

OXFORDSHIRE DELEGATED DECISIONS BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 22 May 2025 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.45 am

Present:

Councillor Andrew Gant – in the Chair

Councillors: Brad Baines (item 6)

Officers: Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Paul Fermer (Director of Environment and Highways), Craig Rossington (Technical Lead – Transport Planning), Chloe Kirby (Senior Engineer – Central)

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except 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.

5/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda Item 1)

There were none.

6/25 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda Item 2)

There were none.

7/25 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda Item 3)

There had been 2 requests to address the meeting, which can be seen below:

Item 4: Oxford – Urgent Community Responders, Exemptions from LTN Enforcement Sites

- Gemma Pugh (Oxford Health NHS Trust)

Item 6: Proposed Parking Amendments – Church Way, Iffley

- Cllr Brad Baines

8/25 OXFORD - URGENT COMMUNITY RESPONDERS, EXEMPTIONS FROM LTN ENFORCEMENT SITES

(Agenda Item 4)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that these items were on the Forward Plan under 'Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport Management'. However, when the agenda was published, a Cabinet had not been appointed by the Leader of the Council post-election. Therefore, the decision was taken to publish these items in agenda under 'Delegated Decisions by the Leader of the Council', since the position of the Leader exists post-election even when a Cabinet has not been appointed. Once the Cabinet was appointed and Council was notified on 20 May, the Leader delegated responsibility to chair this meeting to the Cabinet Member for Transport Management as the items fell in his portfolio, as per the provisions in the Constitution.

The Chair apologised for any confusion this may have caused.

The Chair introduced the item, invited speakers to make their addresses and responded to their points in turn.

The Chair noted that if the recommendations were agreed, the scheme would be kept under review and monitored, in terms of future interventions such as the traffic filters proposals.

The Chair referenced several consultation responses, including about concerns raised around the impact on safety, as well as 'exemption creep'.

The Chair noted support from the Oxford Health NHS Trust for this proposal other congestion-alleviating measures, which would help NHS colleagues travel more freely during their work day.

The Chair noted support from local City Councillors.

The Chair thanked speakers and officers and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) **Approve the exemption for Urgent Community Response (UCR) vehicles to drive through the following restriction points in the Cowley and East Oxford low traffic neighbourhoods currently enforced by ANPR camera: Bartholomew Road, Cornwallis Road, Crescent Road, Divinity Road, James Street, Littlehay Road, Littlemore Road, and Magdalen Road.**

9/25 PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT - BANBURY ROAD, CHIPPING NORTON

(Agenda Item 5)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

The proposals were a response to a development called 'Hit and Miss' farm.

The Chair noted support from a local Town Councillor but stated that a potential 20mph speed limit was outside the scope of this decision.

The Chair noted a detailed response from the bus companies and commented that this proposal would improve bus infrastructure, but that bus routes and services were a matter for the bus companies, not the Council.

Officers confirmed that the proposed bus infrastructure was covered by s106 monies, but that it didn't cover the bus services.

The Chair thanked officers and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) **Approve the extension of the existing 40mph speed limit on Banbury Road leading north-eastwards out of Chipping Norton, as advertised, and**
- b) **Approve the two new Bus stop clearways (with associated 'No Stopping except for buses' restrictions) on either side of Banbury Road, as advertised.**

10/25 PROPOSED PARKING AMENDMENTS – CHURCH WAY, IFFLEY

(Agenda Item 6)

The Chair introduced the item, invited speakers to make their addresses and responded to their points in turn.

Officers apologised for any confusion caused regarding the process of the cancelled meeting and committed to informing Councillors on future occasions.

The Chair noted that the processes were followed correctly and therefore, following consultation with the local Councillor, would not defer the decision despite any confusion that might have been caused.

The Chair noted that this proposal was a product of the CPZ decision in November from users of the church and village hall. It was noted that it was a good example of co-production and listening to consultation responses to provide a better outcome for residents.

The Chair thanked speakers and officers and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) **Approve the proposals for two new parking bays, restricted to 'Monday to Sunday, 8am to 6.30pm, 4 hours, No return within 2 hours' in Church Way & Mill Lane, Iffley as advertised.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing