

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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CABINET - TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2023

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillor Calum Miller and from Stephen Chandler, Interim Chief Executive and Lorna Baxter, Director of Finance.	DLG (A Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest	None	DLG (A Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes were approved and signed with two amendments: page 3: line 2: replace "consultations" with "engagement" page 3: para 3: amend penultimate line Replace "the objectives of ensuring the ongoing success of Oxford United" with "the objectives adopted by the Cabinet in March 2022 and of supporting the ongoing success of Oxford United"	DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)
4. Questions from County Councillors	See Annex	
5. Petitions and Public Address	The following requests to speak were agreed by the Chair: <u>7 Pan Regional Partnership for the Oxford-Cambridge Area</u>	

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	<p>Cllr Ian Middleton</p> <p><u>9 Response to the recommendations of the Citizens' Jury</u> Richard Parnham</p> <p><u>10 Verge and Vegetation Policy</u> Cllr Ian Middleton</p>	
<p>6. Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2023/24</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader, including Children, Education & Young People's Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/141 <i>Contact:</i> Sarah Fogden, Finance Business Partner, sarah.fogden@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director for Children's Services (CA6).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers in full and approve the 2023-24 Early Years funding formula for 3 and 4- year old provision with an underlying hourly rate of £4.58 (excluding the supplements, SEN Inclusion Fund and Contingency).</p> <p>b) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers in full and approve the 2023-24 Early Years funding formula for 2- year old provision at an hourly rate of £6.21.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDCS (S Fogden)</p>
<p>7. Pan Regional Partnership for the Oxford-Cambridge Area</p>	<p>Recommendations amended and approved as follows:</p>	<p>CE (R Rogers)</p>

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<p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/027 <i>Contact:</i> Robin Rogers, Programme Director (Partnerships and Delivery), robin.rogers@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Chief Executive (CA7).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Agree that the County Council will be a participant in the proposed pan-regional partnership for the Oxford to Cambridge area;</p> <p>b) Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, agreement to future arrangements with respect to establishing the constitution of the new partnership.</p>	<p>c) Agree that the County Council will be a participant in the proposed pan-regional partnership for the Oxford to Cambridge area <u>subject to recommendation b;</u></p> <p>d) <u>To engage positively and proactively with the proposed pan-regional partnership's shadow board to establish the governance structure, leadership and constitution. Prior to accepting formal membership of the pan-regional partnership, the Leader and Chief Executive will bring back to a future Cabinet meeting the set of guiding principles, covering both governance and this Council's objectives for its participation in the partnership.</u></p>	
<p>8. Network Management Plan 2023-2028</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Highway Management <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/238 <i>Contact:</i> Keith Stenning, Head of Service – Network Management keith.stenning@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA8).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Approve the adoption the 'Oxfordshire Network Management Plan 2023-2028' at Annex 1</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDEP (K Stenning)</p>

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<p>b) Approve the Oxfordshire Network Management Plan Summary document at Annex 2</p> <p>c) Approve the delegation of authority to amend the Network Management Plan to the Corporate Director of Environment and Place in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Highway Management for the life of the Plan to ensure it is kept up to date with related Council policies and any government guidance or legislative changes.</p>		
<p>9. Response to the recommendations of the Citizens' Jury</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Travel & Development Strategy <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/219 <i>Contact:</i> John Disley, Head of Transport Policy, Environment and Place, john.disley@oxfordshire.gov.uk / Susannah Wintersgill, Director of Communications, Strategy & Insight, Susannah.wintersgill@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA9).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) approve the council's response to the recommendations resulting from the Citizens' Jury;</p> <p>(b) support the development of a policy on the future use of juries and their place within the council's decision-making process, as resolved by the</p>	<p>Recommendations approved</p>	<p>CDCODR (S Wintersgill) / CDEP (J Disley)</p>

