

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 FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tim Bearder, Councillor Kevin Bulmer, Councillor Michele Paule and Councillor Alison Rooke.	DLG (A. Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.	There were none.	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2021 were approved and signed as an accurate record.	
4. Official Communications	Council welcomed Councillor Mark Cherry. Council sent best wishes to the high Sherriff who had been unwell. Council thanked staff for their contribution to Oxford Open Doors. County Hall had received over 850 visitors to the building throughout the weekend. Council congratulated Marjorie Glasgow on her appointment as Lord	CEO (S. Lenihan) All to note CEO (S. Lenihan)

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	<p>Lieutenant and paid tribute to the outgoing Lord Lieutenant, Sir Tim Stevenson.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Council for their contributions for his Charity walk, which had raised over £1000.</p> <p>Council paid tribute and held a minute's silence in memory of former County Councillor Peter Fisher.</p>	
<p>5. Appointments</p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	<p>Council Agreed the following appointments:</p> <p>Horton Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Councillor Mark Cherry to replace Councillor Geoff Saul</p> <p>Performance & Corporate Services O&S Committee</p> <p>Councillor Ian Corkin to replace Councillor David Bartholomew.</p> <p>Audit & Governance Committee</p> <p>Councillor Eddie Reeves to replace Councillor Jane Murphy</p>	<p>DLG (A. Bartlett/A. New man)</p>
<p>6. Petitions and Public Address</p>	<p>Council received the following Petitions and Public Address:</p> <p>A Petition on behalf of OneHeadington, against the installation of Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) barriers in Headington.</p> <p>A Petition on behalf of residents of Appleford requesting that the County Council redesign and move the elevated flyover road and bridge to provide adequate distance from Appleford dwellings, to move the short</p>	<p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p> <p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p>

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	<p>section of carriageway by 200 meters and to provide reasonable Mitigation along its entire length.</p> <p>A Public Address from Ms Joan Stewart in support of Agenda Item 20 Motion by Councillor Jane Hanna).</p>	
7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	There were none.	
8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	<p>20 questions with Notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers will be set out in the Annex to the minutes.</p> <p>In relation to question 1 (Question from Yvonne Constance to Councillor Tim Bearder) Councillor Enright undertook to ask Councillor Bearder to provide Councillor Constance with a written response on when Swindon and OCC would manage traffic away from works on A420 and not through it.</p> <p>In relation to question 2 (Question from Councillor Yvonne Constance to Councillor Duncan Enright) Councillor Enright undertook to provide Councillor Constance with a written reply answering whether there was a start date for construction.</p> <p>In relation to question 6 (Question from Councillor Andrew Coles to Councillor Tim Bearder) Councillor Enright undertook to notify Councillor Tim Bearder that the invitation to visit the residents of Burwell Drive was still open.</p> <p>In relation to question 10 (Question from Councillor Eddie Reeves to</p>	<p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p> <p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p> <p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p> <p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p>

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	<p>Councillor Tim Bearder) Councillor Enright undertook to ask Councillor Tim Bearder to provide a written answer to Councillor Reeves as to whether the Cabinet Member would push through LTNs if the majority of residents vote against it.</p> <p>In relation to question 11 (Question from Councillor Nick Field Johnston to Councillor Pete Sudbury) Councillor Sudbury undertook to consult with the Leader and provide a written answer to Councillor Field Johnson answering what the current status was with discussions with the 6 MPs.</p> <p>In relation to question 15 (Question from Councillor Brad Baines to Councillor Tim Bearder) Councillor Enright undertook to ask Councillor Tim Bearder to provide a written answer detailing what the plans were for further school streets.</p> <p>In relation to question 16 (Question from Councillor Brad Baines to Councillor Duncan Enright) Councillor Enright undertook to ask Councillor Tim Bearder to provide a written answer to Councillor Baines on what role the expanded green zone ZEZ will have in tackling congestion caused by visitors wanting to park at the Westgate.</p>	<p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p> <p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p> <p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p>
<p>9. Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 20 July 2021 (CC9).</p>	<p>Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 4 of the report (Question from Councillor David Bartholomew to Councillor Calum Miller) Councillor Miller undertook to</p>	<p>DF (K. Crooks)</p>

