



Cabinet
Tuesday, 17 July 2012

ADDENDA

4. Questions from County Councillors (Pages 1 - 4)

Attached.

5. Petitions and Public Address (Pages 5 - 6)

8. Education Strategy (Pages 7 - 8)

A note on the outcomes from a discussion at the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on 12 July 2012 is attached.

16. Appointments 2012/13 (Pages 9 - 20)

A revised Annex setting out amendments to the appointments is attached.

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ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Members:

Councillor Janet Godden to Councillor Rose

“What has been the total cost of the work to realign the junction at the A34 slip road / West Way / North Hinksey Lane? If section 106 monies have been used, what alternative eligible local schemes could these have been used for?”

Answer:

Question

- What has been the total cost of the work to realign the junction at the A34 slip road / West Way / North Hinksey Lane?

Answer

The capital budget for the scheme is £248,232. The scheme has just finished on site and so the final (outturn) cost of the scheme is not yet available as some bills have yet to be received.

Question

- If section 106 monies have been used, what alternative eligible local schemes could these have been used for?’

Answer

The scheme is being fully funded from S106 developer contributions.

The proposed funding of the scheme this year will come from a variety of S106 funds comprising around (because the actual cost is not yet available one can't be specific)

- £198k from development sites within North Hinksey, Botley and along Cumnor Hill and
- £50k from development sites within Oxford.

Because the various S106 agreements (the funds from which are to be put towards the cost of the West Way improvements) are not tying contributions towards specific named/identified schemes it is not practical to identify a specific list of alternative schemes to which the contributions could be used.

But any such alternative eligible schemes would need to fall within the scope of:

- Transport infrastructure between Botley and Oxford City Centre and/or
- Measures/aims within the Oxford Transport Strategy and/or
- Traffic management/highway safety measures in the vicinity of such as North Hinksey Lane

Councillor Zoe Patrick to Councillor Carter

“Why did the Council contract out the school admissions work to Capita who subsequently failed to provide a good service to the residents of Oxfordshire who did not receive responses to their emails? This was made worse by subsequent telephone calls to the council not being answered. Is there not sufficient capacity in the service?”

Answer:

"I should start by clarifying the precise nature of our connection with Capita in relation to the admissions issues you raise. No admissions functions have been contracted out but the directorate does use Capita software for the administration of school admissions (which assists in the process of logging , processing, allocating and, if it works as it should, advising parents of places allocated).

The regrettable failure of the Capita system earlier this year to send out automatic confirmation e-mails to about 6,500 families compounded the challenge that was already being faced as result of a significantly increased number of children in the cohort (an increase of over 500 from last year) in parallel with a much smaller number of surplus places. There has been a steady increase in the number of applications to be processed over the last 5 years (rising from 12117 in 2007 to 14131 in 2011) but during this time the size of the admissions team has remained the same

The Directorate recognises that the service provided for customers this year has not been good enough and is taking steps to remedy the position. Two additional posts will be recruited to the Customer Services Centre (CSC) to provide a better 'front line' response service to parents when the CSC will be able to assist with aspects of the Admissions function later this year."

Councillor Jenny Hannaby to Councillor Fatemian

“At the Council meeting on 10 July during consideration of the Cabinet report to Council a question was put to Deputy Leader Councillor Rodney Rose by Councillor Alan Armitage regarding the Corporate Plan Performance and Risk Management report for the Fourth Quarter 2011/12

The report indicates some areas are not meeting their targets. Councillor Armitage asked if Councillor Rose was confident that all targets will be met.

Councillor Rose answered Yes without further comment.

My question to Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Public Health Councillor Arash Fatemian is can he confirm he agrees with this statement, and if so, is he confident that the delayed transfer of care target will also be met.”

Answer:

Delayed Transfers of Care have steadily reduced between April and June 2012. The figures for the end of June were 148, compared to 182 at the end of March. As reported at the Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee targets have been agreed across the local health and social care system to reduce delays to

- 146 delays at July 1st
- 103 by September 30th
- 72 by January 10th, 2013
- Monthly average of 72 by March 31st 2013

These targets should ensure Oxfordshire is no longer in the bottom quartile of authorities.

