

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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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Apologies were received from Councillor Neil Fawcett.</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>- guidance note opposite</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p>3. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>Approved with the following amendment:</p> <p>Item 6/22, Page 4, add to the final paragraph: "The previous Cabinet had always anticipated having to put some funding from the County Council into completing that project."</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)</p>
<p>4. Questions from County Councillors</p>	<p>See attached Annex.</p>	
<p>5. Petitions and Public Address</p>	<p>Petition</p> <p>Nuneham Courtenay residents regarding speed limits and protection of peafowl.</p> <p>Public Address</p> <p>Item 6: Consultation and Engagement Strategy Cllr Michael O'Connor Cllr Charlie Hicks</p>	

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	<p>Item 8: Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) Stage 1 Cllr Charlie Hicks</p> <p>Item 9: Burford Experimental Weight Limit Cllr Ian Snowden Cllr Charlie Hicks Rhys Williams Burford Town Councillor John White Dr Ken Gray Hugh Ashton Parish Cllr Mark McCappin Parish Cllr Jan de Haldevang District Cllr Julian Cooper Cllr Yvonne Constance Cllr Stefan Gawrysiak Cllr Andy Graham Cllr Liam Walker Cllr Nick Field-Johnson</p>	
<p>6. Consultation and Engagement Strategy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Corporate Services Forward Plan Ref: 2021/165 Contact: Kerry Middleton, Head of Communications, Marketing & Engagement Tel: 07586 479081</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) consider the contents of the draft strategy and provide feedback to the Cabinet lead member for corporate services, the corporate director for customers organisational development and resources and supporting officers; and</p> <p>b) endorse the content of the strategy.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDCOD (K Middleton)</p>

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<p>7. OCC Social Value Policy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/223 <i>Contact:</i> Becky Spencer, Procurement Policy & Governance Officer Tel: 07912 476711</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Approve the draft Social Value Policy, provided as an annex to this report;</p> <p>b) Approve the planned implementation of the Social Value Policy, as outlined below.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>DLG (B Spencer)</p>
<p>8. Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) Stage 1 - Endorsement to Final Report</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Travel & Development Strategy <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/163 <i>Contact:</i> John Disley, Infrastructure Strategy & Policy Manager Tel: 07767 006742 / James Gagg, Principal Infrastructure Planner Tel: 07776 997303</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Endorse the OxIS Stage 1 as the framework for assessing and identifying strategic infrastructure priorities across the County to 2040, and</p> <p>b) Endorse the use of the OxIS multi-criteria appraisal (MCA) as the basis for the on-going assessment and prioritisation of infrastructure in relevant Council workstreams.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDEP (J Disley / J Gagg)</p>

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<p>9. Burford Experimental Weight Limit</p> <p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2021/196</i> <i>Contact: Natalie Moore, Transport Planner</i> Tel: 07917 534327</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:-</p> <p>a) Receive the referral made by the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee following its consideration of a call-in request made on the 2 February 2022 on the decision regarding the Burford Experimental Weight Limit</p> <p>b) Reconsider the original decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy, in light of the concerns raised by the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee as listed in paragraph 5 of this report.</p>	<p>Cabinet endorsed the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Travel & Development Strategy on 5 January 2022:</p> <p>a) APPROVE officers to consider the costs and benefits of developing area wide restrictions across Oxfordshire including close working with neighbouring authorities, as part of the county wide freight strategy, as soon as practicable. Noting any future approval of area wide weight restrictions would likely see existing environmental weight restrictions revoked subject to consultation.</p> <p>b) REVOKE the Burford Experimental Traffic Regulation Order of 7.5t weight restriction. Therefore, not making a permanent order.</p>	<p>CDEP (N Moore)</p>
<p>10. Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2022/23</p> <p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2021/186</i> <i>Contact: Sarah Fogden, Finance Business Partner</i> Tel: 07557 082613</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to: -</p> <p>a) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers in full and approve the 2022-23 Early Years funding formula for 3 and 4- year old provision with an underlying hourly rate of £4.35 (excluding the Deprivation supplement, SEN</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDCS (S Fogden)</p>