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	<p>provide a written answer quantifying the financial risks of the Kennington Bridge Scheme and explain how they will be catered for.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 4 of the report (Question from Councillor Yvonne Constance to Councillor Calum Miller) Councillor Miller undertook to provide a written answer outlining what the ambitions were for the Active Travel funding.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 6 of the report (Question from Councillor Brad Baines to Councillor Tim Bearder) Councillor Duncan Enright undertook to pass on Councillor Baine's request to implement an active travel 'mini holland' in South Oxford.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 9 of the report (Question from Councillor Brad Baines to Councillor Liz Leffman) Councillor Leffman undertook to look again at the performance indicators and KPIs. She urged the scrutiny committees to let her know how they thought it could be improved.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 9 of the report (Question from Councillor Nick Field-Johnson to Councillor Liz Leffman) Councillor Leffman undertook to look at an opt-in service for members receiving paper copies of Committee Papers.</p>	<p>DF (K. Crooks)</p> <p>CPEP (A. Pitt- Pitts)</p> <p>CEO (C. Taylor)</p> <p>DLG (A. Bradley)</p>
<p>10. Treasury Management 2020/21 Outturn</p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CC10).</p>		

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<p>The report sets out the Treasury Management performance in the financial year 2020/21 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2020/21.</p>	Noted.	DF (T. Chapple)
<p>11. Review of Political Balance on Committees</p> <p>Report by Director for Law & Governance (CC11).</p> <p>The Council is required by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 to review the political balance on its committees on an annual basis and then in any circumstances set out in Regulations under the 1989 Act. Following the May 2021 elections and the subsequent formation of political groups on the Council, the political balance was formally reviewed at the Annual Council Meeting on the 18 May. Since that time, Cllr Mark Cherry has been confirmed as the duly elected member for the Banbury Ruscote Division. As a result, the Monitoring Officer has formally received notification from Cllr Cherry and from the Leader of the Labour & Co-operative Party Group, that Cllr Cherry has become a member of that Group.</p> <p>Following the addition to the Labour & Co-operative Party Group, a further review of political balance now needs to occur to reflect the relative proportion of each Group with regards to seats on the Council, and given that more than a month has elapsed since the last review of political balance. This review also reflects that the Conservative-Independent Alliance</p>		

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<p>Group now has one fewer member than previously.</p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED:</p> <p>(a) <i>to note the revised political balance on committees shown in Annex 2 to the report;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>to make the consequential appointments to the Committees named in paragraph 11 and as listed in paragraph 13 and Annex 3 (to follow), to give effect to the wishes of the respective Group Leaders.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed nem con.</p>	<p>DLG (G. Watson/A. Bartlett)</p>
<p>12. Dispensation from Attending Meetings</p> <p>Report by Director of Law & Governance (CC12).</p> <p>Under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 85 (1), councillors who do not attend a meeting of the Council during a six-month period will cease to be a member of the Council unless the Council has approved a dispensation before the expiry of that period. Council is asked to grant such a dispensation to Cllr Alison Rooke who, for reason of ill-health, is unlikely to be able to attend a meeting of the Council prior to April 2022.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) <i>approve a dispensation for Cllr Alison Rooke from the statutory requirement to attend a meeting of the Council within a six month period from the last noted attendance;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>approve that the dispensation last up to and including 30 April 2022.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed nem con.</p> <p><i>Note: Chair to send Councillor Alison Rooke best wishes on behalf of Council.</i></p>	<p>CEO (S. Lenihan)</p>
<p>13. Motion by Councillor Andrew Gant</p> <p>“Council notes and approves that there has been a general move away from gender-</p>	<p>The Amendment by Councillor Yvonne Constance was lost by 37</p>	

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<p>specific job titles in recent decades. This has taken different forms in different contexts, but a common thread is that where a simple alternative to a gender-specific nomenclature exists, it has been widely adopted. Such an instance is the replacement of “Chairman” with “Chair”.</p> <p>Council notes and approves that the vast majority of other councils have made this change, either formally or by natural evolution and habit.</p> <p>Council regrets that its own working practices haven’t kept up with this shift, making it appear old-fashioned, reactionary, exclusive, out of touch and showing a damaging lack of awareness of changes in society as a whole. Council also believes it will be easier and more efficient for officers to work to one standard in preparing meeting agendas, etc</p> <p>Council therefore:</p> <p>Resolves that with immediate effect the chairs of council and all committees and other bodies will be referred to in writing and verbally as “Chair”. The word “Chairman” will not be used.</p> <p>Resolves to ask the Monitoring Officer to incorporate this change in the constitution at the earliest opportunity and to change the currently in-use painted board in the Council Chamber at the earliest convenient opportunity (but not to alter the other, completed boards, which are a historical record).</p>	<p>votes to 20.</p> <p>The substantive Motion was carried by 38 votes to 20.</p>	<p>DLG (G. Watson)</p>
<p>14. Motion by Councillor Donna Ford</p> <p>“This Council recalls the new administration’s flagship policy document entitled ‘A Fair Deal for Oxfordshire – Shaping our priorities’ (the Policy</p>	<p>The Motion was lost by 38 votes to 20.</p>	

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<p>Document') that was approved by Cabinet on 20 July, having been considered at an extraordinary meeting of Performance Scrutiny on 16 July.</p> <p>This Council notes that the administration has been in place for four months and notes the aim of the Policy Document as a statement of intent in respect of its prospective policies relative to those of the outgoing administration.</p> <p>Accordingly, this Council resolves that the administration reports to members by the date of its next meeting with a schedule of policies under active consideration and/or implementation by the previous administration that have since been:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued in their entirety by the new administration without amendment or qualification. 2. Continued substantively but varied to reasonably reflect the incoming administration's own aims and objectives. 3. Changed substantively by the new administration, but reflecting the outgoing administration's original aims and objectives; and 4. Discontinued altogether. <p>This Council resolves to keep such schedule reasonably up-to-date during the new administration's term of office and further requests that the administration report to members by the date of this Council's next meeting with a clear set of key performance indicators in respect of its priorities in the Policy Document to ensure that there is reasonable ongoing scrutiny of its performance and delivery of election promises."</p>		

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<p>15. Motion by Councillor Hannah Banfield</p> <p>“Oxfordshire County Council condemns the use of ‘Fire and Rehire’ by any employers in the County of Oxfordshire and calls upon the Members of Parliament representing Oxfordshire’s residents (Anneliese Dodds, John Howell, Layla Moran, David Johnson, Robert Courts and Victoria Prentis) to support Barry Gardiner’s Private Member’s Bill and do all in their power to make this practice unlawful.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council resolves not to procure any goods or services from companies that have sought to gain commercial advantage by using or threatening to use this unscrupulous practice.”</p>	<p>The Amendment by Councillor Kieron Mallon was lost by 34 votes to 21, with 2 abstentions.</p> <p>The substantive Motion was carried nem con.</p>	<p>DHR (K. Edwards)</p>
<p>16. Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves</p> <p>“This Council notes that public services – locally and nationally – have been impacted immensely by the pandemic.</p> <p>This Council acknowledges that the Government has spent more public money than any in the nation’s history to secure the livelihoods of hard-working people, and the futures of the public, private and voluntary sector organisations who employ them. Without prejudice to any outcome, this Council recognises that local government reform may be considered again in due course. In Oxfordshire, members can either work together to shape that reform or have it imposed from Whitehall.</p> <p>This Council notes that analyses have been commissioned from EY (2016), PwC (2017) and Grant Thornton (2016-7) by local authorities across Oxfordshire in addition to options appraisals conducted</p>	<p>The Motion was lost by 34 votes to 20, with 1 abstention.</p>	

