

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.)

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	Councillor Hibbert Biles.	HLC (G Watson)
2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note opposite	None.	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2014 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Agreed and signed.	SW
4. Questions from County Councillors	See Annex	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Item 7 – Councillor Gill Sanders Item 8 – Councillor Liz Brighthouse Item 9 – Councillor John Sanders Item 10 – Councillor Laura Price Item 12 – Councillor Liz Brighthouse Item 17 – Councillor Laura Price	
6. Service & Resource Planning Report 2015/16 - September 2014 <i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/053 <i>Contact:</i> Stephanie Skivington, Corporate Finance Manager Tel: (01865) 323995 This report is the first in a series on the		

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<p>Service & Resource Planning process for 2015/16, providing councillors with information on budget issues for the next financial year and the medium term.</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the report;</p> <p>(b) approve the Service and Resource Planning process for 2015/16; and</p> <p>(c) approve the updated Financial Strategy set out at Annex 3a.</p>	Recommendations agreed.	CFO (S Skivington)
<p>7. Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/093 <i>Contact:</i> Lucy Butler, Deputy Director for Children's Social Care & YOS Tel: (01865) 815165</p> <p>To note and to seek endorsement of the Council's response to the recent Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services.</p> <p>Cabinet is Recommended to:</p> <p>(a) approve the Action Plan for submission to Ofsted; and</p> <p>(b) request the Performance Scrutiny Committee to undertake a 6 monthly review of progress.</p>	Recommendations agreed. Further agreed that Cabinet be kept advised of progress.	DCS (L Butler)
<p>8. Strategic Economic Plan and the Local Growth Deal(SEP) Update</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader</p>		

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<p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/108</i> <i>Contact: Richard Byard, Service Manager</i> – Economy and Skills Tel: 07584 909508</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to provide Cabinet with an update on Oxfordshire's recently announced Local Growth Fund (LGF) allocation to 2021 and the process for future LGF funding rounds. The report also seeks approval to further develop the approved schemes and to support match-funding being identified in the Council's capital programme for 2015/16.</p> <p>The Cabinet is Recommended to agree that County Council lead schemes noted in paragraphs 10 and 11 of this report are brought forward as part of the 2015/16 capital programme to ensure proper revenue and resource planning can be undertaken.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DEE (R Byard)</p>
<p>9. Highways Asset Management Plan</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Environment</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/119</i> <i>Contact: Steve Smith, Service Manager – Network & Asset Management Tel: (01865) 810435</i></p> <p>Report by Director for Environment & Economy (CA9).</p> <p>Officers have produced an updated strategy for maintenance of the public highway in the form of a Highway Asset Management Plan. The draft document is submitted to Cabinet for consideration and adoption as Council policy.</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DEE (S Smith)</p>

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<p>10. Outcome Based Contracting for Mental Health and Older People Services</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/091</i> <i>Contact: Benedict Leigh, Strategic Commissioner – Adults Tel: (01865) 323577</i></p> <p>Cabinet is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) Support the transition of the NHS to focus on outcomes rather than activities as the right direction for the benefit of the health of people in Oxfordshire; to recognise that the change is essential if the NHS in Oxfordshire is to be able to manage with the resources available and that the NHS managing within the resources is crucial to securing the resources of £8m from the Better Care Fund to protect Adult Social Care services and to secure resources to pay for the costs of the new Care Act.</p> <p>(b) delegate authority to negotiate Oxfordshire County Council's engagement with these two OBC contracts to the Director of Adult Social Services with certain conditions namely:</p> <p>(i) that this is limited to adult social care services for people with mental health problems and reablement and intermediate care services for older people;</p> <p>(ii) that there are specific outcome measures for both reablement and intermediate care that relate to our strategy of limiting demand for health and social care;</p> <p>(iii) that there is a genuine pooling of resources for mental health; and</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DASS (B) Leigh</p>

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<p>(iv) that the final negotiated position is subject to the prior agreement of the County Solicitor as to compliance with proper procurement requirements.</p>		
<p>11. Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Resource Implications following Supreme Court Judgment in March 2014</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/111</i> <i>Contact: Kate Terroni, Area Service Manager – District Team Service Area</i> <i>Central Tel: (01865) 815792</i></p> <p>The Cheshire West judgment was handed down by the Supreme Court on 19th March 2014. This judgment has had a significant impact on the workload to meet the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) due to the increased scope of the definition of 'deprivation of liberty' and consequently the number of service users that are now within the remit of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards who are placed within care homes and hospitals.</p> <p>This report provides an understanding of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, the context to this judgment and the operational impact of responding to the judgment in Oxfordshire. The report considers the risks to Oxfordshire County Council and how these are being addressed and managed and the need to consider how to meet the additional responsibilities on the Department.</p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the impact of the Cheshire West judgement on the Authority due to the significant increase in requests in order to meet our statutory requirements,</i></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DASS (K Terroni)</p>

