

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	Apologies were received from Councillor Neil Fawcett – attending an LGA Fire Service Conference. Councillor Jenny Hannaby participated remotely due to isolating.	DLG (A Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest	Councillor Calum Miller declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item 15 as a coach with Gosford All-Blacks Rugby Club.	DLG (A Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022 were approved with two spelling corrections on page 5.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached Annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Speakers: <u>Item 6</u> Cllr Ian Middleton Karl Franklin Linda Newbery Matilda Gettins Jimmy Pierson Cllr David Bartholomew Cllr Eddie Reeves Cllr Sally Povolotsky	

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	<p>Cllr Bethia Thomas Cllr Donna Ford</p> <p><u>Item 9</u> Cllr Michael O'Connor Cllr Donna Ford</p> <p><u>Item 13</u> District Cllr David Ruane District Cllr Emily Smith District Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye Katherine Foxhall District Cllr Jo Robb Antonia Jenkinson Robin Jones Nigel Tipple Parish Cllr Greg O Broin Parish Cllr Rita Atkinson Cllr Charlie Hicks Cllr Freddie van Mierlo Cllr Richard Webber Cllr Robin Bennett Cllr Ian Middleton Cllr Sally Povolotsky</p> <p><u>Item 15</u> Niall McWilliams Paul Peros David Hipkiss City Cllr Liz Wade Suzanne McIvor Cllr Nigel Simpson Cllr Andrew Gant Cllr Liam Walker Cllr Ian Middleton Cllr Charlie Hicks</p> <p><u>Item 19:</u> Cllr Andrew Coles Cllr Andy Graham</p>	
6. Plant Based Food (response to Motion from Cllr Middleton at Council on 14 December 2021)		

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<p><i>Cabinet Member: Corporate Services</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2022/013</i> <i>Contact: Vic Kurzeja, Director of Joint Property Team Tel: 07726 307813</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Commercial Development, Assets and Investments (CA6).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Ensure that food provided at full Council meetings and all civic events is entirely plant based and, where possible, sustainably and locally sourced.</p> <p>b) Endorse a graduated approach to incorporating plant-based options for school meals provided by the council, in partnership with schools who buy this service and in line with School Food Guidelines.</p> <p>c) Agree to the development of an Oxfordshire County Council food policy to support the delivery of sustainable food provision and its disposal within the Council.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDCDAI (V Kurzeja)</p>
<p>7. Business Management & Monitoring Report - January 2022</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2021/184</i> <i>Contact: Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programme Tel: (01295) 221786 / Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy Tel: 07788 302163</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development & Resources and Director of Finance (CA7).</p>		

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<p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED:</p> <p>a) To note the January business management and monitoring report.</p> <p>b) To agree virements set out in Annex C -2b which relate to the Covid-19 costs incurred by the directorates between October 2021 and January 2022.</p> <p>c) To note virements set out in Annex C-2c</p> <p>d) To note virements for 2022/23 set out in Annex C-2d</p> <p>e) To approve the bad debt, write off in Annex C paragraphs 25 (Adult Services) and 84 (CDAI)</p> <p>f) To approve the use of the COVID Reserve in paragraphs 29, 35, 79, 85, 91, 94 and the use of the corporate contingency for the estimated cost of the pay award in paragraph 101</p> <p>g) To note the Review of Charges 2022/23 set out in Annex C-5</p>	Recommendations agreed	CDCOD (L Tustian) / DF (K Wilcox)
<p>8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report - January 2022</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/183 <i>Contact:</i> Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy Tel: 07788 302163</p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CA8).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Endorse the latest capital monitoring position for 2021/22 set out in Annex 1.</p>	Recommendations agreed	DF (K Wilcox)

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<p>b) Agree that the following scheme should be added to the capital programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Warmth Fund: £1.187m grant funded project to support the retrofitting of energy efficiency measures in homes in fuel poverty in Oxfordshire. <p>c) Agree a contribution of £0.998m, funded by S106 contributions, to the Department for Education (DfE), towards the new Bloxham Grove SEND Free School.</p> <p>d) Approve the updated Capital Programme Summary (Annex 2) incorporating the changes set out in this report.</p>		
<p>9. Strategic Plan 2022-2025: Outcomes Framework 2022/23</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Cabinet Member for Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/020 <i>Contact:</i> Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes Tel: 07741 607452</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development & Resources (CA9).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Adopt the outcomes framework as set out in annex 2.</p> <p>b) Agree the revised reporting schedule as set out in</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDCOD (L Tustian)</p>