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<p>by Councils themselves.</p> <p>This Council further notes that a Government White Paper on devolution is expected imminently, pursuant to which more power and control of public finances may be tied to reform.</p> <p>This Council restates its aim for Oxfordshire to be a beacon of local government excellence irrespective of its political leadership and notes that members have historically worked well together in the interests of residents.</p> <p>Accordingly, this Council resolves to ask the Cabinet set up a Cabinet Advisory Group to review the evidence of recent years and, without prejudice to its findings, put forward a preferred view to the Leader should local government reform be mandated by Government, or the new administration wish to secure further powers and public money from Government that are contingent on reform.”</p>		
<p>17. Motion by Councillor Glynis Phillips</p> <p>“Local Government has endured central government cuts of more than 50% since 2010. Oxfordshire County Council staff have been at the forefront of continuing to provide a range of services and support during the COVID pandemic. Our staff have worked to keep our communities safe, our schools open, cared for vulnerable and older people and continued to safeguard children.</p> <p>A 1.75% pay increase (2.75% for those on the lowest pay point) is not enough and with inflation at 3.8% this is real terms pay cut.</p> <p>This Council asks the Leader of the</p>	<p>The Amendment by Councillor Reeves was lost by 35 votes to 19.</p> <p>The substantive Motion was carried by 35 votes to 17.</p>	<p>CEO (B. Dimmock-Smith)</p>

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<p>Council to write to all Oxfordshire MPs requesting that they contact the Chancellor of the Exchequer to provide the necessary funding for a substantial and fairer pay offer.”</p>		
<p>18.Motion by Councillor Brad Baines</p> <p>“Oxfordshire County Council believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes; and therefore, calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council also calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to ask them to uphold this vital principle.”</p>	<p>The time being after 3.30 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	
<p>19.Motion by Councillor Kieron Mallon</p> <p>"This Council notes that Banbury FM wishes to secure a licence to provide a locally run radio station dedicated to North Oxfordshire.</p> <p>This Council supports the need especially in times of emergency, to provide a genuinely local news outlet dedicated to an established geographical location and conurbation.</p> <p>Whilst not pre-empting who the provider may be this council supports the aspiration for a local provider to operate the local DAB multiplex and secure a truly local FM community radio licence when they become available.</p> <p>This Council requests that the leader of the Council writes to Ofcom and the Secretary of State for Digital, Cultural, Media and Sport (DCMS) to convey our support for a local provider to persuade Ofcom of the need for a community minded radio station</p>	<p>The time being after 3.30 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

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in the Banbury and North Oxfordshire catchment area."		
<p>20. Motion by Councillor Jane Hanna</p> <p>"Government planned reforms to integrate health and care by April 2022 are being implemented across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) ahead of the Health and Care Bill 2021 and there are many non-elected new decision-makers and groups in place.</p> <p>We believe Oxfordshire County Council must have freedom to work with partners to respond to the needs of our people, most especially as inequalities have worsened through the pandemic. County councillor democratic involvement at each local and regional level of decision-making is vital as well as ensuring local authority standards of accountability apply to new non-elected bodies.</p> <p>Oxfordshire statutory committees of Health and Wellbeing and JHOSC are well established Oxfordshire committees. Their role must be core to understanding and tackling inequalities and helping build back sustainable local communities.</p> <p>New decision-making powers for health and care above Oxfordshire as place must be compelling and accountable. Proposed new powers for ministers to intervene in any local change need to be removed from the Bill.</p> <p>If joint health and care plans are to succeed locally government needs to deliver now on national workforce planning and on it's failed pledges in 2017 and in 2019 to deliver a social care settlement fit for the 21st century.</p> <p>Council calls on and supports the Chair of Wellbeing Board and Chair of HOSC writing to all Oxfordshire MPs seeking their active support for this Council's position in Parliament and to seek wider support with</p>	<p>The time being after 3.30 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

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local partners with view to influencing improvements to reforms.”		

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