Fares Scheme Application & Pass Issuing processes during 2012/13;
- (c) agree that a permanent budget of £0.422m be vired to the Customer Service Centre in 2012/13 to manage the scheme;
- (d) agree that efficiency savings made by the CSC in subsequent years to be attributed to the CSC overall programme savings set out in the medium term

financial plan; and

- (e) agree that a number of selected libraries and Oxfordshire County Council building receptions are equipped to provide a face-to-face service for those residents who will find it difficult or impossible to use an online system.

13. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 5 - 6)

Attached.

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ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Member:

Councillor Roy Darke to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Property

1. “Given the large number of changes in prospect for local government finance and the serious implications that these will have on the County Council's budget will the Cabinet Member ensure that all members are fully briefed about the changes and their impacts?”

Answer

“We are planning to include any updates on Local Government Resource Review (LGRR) on the planned Member briefings which happen throughout the budget process, although we have also added in another one, 29th September - following on after Strategy & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee - to ensure that members are informed of the consultation details in plenty of time before the required response on 24th October.”

2. “The 2011/12 Financial Monitoring and Business Strategy Delivery report includes substantial carry forwards and virements. Are the current arrangements for reporting and discussing these fit for purpose? Surely the relevant scrutiny committees should be where these are discussed rather than solely by the Cabinet?”

Answer

“Virements are regulated under the Constitution Part 3.3 which is updated as part of the Budget process – please see Council Agenda for 15th February 2011 Agenda item 8 (annex 7) Service & Resource Planning 2011/12 – 2015/16 Virement Rules 2011/12.

Virements for approval or noting are reported to Cabinet in the Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report each month. If a virement is permanent and involves a major change of policy or is a temporary virement of more than £500,000, then Council's approval is required. In the case of the virements approved by Council on 13th September 2011, the sums for Carry Forward for CEF, S&CS and E & E were all of more than £500,000 and represented the outturn carry forward sums from 2010/11. The details of these virements had been considered by the Strategy & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting of 21st July 2011 at agenda item 6 – Provisional Outturn Overview, commentary by the Cabinet Member for Finance. The Strategy &

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee also considers the Financial Monitoring Reports on a Quarterly basis.

Of course there is nothing to stop any Scrutiny Committee deciding to examine virements pertinent to its responsibilities but I do not consider that it would be a good use of its valuable time.”

CABINET – 29 SEPTEMBER ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

Petition

Mr M Madden – Petition protesting against the new Health & Safety regulations at Redbridge Recycling Centre.

Public Address

The Leader of the Council has agreed the following requests to address the meeting:-

Item	Speaker
Agenda Item 8 - Oxfordshire Concessionary Fares Scheme - Application & Pass Issuing	Councillor David Turner – Shadow Cabinet Member for Transport.
Agenda Item 9 – Fire Control Room 999 Call Receipt and Mobilising Options Appraisal	Rachel Dobson Green Watch, Fire Control FBU Brigade Organiser & Control Branch Rep Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service

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ITEM 16 – FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS

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

Amendments to items in the present Plan:

Portfolio	Topic (Ref)/Decision	Present Timing	Change
<i>Adult Services</i> Cabinet	A Revised Policy for Transport Eligibility within Adult Services (Ref: 2011/140) To consider an in principle agreement to a revised policy to support the eligibility criteria for the provision of transport within adult services and seek authority to proceed with a 3-month public consultation on the revised policy.	18 October 2011	Deferred to 15 November 2011
<i>Adult Services</i> Cabinet	Development in the Oxfordshire Care Partnership Agreement (Ref: 2010/216) To seek approval to the principles for developing the Partnership Agreement with the Oxfordshire Care Partnership and specific service developments to achieve service and financial objectives of the Council and the Oxfordshire Care Partnership.	20 September 2011	Deferred to 18 October 2011
<i>Finance & Property</i> Cabinet	Property & Facilities Procurement – Scope of Contract (Ref: 2011/114) To decide on inclusion of Quest Cleaning Services and/or Food with Thought in the scope of the contract.	20 September 2011	Deferred to 18 October 2011
<i>Children, Education & Families</i> Cabinet Member	Chill Out Fund 2011/12 – October 2011 (Ref: 2011/110) To consider applications received (if any) from the Chill Out Fund.	4 October 2011	Item deleted

New Items added to the present Plan:

Cabinet Area	Topic/Decision	Timing	Contact/ Report by
<i>Finance & Property</i> Cabinet	Local Government Resource Review – Response (Ref: 2011/168) To agree the County Council’s response to the Local Government Resource Review.	18 October 2011	Lorna Baxter, Acting Head of Corporate Finance Tel: (01865) 323971 <i>(Deputy Director of Environment & Economy – Growth & Infrastructure and Acting Head of Corporate Finance)</i>
<i>Growth & Infrastructure</i> Cabinet	National Planning Policy Framework – Response (Ref: 2011/169) To agree the County Council’s response to the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework consultation.	18 October 2011	Martin Tugwell, Deputy Director of Environment & Economy – Growth & Infrastructure Tel: (01865) 815113 <i>(Deputy Director of Environment & Economy – Growth & Infrastructure)</i>
<i>Deputy Leader</i> Cabinet Member	Services to Third Parties, including Academies (Ref: 2011/171) To consider approval to provide services to third parties including academies.	18 October 2011	Paul Gerrish, Interim Deputy Director – Oxfordshire Customer Services Tel: (01865) 797228 <i>(Director for Environment & Economy)</i>
<i>Police & Policy Co-ordination</i> Cabinet Member	Big Society Active Communities Grants (Ref: 2011/148) To consider applications received before 30 August 2011.	18 October 2011	Maggie Scott, Corporate Policy Manager Tel: (01865) 816081 <i>(Head of Strategy & Communitcations)</i>