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<p>paragraph 9 (table 2).</p> <p>c) Note that the measures reflect a combination of pre-existing service measurements and progress measures for the council's strategic priorities and that as such the framework is a 'living document'. Additions and amendments will be appropriate from time-to-time reflecting policy development or contextual changes. In the event of any amendments to the framework they will be clearly identified in a Cabinet report setting out the changes and rationale behind them.</p> <p>d) Receive and consider any feedback on the outcomes framework from the Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and delegate to the Corporate Director for Customers, Organisational Development and Resources, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, the ability to make amendments to the outcomes framework following discussion and feedback.</p> <p>e) Request officers prepare a 'strategy map' setting out how key thematic and service plans link into the corporate strategy and its priorities, a timeframe during which key policies and strategies will be reviewed, and the identification of new outcome measures resulting from the review.</p>		

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<p>f) Note the progress to date developing a public performance portal with a planned go-live in the second quarter of the year.</p>		
<p>10. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 3 - October-December 2021</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Corporate Services</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2021/162</i> <i>Contact: Karen Edwards, Director of Human Resources Tel: 07825 521526</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development and Resources (CA10).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>DHR (K Edwards)</p>
<p>11. COVID 19: Oxfordshire System Recovery and Renewal Framework</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2021/222</i> <i>Contact: Robin Rogers, Programme Director, COVID Response Tel: 07789 923206</i></p> <p>Report by Interim Chief Executive (CA11).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Adopt the Oxfordshire System Recovery and Renewal Framework, as set out in Annex 1, as the key partnership document guiding joint programme planning beyond the COVID-19 pandemic period;</p>	<p>Cabinet agreed the recommendations on the understanding that further discussion will take place with the District and City Councils on the implementation.</p>	<p>CDCOD (R Rogers)</p>

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<p>b) Delegate final revisions to Oxfordshire System Recovery and Renewal Framework to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, as partnership organisations complete their engagement and decision-making processes;</p> <p>c) Note the summary of utilisation of COVID Programme grants for the immediate COVID response, as set out in Annex 2.</p>		
<p>12. EXEMPT ITEM</p> <p>In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in Annex C to Agenda Item 13, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of the Annex by passing a resolution in relation in the following terms:</p> <p>"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annex 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".</p> <p>NOTE: The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public.</p> <p>THE ANNEX TO THE ITEM NAMED HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE</p>	<p>It was agreed that there was no requirement to exclude the public as there was no request to discuss the information in the exempt Annex.</p>	

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<p>13. HIF1 - Amendments to the Grant Determination Agreement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Travel & Development Strategy <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/221 <i>Contact:</i> Timothy Mann, Senior Project Manager, Tel 07922 848408</p> <p>Report by Director of Growth & Economy (CA13).</p> <p>The information in this case is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:</p> <p>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Annex C containing exempt information under the above paragraph is attached.</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Authorise the Corporate Director Environment and Place, in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, Director of Finance, Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy and Cabinet Member for Finance to enter into an amended Grant Determination Agreement (GDA) with Homes England.</p>	<p>Recommendations were amended and agreed as follows:</p> <p>RESOLVED to</p> <p>a) Authorise the Corporate Director Environment and Place, in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, Director of Finance, Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy and Cabinet Member for Finance to negotiate an amended Grant Determination Agreement (GDA) with Homes England. The amended GDA will need to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an extension to the availability period to 31st March 2026 and assurance that risks to the delivery timeframe caused by exceptional circumstances outside the Council's direct control will be mitigated • confirmation of an increase in funding to £239,816,437 • confirmation that the Council has flexibility, subject to timescale and costs, to design and deliver infrastructure that will reduce the carbon impact and reduce the need to travel by car <p>b) The draft of any amended GDA should be presented to Cabinet for consideration and potential</p>	<p>CDEP (T Mann)</p>