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<p>Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>		
<p>10. Verge and Vegetation Policy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Climate Change Delivery & Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/222 <i>Contact:</i> Paul Wilson, Group Manager - Highway Operations, paul.wilson@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA10).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) Approve the updated interim Highway Verge and Vegetation Management Policy and Service Aims at Annex 1.</p> <p>(b) Support use of guidance produced by www.plantlife.org.uk and HERO (Healthy Ecosystem Restoration Oxfordshire), including approach at Annex 4, to help further develop an incremental approach to the County Council's management of highway grass and vegetation assets.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDEP (P Wilson)</p>
<p>11. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> All <i>Contact Officer:</i> Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Forward Plan and Update noted with an additional item for Cabinet on 21 March 2023:</p> <p>Proposal from Oxford United Football Club to Oxfordshire County Council as Landowner: Engagement and Communications Strategy, Timeframe and Memorandum of Understanding</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)</p>



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p>1. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</p> <p>On the January 15th, 2023, I reported a pothole outside 52 Prescott Avenue by a traffic calming road hump via FixMyStreet.</p> <p>Nothing was marked up for repair in January 2023. Early February 2023 as local councillor for Banbury Ruscott I escalated to the North Oxfordshire Area Officers and was told due to number of potholes reported it would be a while until the pothole was marked up for repair, essentially a capacity issue as officers were investigating not just Banbury rural Villages</p> <p>At the time of writing the 16th of February 2023 and further emails to officers and two calls on the highway number I am still no clearer when the pothole will be repaired although it has been marked up for repair.</p> <p>I think all county councillors would agree how hard area officers work but there seems a capacity of repair issues with milestone, and this needs to be urgently addressed before members of the public have make compensation claims to the council or worst a cyclist hits one of the potholes and ends up in hospital.</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member please advise when the pothole will be repaired?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>January has seen a significant increase in defect repairs. For most of the past 12 months we have seen a steady reduction in the number of defects month by month but the numbers in January have seen an approximate 50% increase compared with last year. This is predominantly as a result of the very cold snap in December, followed by a period of wet weather and then the second cold spell in January.</p> <p>We monitor the performance of Milestone through performance indicators and through this spike in numbers, they met and indeed exceeded their targets during this period. They are able to provide resources through directly employed operatives and the use of additional sub contracted suppliers to manage the peaks in demand.</p> <p>During January there were 1156 potholes that were recorded and issued for repair within a 24 hours period, all of these were completed in the required timeframe. A further 1549 were recorded and issued for repair within 28 days.</p> <p>The pothole outside 52 Prescott Avenue was logged for repair on 1 February with a 28 day repair time. The contractors therefore have until 1 March to undertake the repair but I understand this may be completed sooner subject to scheduling. I apologise however that you did not receive a more timely and accurate update. This is being reviewed and officers have been reminded of the need for prompt and accurate responses.</p>

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<p data-bbox="114 204 1016 239">2. COUNCILLOR IAN MIDDLETON</p> <p data-bbox="114 316 1016 533">I have received reports from local hunt monitors that The Heythrop Hunt recently rode with hounds through Dean Common which is part of the Wychwood Project which I understand is owned by OCC. Could the Cabinet Member confirm that we do not allow hunting on any of our land and specifically within Wychwood Forest?</p> <p data-bbox="114 609 1016 644">SUPPLEMENTARY</p> <p data-bbox="114 647 1016 756">Could I have confirmation that it is County Council policy that hunting of any kind is not permitted on any County Council owned property?</p>	<p data-bbox="1016 204 1966 277">COUNCILLOR PETE SUDBURY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY & ENVIRONMENT</p> <p data-bbox="1016 322 1966 389">I can confirm that no permission was sought/given for hunting on OCC's land.</p> <p data-bbox="1016 434 1966 539">I want to thank Cllr Middleton for bringing this to our attention, and we will write to all parties to remind them of our procedure in requesting access to OCC land.</p> <p data-bbox="1016 616 1966 651">RESPONSE</p> <p data-bbox="1016 654 1966 689">Yes. It is Council policy.</p>