We are currently 1% off hitting the first target which is well within the fluctuations that happen from week to week. This means that it was quite reasonable for Councillor Rose to respond as he did.

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Agenda Item 5

CABINET – 17 JULY 2012 **ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

The Leader of the Council has agreed the following requests to address the meeting:-

Item	Speaker
Items 6 – Future Arrangements for Call Receipt, Mobilising and Incident Management	Councillor Dr Paul Bryant, Royal Berkshire Fire Authority Cllr. Patrick, as Opposition Leader on behalf of Cllr. Goddard Rachel Dobson
Item 7 – Academies Strategy	Councillor M Altaf-Khan
Item 8 – Education Strategy	Councillor Michael Waine, Chairman of the Children’s Services scrutiny Committee Councillor M Altaf-Khan
Item 9 - Treasury Management	Councillor Roz Smith
Item 10 – 2012/13 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report – May 2012	Councillor Roz Smith
Item 12 – Developing the Thriving Communities Agenda	Councillor Janet Godden
Item 13 - Alteration of Age Range and Establishment of Sixth Form at the Warriner School, Bloxham	Dr Annabel Kay, Head at The Warriner School
Item 14 – St Edbergs CE Aided Primary School	Councillor Michael Waine Councillor Charles Shouler Damian Booth Head at St Edburg’s School
Item 16 - Appointments	Councillor Zoe Patrick Councillor Charles Mathew

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EDUCATION STRATEGY – PROGRESS REPORT

Outcomes of the Discussion held at the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on 12 July 2012

On Thursday, the 12th of July 2012, the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee met to discuss the latest version of 'A Strategy for Change – Improving Educational Outcomes in Oxfordshire', dated 28 June 2012 v1.0.

The Committee welcomed Oxford City Councillor, Steve Curran, to the meeting and were very pleased to hear of the City Council's commitment to joint working with OCC on the reading campaign in relevant Oxford primary schools.

As a result, the committee would like the Cabinet to consider the outcomes of that discussion as part of its agenda item on this topic in their meeting on Tuesday the 17th of July. This includes the following:

- **Communication Strategy** – The communication component of the strategy was seen to be of the utmost importance. Especially as it relates to the following:
 - Building effective 'buy-in' from schools for campaigns and other initiatives. Schools need to be fully engaged as active partners and not the recipients of mandates.
 - Campaigns need to be communicated in a timely way, giving all stakeholders as much information as possible in advance so as to best coordinate support and take-up, and build into their school development plans.
 - Great care needs to be taken to ensure that a data led exercise does not lead to presumptions about particular schools current policies, practices, and interventions with regard to reading.
 - Further dialogue and engagement needs to take place around developing a better understanding of the national academy agenda and Oxfordshire's 'support' for it. This is particularly true for headteachers and school governors but extends to other stakeholders such as parents.
 - It is important that the Local Authority maintains a clear view of its role in leadership of, and support for the county-wide 'family of schools'.
- **Academies** – As it relates to new academies, the local authority needs to take an active role in examining the capacity, suitability and track record of potential sponsors and partners.

- **Education Transformation Board** – The committee raised questions about some aspects of the Education Transformation Board which were unspecified in the strategy, particularly around influence and implementation. Specifically, it was unclear how the board would be empowered to intervene and challenge on poor attainment or other issues, and their capacity to deliver. It was also thought that an annual report was insufficient to address emerging issues in a timely way.
- **Targeted Campaigns** – Where the local authority is offering campaigns or other programmes to schools, it needs to ensure that those vulnerable schools under financial pressure are supported to participate.
- **The Change Agenda** – An assurance was sought that the local authority, has available to it, officers with the appropriate ‘skills set’ to meet the needs of the change agenda.