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<p>b) Establish a Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) or similar working group of cross-party members to oversee the detailed design and development of HIF1.</p> <p>c) Authorise the development of a new Didcot area transport strategy and masterplan to meet the corporate priorities and agree to provide appropriate resources to support the development of the plan.</p>	<p>approval.</p> <p>c) Establish a Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) to oversee the detailed design and development of HIF1.</p> <p>d) Instruct officers immediately to commence the development of designs for the scheme consistent with this Council's strategic priorities.</p> <p>e) Authorise the development of a new Didcot area transport strategy and masterplan to meet the corporate priorities and agree to provide appropriate resources to support the development of the plan.</p>	
<p>14. EXEMPT ITEM</p> <p>In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in Appendix 2 to Agenda Item 15, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of the Annex by passing a resolution in relation in the following terms:</p> <p>"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Appendix 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".</p> <p>NOTE: The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public.</p>	<p>It was agreed that there was no requirement to exclude the public as there was no request to discuss the information in the exempt Annex.</p>	

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<p>APPENDIX 2 TO THE ITEM NAMED HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.</p>		
<p>15. Land At Stratfield Brake, Kidlington - Proposal from Oxford United Football Club to Oxfordshire County Council as Landowner</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/242 <i>Contact:</i> Steve Jorden, Corporate Director Commercial Development, Assets and Investment Tel: 07770 867896</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director - Commercial Development, Assets and Investment (CA15).</p> <p>The information in this case is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:</p> <p>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p> <p>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 a negotiation is ongoing and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of that negotiation and the Council's standing generally in relation to such matters in future, to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority.</p>	<p>The recommendations were agreed with amendments to 2 a) I. and 2 a) II. to read as follows:</p> <p>1. RESOLVED to</p> <p>(a) Authorise Officers to enter into detailed discussions as requested by Oxford United Football Club (OUFC) on the use of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) owned land for the development of a new football stadium, subject to approval of detailed plans and undertakings and to planning permission.</p> <p>(b) Instruct Officers to ensure that any In Principle Agreement resulting from discussions with OUFC satisfies the objectives set out in (2a) below.</p> <p>(c) Authorise Officers to explore lease surrender discussions with OCC's current tenants, and where appropriate with sub-tenants, subject to planning permission.</p> <p>(d) Instruct Officers to maintain open dialogue with stakeholders with interests in the project, in particular Cherwell District Council (CDC), the relevant Parish Councils, the community sports clubs who make use of Stratfield Brake, the</p>	<p>CDCDAI (S Jorden)</p>

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<p>Appendix 2 containing exempt information under the above paragraph is attached.</p> <p>1. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) Authorise Officers to enter into detailed discussions as requested by Oxford United Football Club (OUFC) on the use of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) owned land for the development of a new football stadium, subject to approval of detailed plans and undertakings and to planning permission.</p> <p>(b) Instruct Officers to ensure that any In Principle Agreement resulting from discussions with OUFC satisfies the objectives set out in (2a) below.</p> <p>(c) Authorise Officers to explore lease surrender discussions with OCC's current tenants, and where appropriate with sub-tenants, subject to planning permission.</p> <p>(d) Instruct Officers to maintain open dialogue with stakeholders with interests in the project, in particular Cherwell District Council (CDC), the relevant Parish Councils, the community sports clubs who make use of Stratfield Brake, the Woodland Trust and neighbouring landowners.</p> <p>(e) Instruct officers to provide regular updates</p>	<p>Woodland Trust and neighbouring landowners.</p> <p>(e) Instruct officers to provide regular updates on progress to the Cabinet Member for Property and, as appropriate, Cabinet as a whole.</p> <p>(f) Require Officers to bring back to Cabinet for further discussion any detailed proposals that are made, and to bring to Cabinet for decision any In Principle Agreement that may be reached in due course.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) Officers ensure that any proposal by OUFC is consistent with the Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance's priorities, by achieving the following objectives for the use of the OCC's land:</p> <p>I. <u>maintain a green barrier between Oxford and Kidlington and protecting and enhancing the surrounding environment including biodiversity, connecting habitats and supporting nature recovery</u></p> <p>II. improve <u>public</u> access to <u>high-quality</u> nature and green spaces</p> <p>III. enhance facilities for local sports groups and on-going</p>	

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<p>on progress to the Cabinet Member for Property and, as appropriate, Cabinet as a whole.</p> <p>(f) Require Officers to bring back to Cabinet for further discussion any detailed proposals that are made, and to bring to Cabinet for decision any In Principle Agreement that may be reached in due course.</p> <p>2. If Cabinet decide to proceed it is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet requires that:</p> <p>a) Officers ensure that any proposal by OUFC is consistent with the Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance's priorities, by achieving the following objectives for the use of the OCC's land:</p> <p>I. maintain a green barrier between Oxford and Kidlington</p> <p>II. improve access to nature and green spaces</p> <p>III. enhance facilities for local sports groups and on-going financial support</p> <p>IV. significantly improve the infrastructure</p>	<p>financial support</p> <p>IV. significantly improve the infrastructure connectivity in this location, improving public transport to reduce the need for car travel in so far as possible, and to improve sustainable transport through increased walking, cycling and rail use</p> <p>V. develop local employment opportunities in Oxfordshire</p> <p>VI. increase education and innovation through the provision of a sports centre of excellence and facilities linked to elite sport, community sport, health and wellbeing</p> <p>VII. support the County Council's net zero carbon emissions pledge through highly sustainable development</p> <p>b) Officers pursue detailed discussions with a view to agreeing terms that achieve community benefit, meet OCC's aspirations, retain OCC's reasonable long-term control over the size and scale of OUFC's proposed scheme, and comply with S.123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (and any other applicable legal requirements).</p> <p>c) Officers continue to explore</p>	

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<p>connectivity in this location, improving public transport to reduce the need for car travel in so far as possible, and to improve sustainable transport through increased walking, cycling and rail use</p> <p>V. develop local employment opportunities in Oxfordshire</p> <p>VI. increase education and innovation through the provision of a sports centre of excellence and facilities linked to elite sport, community sport, health and wellbeing</p> <p>VII. support the County Council's net zero carbon emissions pledge through highly sustainable development</p> <p>b) Officers pursue detailed discussions with a view to agreeing terms that achieve community benefit, meet OCC's aspirations, retain OCC's reasonable long-term control over the size and scale of OUFC's proposed scheme, and comply with S.123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (and any other applicable legal</p>	<p>any opportunities with neighbouring landowners that might enhance the delivery of a community sports hub at Stratfield Brake in line with OUFC's commitment to replace and enhance the existing sports facilities and to develop sustainable operation models with the community clubs to protect their long-term future, prior to the commencement of any new stadium related development.</p> <p>d) Officers to return to Cabinet if further detailed proposals are made by OUFC and, in due course, if an In Principle Agreement with OUFC is reached, so that financial and lease terms can be discussed at a Special Cabinet Meeting.</p>	

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<p>requirements).</p> <p>c) Officers continue to explore any opportunities with neighbouring landowners that might enhance the delivery of a community sports hub at Stratfield Brake in line with OUFC's commitment to replace and enhance the existing sports facilities and to develop sustainable operation models with the community clubs to protect their long-term future, prior to the commencement of any new stadium related development.</p> <p>d) Officers to return to Cabinet if further detailed proposals are made by OUFC and, in due course, if an In Principle Agreement with OUFC is reached, so that financial and lease terms can be discussed at a Special Cabinet Meeting.</p>		
<p>16. Oxfordshire Plan 2050: Statement of Community Involvement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Travel & Development Strategy <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/019 <i>Contact:</i> Dawn Pettis, Strategic Planning Team Leader Tel: 07771 983395</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA16).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the revised Statement of Community Involvement.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDEP (D Pettis)</p>
<p>17. Oxfordshire s75 NHS Act Pooled</p>		

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<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioning Budget</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Adult Social Care <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/026 <i>Contact:</i> Ian Bottomley, Lead Commissioner, Age Well, 07532 132975</p> <p>Report by Interim Corporate Director for Adult Services (CA17).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Approve the agreement of a s75 NHS Act 2006 pooled commissioning budget with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group from 1 April 2022.</p> <p>b) Approve a single, fully integrated Pool Budget and Risk Share for Live Well and Age Well services</p> <p>c) Delegate to the Interim Corporate Director of Adult Services in consultation with the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) to finalise and sign the agreement</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDAHS (I Bottomley)</p>
<p>18. Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022-26 - Public Release</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Community Services & Safety <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/120 <i>Contact:</i> Paul Bremble, Group Manager (Strategic Risk & Assurance) Tel: 07990 780805</p> <p>Report by Chief Fire Officer & Head of Community Safety (CA18).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the CRMP 2022-26 for public</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDCDAI (P Bremble)</p>