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<p>Inclusion Fund and Contingency).</p> <p>b) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers in full and approve the 2022-23 Early Years funding formula for 2- year old provision at an hourly rate of £5.89.</p>		
<p>11. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Alison Bartlett, Democratic Support Officer Tel: 07741 607515</i></p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></p>	Noted	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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<p>1. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS</p> <p>With learning from the Cowley LTN experience of (lack of) consultation by the previous administration, Cllr O'Connor and I have worked hard on recommendation from Performance Scrutiny to Cabinet on the Consultation & Engagement Strategy. Please could you let us know what Cabinet plans to do with this recommendation and how the substance of the recommendation will be put into practice for the development of the Central Oxfordshire Transport Strategy / Connecting Oxford policy?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR GLYNIS PHILLIPS, CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</p> <p>The consultation and engagement strategy has been updated to incorporate the recommendations from Performance Scrutiny at their meeting of 17 January. Wider responses to some of the detail within the recommendations will be provided to scrutiny officers to share with Scrutiny members.</p> <p>A number of communications and engagement strategies have already been developed, and will continue to be developed, to support individual travel and transport schemes. They follow the principles of communications, consultation and engagement best practice and are tailored to the specific project or scheme in question. This includes the Central Oxfordshire Transport Strategy / Connecting Oxford programme.</p> <p>This is a useful opportunity for us to begin honing our plans for LTCP stage 2 and the area strategies, which we hope will involve local members at their heart, and ongoing working groups, based on the current traffic advisory structures and city/county coordination group.</p>

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<p>Supplementary</p> <p>Can you please let us know whether there will be any capacity improvement in the consultation and engagement team to deliver representative polling for transport projects and can you let us know at what point in the Central Oxford Transport Strategy / Connecting Oxford policy generation process there will be public input and councillor input?</p>	<p>Councillor Duncan Enright</p> <p>Connecting Oxford is now going to proceed as part of stage 2 of the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan work which is currently ongoing in its phase 1 with the 93 underpinning policies being consulted upon until March. This is followed on by the area strategies and, in this case, it will be the Central Oxfordshire Transport Strategy that will be under consideration. That's Oxford plus surrounding satellites and particularly transport routes. That is going to be the first one to come forward of the area strategies and be consulted upon this summer and a briefing for that in outline has already taken place with County Members representing the city. It's going to be overseen by the coordination group between the city council and the county council. It will come to local Members first because, as with the first phase of the LTCP, we want local Members to be very much the first to respond but also to be able to take the ideas out and then consult on them themselves within their patches.</p> <p>With the Central Oxfordshire piece, because Oxford is the service centre for a large swathe of the county, there will be interest from outside the city as well. We will make sure that an all-Member briefing happens in good time as well because we know that, for example, Witney county councillors such as myself will be interested and we will also be involving city and district councillors in all of this work. They will be seeing it early on but the public consultation will be this summer. Councillor Phillips may have more on the consultation and engagement side of things. We certainly have enhanced that and the signs of that are in the responses to the LTCP which are many times more interesting and numerous than for previous local transport plans.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Glynis Phillips There will be increased capacity for consultation and engagement which was part of the budget agreed by Council on 8 February – not specifically for the work that you identified but as part of the overall team and I'll be discussing in more detail the types of methodologies available for consultation and engagement when I address Agenda Item 6.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR BRAD BAINES</p> <p>Currently the necessary capital funding for the infrastructure elements of Connecting Oxford is accounted for as a £3 million element of the Bus Service Improvement Plan bid to the Department for Transport. Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether there is contingency available so the requisite funds could be made available as scheduled even if the BSIP bid falls through or funds are otherwise delayed beyond 2022/23? Similarly, would it be possible within the recently approved 2022/23 budget and MTFS for Connecting Oxford to be accelerated ahead of current timetables for delivery in 2022 or early 2023?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR CALUM MILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE</p> <p>Connecting Oxford is a priority for this administration. We made a strong bid to Government for an ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan and hope it will be supported. However, if our bid is not successful, the £3m it contained for traffic filters and other infrastructure will be made available from reserves.</p> <p>The scheme is being progressed at pace. The timeline includes important periods for public consultation and engagement. As a result, the key elements of the scheme will not be able to be delivered in advance of Spring 2023.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR BRAD BAINES</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether Phase 1b School Street schemes, such as the St Ebbe's scheme in my Division, will be eligible for replacement ANPR enforcement before the end of the current school year, subject to the granting of Part 6 powers, and if so when is the Council aiming to install these?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Thank you for your continued interest and questions on this topic. You are a credit to your local residents, always fighting hard in their best interest. I am very aware of the effort and dedication volunteers have put into the School Streets schemes, not just in your Division but across the county. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work. I know with any voluntary process it is possible to face burn out and fatigue. I know that some of the schemes</p>

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	<p>are facing difficult choices and concerns about their long-term sustainability. For this reason I am also keen to progress ANPR cameras to compliment the school streets project as a priority. But we are dealing with Government here and in every area there has been delay, postponement and ambiguity. We were told that these powers were going to be devolved in March and now that is likely to be May - if our bid is successful. So any commitment I make here today would be a foolish hostage to fortune. All I can say is that it is a priority.</p>