

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 28 April 2016 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.32 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor David Nimmo Smith – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Mark Gray (for Agenda Items 4 and 5)
Councillor S. Curran

Officers:

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Law & Governance); M. Kemp and D. Tole (Environment & Economy)

Part of meeting

Agenda Item	Officer Attending
5.	C. Kenneford, P. Day and E. Batelaan (Environment & Economy)
6.	V. Fletcher & L. Wistrand (Environment & Economy)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

66/15 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
County Councillor Mark Gray (<i>Benson & Cholsey</i>)	4. Proposed Parking Restrictions – Cholsey

The following petitions were received:

Request for a New Crossing on Station Lane, Witney

A petition containing 250 signatures with 300 more on line was presented by Dawn McCall from Guideposts, Witney a local learning disabilities charity. Speaking to the petition Ms McCall highlighted the effects of increased development taking place in the area and the resultant levels of traffic on Station Lane, which they saw as a physical barrier to Guideposts connecting more with the community as well as creating immense safety issues for some of their clients when crossing the road. There was unanimous support from local businesses with County Councillor Laura Price in attendance and endorsing the petition.

Mr Tole advised that he was aware of the issues and that coincidentally a survey had been carried out the day before in order to gauge the volume of traffic and crossings made. Although the final figures were not available early indications were that while volumes of traffic were not excessively high some difficulties had been observed for pedestrians when crossing. Funding would be a problem and although some developer finance was available it would not be enough to cover the costs of a crossing and other funds would need to be found to supplement that. Outlining the process involved he confirmed that realistically even if sufficient finance was found a crossing was unlikely to be provided until after Christmas at best. The petition would obviously add pressure.

The Cabinet Member thanked the petitioners for presenting the petition which he received and referred to the Director for Environment & Economy to respond

A second petition was received for 30 mph speed limit to improve safety on B4016 Drayton Road, Sutton Courtenay between the Milton Road and the Peep-o-Day Lane cycle path (national cycle route). The petitioners were unable to present in person but it was noted that it contained 330 signatures with more it was understood on-line and 130 separate comments.

Mr Tole advised he was aware of the issues and also separate concerns regarding accidents.

The Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of the petition which he referred to the Director for Environment & Economy to respond.

67/15 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - CHOLSEY

(Agenda No. 4)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE4) objections received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce additional waiting restrictions and amend some existing restrictions at various locations in Cholsey.

Councillor Mark Gray spoke in support of the proposals which were badly needed as increasing amounts of on-street parking had affected buses and access and egress

onto private driveways. He advised that residents of West End, currently a residents only zone, were seeking assistance in helping to mitigate against displaced parking through possibly installation of repeater signs.

Mr Tole advised that the proposals had been drawn up in consultation with the parish council and Councillor Gray but that he was recommending that some features of the scheme should be deferred to allow further consideration along with some minor amendments to other elements and although enforcement levels would be limited he was confident that traffic flows would improve. With regard to West End he advised that as a 'prohibition of driving' the restriction did not allow for the provision of repeater signing but suggested a way forward might be to review the situation once the other restrictions were in place.

The Cabinet Member advised that he had been involved at length with these proposals and felt they represented a good compromise and so having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before him and the representations above confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of the advertised proposals, except as set out in the report CMDE4.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

68/15 OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS & WASTE ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2015

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE5) a draft Oxfordshire Minerals and waste Annual Monitoring Report 2015 covering the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Responding to Councillor Gray Mr Kenneford advised that applications for sites at Clifton Hampden and Cholsey were likely to be considered later in the year and confirmed that applicants were entitled to submit applications prior to approval of the Core Strategy.

Having regard to the information set out in the documentation before him the Cabinet Member confirmed his decision as follows:

- (a)** to approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2015 in the Annex to this report;
- (b)** to authorise the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) to carry out any necessary final editing of the Minerals

and Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2015 for publication on the County Council website.

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Signed
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

69/15 COURTAULD 2025 SIGNATORY COMMITMENT

(Agenda No. 6)

Due to its national reputation in waste management Oxfordshire County Council had been asked to become a founding signatory to the Courtauld Commitment 2025 a voluntary agreement bringing together a broad range of organisations involved in the food system including local authority partners and the private sector to make food and drink production and consumption more sustainable. The report pointed out that as the County Council was already meeting the spirit of the commitment through the joint municipal waste management strategy for Oxfordshire no additional staff time would be needed nor did it commit the council to any additional financial expenditure.

Therefore recognising the increased potential to improve services whilst being cost neutral and having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report before him the Cabinet Member confirmed his decision as follows:

to sign the Courtauld 2025 Commitment Voluntary Agreement.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

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