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<p>19. West Oxfordshire Civil Parking Enforcement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Highway Management <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/217 <i>Contact:</i> Keith Stenning, Head of Service – Network Management Tel: 07584 581214</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA19).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve notice being given to West Oxfordshire District Council to terminate the s101 Agency Agreement in respect of the management of highway parking enforcement within the district of West Oxfordshire.</p>	Recommendations agreed	CDEP (K Stenning)
<p>20. Water Resources - Regional Plan Consultation Response</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Climate Change Delivery & Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/239 <i>Contact:</i> Rachel Wileman, Assistant Director Strategic Infrastructure & Planning Tel: 07554 103491 / Lynette Hughes, Principal Planner Tel: 07920 084360</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA20).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Consider the content of a response to the consultation on the emerging Water Resources South East regional plan - the draft is Annex 1 to this report.</p> <p>b) Delegate the final written</p>	Recommendations agreed	CDEP (R Wileman / L Hughes)

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response to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and Environment.		
<p>21. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh,</i> <i>Committee Officer Tel: 07393 0010896</i></p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></p>	Noted	DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)

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ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p>1. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'CONNOR</p> <p>In light of the recent fatal crash at The Plain, could the Cabinet member let us know what they are doing to make meaningful change? This is the second cycle death in Oxford as a whole this year. The Plain was ranked the second most dangerous intersection in the UK in 2017 and hasn't improved much since. Indeed, there were more serious accidents 2015-19 than 2009-15 – 55 to be precise according to Crash Map—despite re-designs and tweaks. I know that a lot of people felt anxious about cycling on The Plain. Even more feel this way now.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Thank you for this question and I want to put on record that I share your frustration and the pain of the wider community that we keep reading about the deaths of vulnerable road users on our roads.</p> <p>I understand that Cyclox are very keen that the County adopts Vision Zero.</p> <p>Transport for London have already adopted this policy structure and in doing so have joined an increasing number of major cities around the world who are taking a stand to end the toll of deaths and injury seen on their roads. They have committed to eliminating all deaths and serious injuries on their transport network by 2041 and we must do the same and probably sooner.</p> <p>We have the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan out for consultation now and I would personally like to see Vision Zero adopted for Oxfordshire in that policy framework.</p> <p>But I also understand that there is a strong consensus that we need to take some immediate actions and the County's Cycle Champion, Cllr Gant, has led the way on this with the Corporate Director of Environment and Place, Bill Cotton. Together they have instigated two site visits to the Plain and</p>

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	<p>Oxford Parkway to be held in the next couple of weeks where we will examine again, with our Highway Officers and Cyclox representatives what can be done.</p> <p>I think we need to accept and tolerate the fact that safety measures might slow down and or possibly restrict other modes of transport, but we must believe that fundamentally it is neither inevitable nor acceptable that anyone should be killed or seriously injured when travelling in Oxford. All our residents should be able to leave their homes each day feeling safe and confident about the journey ahead.</p> <p>Oxfordshire's Fair Deal alliance will prioritise that above trip numbers, flow rates or any other metric that might otherwise determine a 'successful' road.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR IAN MIDDLETON</p> <p>A recent consultation in my Division on the redesign of the A44 between Cassington and the Loop Farm Roundabout appears to be flawed and incomplete.</p> <p>The project includes the provision of a bus lane as part of a proposed 'rapid transit system' that was a fundamental element of the Cherwell local plan partial review. However, restrictions at two 'pinch points' along the route - a canal bridge and a railway bridge – brought the viability of these proposals into question.</p> <p>Briefings prior to the consultation included proposals to deal with these problems by means of a bus gate on at least one of these bridges, but these are not shown on the plans attached to the public consultation, nor are they</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</p> <p>We will investigate the issues you have raised and provide you with an explanation as soon as possible.</p>

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<p>mentioned in the description.</p> <p>This would seem to be a fundamental omission. If these bus gates are to be included in the design, respondents to the consultation should have had the opportunity to comment on them. I have asked officers why the bus gates we omitted but have been unable to get a clear answer.</p> <p>As the consultation has now closed, can the cabinet member please undertake to investigate this matter and revert to me with an explanation as soon as possible, preferably before any works connected with this consultation are programmed?</p>	