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<p><i>through increased staffing and financial resources and note the actions taken to manage these impacts.</i></p>		
<p>12. Governance and Constitution Review 2014 - September</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/080</i> <i>Contact: Peter Clark, County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer Tel: (01865) 323907</i></p> <p>In April 2013, the Council adopted new governance arrangements which came into effect following the May 2013 elections. The Council asked its Monitoring Officer to review the effectiveness of these decision-making arrangements a year after their coming into operation, along with the underlying Constitution. His recommendations will be considered by Full Council on 9 December. This report therefore summarises the emerging issues from the Monitoring Officer's review.</p> <p><i>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to consider and endorse the direction of travel of the review.</i></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>HLC (G Watson)</p>
<p>13. Staffing Report - Quarter 1 - 2014</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/054</i> <i>Contact: Sue Corrigan, Strategic HR Manager Tel: (01865) 810280</i></p> <p>The report provides an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014. Progress is also tracked on staffing numbers since 31 March 2014 as we continue to implement our Business Strategy.</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed,</p>	<p>CHRO (S Corrigan)</p>

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<p>(a) note the report; and</p> <p>(b) confirm that the Staffing Report meets the requirements in reporting and managing staffing numbers.</p>		
<p>14. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead,</i> <i>Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	Noted.	
<p>15. Exempt Item</p> <p>In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in Appendix C to Annex 1 and in Annex 2 to Item 16, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of those Annexes by passing a resolution in relation to that item in the following terms:</p> <p><i>"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annexes since it is likely that if they were present during that discussion there would be a disclosure of "exempt" information as described in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and specified below the item in the Agenda".</i></p> <p>NOTE: The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public. The exempt information is contained in the confidential appendix and annex.</p>	There being no specific questions or discussion on the annexes containing exempt information the resolution was not needed.	

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<p>16.A34 Major Improvement Schemes</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2014/116 Contact: Jeremy Hollard, Commercial Delivery Manager Tel: 07765 906891</i></p> <p><i>The information contained in the annex is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category:</i></p> <p><i>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) 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, in that where a tender or bidding process is in progress disclosure would distort the proper process of open competition and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of the transaction and the Council's standing generally in relation to such transactions in future, to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority.</i></p> <p>Cabinet is asked to:</p> <p>(a) approve the Stage 2 – Full Business Case for the Milton Interchange scheme.</p> <p>(b) give delegated authority to the Director for Environment and Economy in consultation with the Leader to Award the contract for construction once tender assessment is complete and provided the costs are within the budget envelope</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DEE (J Hollard)</p>

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<p>17. Better Care Fund</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Adult Social Care <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/133 <i>Contact:</i> Ben Threadgold, Service Manager – Policy & Performance Tel: (01865) 328219</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to seek agreement on the proposed use of the Better Care Fund in Oxfordshire, prior to submission to NHS England by 19 September 2014. This is an update to the plan previously agreed by Cabinet and the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2014, to reflect updated Government guidance and requirements issued in July and August 2014.</p> <p>It is a Government requirement that plans are agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to submission, as well as the County Council and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>Agree the Better Care Fund Plan for Oxfordshire for submission to NHS England by 19th September 2014, subject to the inclusion of any necessary changes which may be required following consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board and Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body as agreed by Chairman (Leader of the Council) and Vice Chairman (Clinical Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group) of the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	<p>Cabinet agreed the Overview Plan for submission to NHS England by 19 September 2014 subject to the inclusion of any necessary changes which may be required following consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board and Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body as agreed by Chairman (Leader of the Council) and Vice Chairman (Clinical Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group) of the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	

Question received from the following Member:

1. From Councillor Phillips to Councillor Hibbert Biles

“The community based sexual health services in East Oxford are currently open 2 hours a day for 4 days a week. Given that a lot has been made of sexual health services provision improving under the management of the County Council can I be advised when community based services in Oxford City will be at the level provided by the NHS which was for an average of 6 hours a day for 6 days a week.”

Answer

‘The site that is located in East Oxford is a new location opened to provide services at the beginning of July 2014 as part of a network of locations for services delivered by our provider across the County. It was agreed with the providers that as the clinic was a new site that the clinic would open in a “soft launch” to allow services in the clinic to settle in. It is planned that the clinic will have increase opening times from October which will provide increased access to the public from this location. The integrated service also delivers services in Oxford a short distance away at the Churchill Hospital site. The Churchill clinic provides access to extensive services six days a week for those who wish to access them. Both sites in Oxford now provide both Contraceptive & Sexual Health and Sexual Transmitted Infection testing & treatment which is a more comprehensive range of services than was previously available at the previous community site in East Oxford under the NHS which only delivered Contraception services.’

Supplementary: Councillor Phillips asked for information on the increased opening times and queried whether they will be open on a Saturday? It was agreed that Councillor Hibbert Biles would provide a written answer.

2. From Councillor Phillips to Councillor Lindsay-Gale

“The Service & Resource Planning 2015/16 document shows that the School Music Service will lose all its County Council funding by April 2017. Comprehensive analysis has been undertaken by officers and external consultants looking at the organisational options for this much valued service. Please advise when a decision about the organisational status can be expected given that this decision is crucial when applying for funding from other sources?”

Answer

‘Following very detailed analysis of the Oxfordshire Music Service and it’s role as the lead partner in the Oxfordshire Music Education Hub by the Head of the Music Service, supported by officers in the County Council in the areas of H.R. Finance and Legal Services, the Music Service has developed a strong business plan for the next two years which is currently under discussion with senior officers in the Children, Education & Families Directorate.

The planning is aimed to increase efficiencies within the service, maximise and diversify income streams and streamline business practices in order to greatly reduce, and eventually eliminate, the need for regular revenue support from the County Council.

This process can currently be achieved within the Oxfordshire County Council framework; however, the Music Service will be supported by the directorate towards more independent working and is, for example, currently examining options for a new Management Information System that will greatly enhance business efficiency and customer interfaces.

There is currently no active process of privatisation or externalisation, but as the Music Service demonstrates its capacity to manage as a business unit with increasing independence from the County Council this position can and will be reconsidered.'

Supplementary: Asked whether the intention was still that all Council funding would be withdrawn by 2017 Councillor Lindsay-Gale replied that that was still currently the plan but that the date remained under review. Councillor Hudspeth added that they are confident of their ability to generate income.

3. From Councillor Fooks to Councillor Nimmo Smith

'The Motion passed by 34 votes to 2 at Full Council on April 1st recommended that 'The impact on the health of Oxfordshire residents, from NOX and particulates, should be considered as new large developments are proposed and new transport strategies developed. This is immediately relevant in the development of Local Transport Plan (LTP) 4, the updated Oxford Transport Strategy and the Westgate and Northern Gateway developments.'

How are you taking this into account in LTP4 and the transport proposals for major developments such as the Northern Gateway?

How are you taking into account the further recommendation that 'all transport strategies should include an emphasis on the possible use of pollution-free fuels, freight consolidation strategies and alternative transport modes?'

Answer

'LTP4, including the main policy document and its area and supporting strategies, is currently being drafted, taking into account the feedback received in the recent consultation on its goals and objectives. Impacts on human health and the environment will be key considerations, and will be assessed as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan. Policy and strategies that support modal shift away from private motorised transport will have a positive impact on air quality, and at the local level, strategies will support the district councils' air quality action plans. We will also be developing policy to support the use of less polluting vehicles. The draft LTP will be subject to public consultation early in 2015.

As an example, the North Oxford Transport Strategy Technical Summary, which has informed policies within the City Council's Northern Gateway Area Action Plan, sets out measures that support health and air quality objectives such as a significant reduction in parking spaces for the employment element (compared to 'normal' parking standards).'

END

'Policy to support the use of less polluting vehicles' - with regard to private vehicles, is something that we are struggling a bit with, but coming under pressure to adopt. The jury's still out on their sustainability, both in terms of whole-life carbon and the risk of increase in short distance car journeys. However, from an 'embracing technology' perspective we would probably want to be more positive in ours'

Supplementary: Asked how freight consolidation strategies were progressing Councillor Nimmo Smith replied that this was a national issue. He noted that with regard to the Northern Gateway, the scheme was the City council's although Oxfordshire County Council was consulted as a statutory consultee.