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APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE 2012/13

SECTION 1

Joint Committees

<i>Joint Committee</i>	Frequency of meetings (FOM)	Places	Appointees for 2012/13
S.E. Fire Improvement Partnership Board	as required	1	Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities
Traffic Penalty Tribunal - Outside London Adjudication Committee	quarterly	1	Deputy Leader of the Council
Thames Valley Police Authority Appointments Committee	as required	3	Mallon Patrick Viney

Local Statutory Bodies

Statutory Body	FOM	Places	Basis of Member Appointment	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Grn
Admission Forum	4 per annum	2	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	2 Stratford Waine	0	0	0
Adoption & Permanency Panels & Fostering Panels	3 per month	5	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance: Adoption & Permanency	3 Fitzgerald- O'Connor Lilly	0*	0	0
	2 per month		Fostering * At the invitation of Councillor Chapman	2 Fitzgerald- O'Connor	Godden*		
Oxfordshire Supporting People Commissioning Body	4 per annum	1	Cabinet Member for Adult Services	1 Fatemian	0	0	0
		1	Alternate-Leader of the Council or his Cabinet nominee	1 Chapman			
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)		3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	3 Mathew Viney Ahmed	0	0	0
Thames Valley Police Authority	Usually monthly	2	Allocated by the TVPA Joint Committee to reflect the political proportionality of the TVPA area * S.20 Police Act 1996 - to respond to questions in Council	1 Mallon*	1 Patrick	0	0

Strategic Partnerships

Partnership	FOM	Appointees for 2012/13
Oxfordshire Partnership Board	2 per annum	Leader of the Council
Public Service Board INACTIVE		Deputy Leader of the Council
Thematic Partnerships: Children & Young People's Trust Health & Well Being Board Spatial Planning & Infrastructure Partnership Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance Oxfordshire Waste Partnership (meeting with Oxfordshire Environment Partnership)	 4 per annum 3 per annum 1 in June 2011 1 per month 4 per annum 4 per annum 4 per annum	 Cabinet Member for Children & the Voluntary Sector and Cabinet Member for Education Leader Cabinet Member for Adult Services Cabinet Member for Children & the Voluntary Sector Leader of the Council Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Finance & Police Cabinet Member for Finance & Police Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure

SECTION 4

Standing Advisory Bodies

Body	FOM	Places	Basis of Member Appointment	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Grn
Arts Council S. E. Region Board	3/4 per annum	1	Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities	1 Heathcoat			
Learning Disability Partnership Board	quarterly	Co-Chairman	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	1 Owen			
Music House Committee / Music Education Hub (Partnership) for Oxfordshire	3 per annum	3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	3 Waine Fulljames Tilley	0	0	0
Outdoor Centres House Committee (under review)		3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	3 Waine Brown Turner	0	0	0
Oxfordshire Schools Forum	5+ per annum	2	Observers (with no voting rights)	2 Tilley Waine			
Schools Organisation Stakeholder Group	quarterly	5	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	4 Newton Nimmo-Smith Stratford Waine	1 Altaf-Khan		
		2 observers (with no voting rights)	Cabinet Members for Children & the Voluntary Sector and Education	Chapman Tilley			

Body	FOM	Places	Basis of Member Appointment	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Grn
County Youth Work Advisory Group (under review)	no meetings planned	5	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance, one Councillor for each District Council area	4 Chapman-City Rose-West Fitzgerald-O'Connor-Vale Bonner-Cherwell	1 D.Turner - South	0	0

Informal Member/Officer Working Groups

Working Group	FOM	Places	Basis of Appointment	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Grn
Corporate Parenting Panel	4 per annum	10	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance, to include the Cabinet Members for Children & the Voluntary Sector and Education and the three members serving on the Fostering & Adoption Panels & Chairman of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Director for Children, Education & Families and Director for Social & Community Services or nominees	8 Billington Bonner Chapman Fitzgerald - O'Connor Handley Lilly Tilley Waine	1 Godden Fooks* *At the invite of the Chairman	1 V. Smith	0
Headington and Marston Area Transport Steering Group (HAMATS) (<i>Dormant / Discontinued</i>)	N/A	3	Cabinet Members for Growth & Infrastructure and Deputy Leader of the Council and one other nominated by the Leader of the Council Representatives of Director for Environment & Economy	3 N/A			

Working Group	FOM	Places	Basis of Appointment	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Grn
Oxfordshire Museums Joint Working Group	quarterly	3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance Cultural Services Manager and/or representative(s)	3 Heathcoat Stratford Mathew	0	0	0
Minerals & Waste Local Plan Working Group	4 per annum	5	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance, to include the Cabinet Members for Growth & Infrastructure and Deputy Leader of the Council (or respective nominees) Director for Environment & Economy and/or representative(s)	4 Lindsay-Gale Hudspeth Hibbert-Biles Nimmo-Smith	1 Purse	0	0
Oxfordshire County Council South Africa Link Group	2/3 per annum	4	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	3 Hibbert-Biles Lovatt Gearing	1 D. Turner	0	0

Working Group	FOM	Places	Basis of Appointment	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Grn
School Governor Appointments Panel	as required	6	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance Representatives of the Children, Education & Families Governors Team	4 Fitzgerald - O'Connor Tilley Newton Waine	1 Altaf-Khan	1 Brighouse	0
Social Inclusion Reference Group	as required	5	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance Representatives of all Directorates	4 Mitchell Fatemian Waine Tilley	1 Godden	0	0
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Partnership	3 per annum	5	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance, to include the Cabinet Members for Children & the Voluntary Sector and Education Representatives of Head teachers, governors and teacher unions Director for Children, Education & Families and/or representative(s)	4 Chapman Tilley +2	1 Purse	0	0

Working Group	FOM	Places	Basis of Appointment	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Grn
Strategic Procurement Board	as required	1	Cabinet Member for Finance & Police A senior officer from each Directorate with responsibility for procurement; and a Strategic Procurement Manager	1 Mallon	0	0	0
West End Steering Group	as required	2	Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader or representative	2 Hudspeth Rose	0	0	0

Member Champions

Member Champions appointed by the Cabinet:

- Bus Councillor Stewart Lilly
- Cycling Councillor Arash Fatemian
- Efficiencies Councillor C. H. Shouler
- Heritage Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale
- Military **Councillor Keith R Mitchell CBE**
 Abingdon Station
 Councillor Sandy Lovatt
- Bicester Garrison
 Councillor Kieron Mallon
- Defence Academy Shrivenham
 Councillor Keith R. Mitchell CBE
- RAF Benson
 Councillor Bill Service
- RAF Brize Norton
 Councillor Don Seale
- Vauxhall Barracks
 Councillor Tony Harbour
- Older People's Councillor Don Seale
- Olympics Councillor Bill Service
- Risk Management Chairman, Audit Committee

SECTION 7

Strategic Outside Body	FOM	OCC Entitlement	Appointees for 2012/13
County Councils Network (CCN)	Council - 4 per annum Executive – 4 per annum Annual conference	4 county councillors	Hudspeth Hayward Rose Tilley
Local Government Association (LGA)	General Assembly -1 per annum	4 county councillors (* to cast additional OCC vote)	Hudspeth* Mitchell Rose Tilley
LGA: Rural Commission	as required	1 county councillor	Hallchurch
LGA: Urban Commission	as required	1 county councillor	Fatemian
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	as required	1 county councillor	Jelf
Oxfordshire Care Partnership Board	as required	1 county councillor	Fatemian
Oxfordshire Countryside Access Forum	2/3 per annum	1 county councillor	Rose
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council	as required	1 county councillor	Nimmo-Smith
South East England Councils	Executive – 4 per annum AGM	1 county councillor + 1 deputy	Hudspeth <i>Hibbert-Biles</i>

N.B Cabinet at its meeting on 15 March 2011 agreed to the creation of the Cogges Trust and appointed Councillor Robertson and Simon Kearey as Trustees. Following restructuring Cabinet is asked to note that Jacquie Bugjera, Head of Registration, Coroner's Services and Lead Manager for Cultural Services as the responsible officer has replaced Simon Kearey.

As a non strategic outside body future appointments will be made by the Democracy & Organisation Committee.

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