

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 | Councillors Gray and Harrod. | DLG (A. Newman) |
| 2. Declarations of Interest | None. | DLG (A. Newman) |
| 3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2019 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them. | The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record. As a point of information, the following substitutes were added to the Annex: Thames Valley Collaboration Group – Cabinet Member for Local Communities as substitute for Deputy leader Didcot Garden Town Board – Councillor Judith Heathcoat substitute for Councillor Ian Hudspeth Oxfordshire Partnership Board – Deputy Leader substitute for Leader of the Council | SW |
| 4. Questions from County Councillors | See attached annex. | |
| 5. Petitions and Public Address | Items 6, 7 and 8 - Councillor Glynis Phillips Items 10 and 11 - Councillor John Sanders | |

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| <p>6. Provisional Revenue Outturn Report 2018/19</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/004 <i>Contact:</i> Katy Jurczyszyn, Strategic Finance Manager (Finance, Strategy & Monitoring) Tel: 07584 909518</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the provisional revenue outturn for 2018/19 along with the year-end position on general balances and earmarked reserves as set out in the report;</p> <p>(b) approve the transfer of over and under spends to general balances as set out in paragraph 5;</p> <p>(c) agree that the surplus on the On Street Parking Account at the end of the 2018/19 financial year, so far as not applied to particular eligible purposes in accordance with Section 55(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, be carried forward in the account to the 2019/20 financial year as set out in Annex 3;</p> <p>(d) approve the transfer of the £0.4m underspend relating to the replacement for the Oxfordshire Strategic Model to the Budget Priorities Reserve for use in 2019/20 as set out in the Communities Section below;</p> <p>(e) approve the revised 2019/20 Earmarked Reserve forecast as set out in Annex 5.</p> | <p>Recommendations agreed.</p> | <p>DF (K. Jurczyszyn)</p> |

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| <p>7. Provisional Capital Outturn 2018/19</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/004 <i>Contact:</i> Katy Jurczyszyn, Strategic Finance Manager (Finance, Strategy & Monitoring) Tel: 07584 909518</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the provisional capital outturn for 2018/19 as set out in the report.</p> | Recommendations agreed. | DF (K. Jurczyszyn) |
| <p>8. Business Management & Monitoring Report - April 2019</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/023 <i>Contact:</i> Steven Fairhurst Jones, Corporate Performance & Risk Manager Tel: 07932 318890/Katy Jurczyszyn, Finance Manager (Finance, Strategy and Monitoring) Tel 07584 909518</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the contents of this report;</p> <p>(b) approve a temporary virement of £2.2m from the corporate contingency budget to the SEN Home to School Transport budget for 2019/20 as set out in paragraph 21.</p> | Recommendations agreed. | DF (K. Jurczyszyn) ACE (S. Fairhurst Jones) |
| <p>9. Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Oxfordshire</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/054</p> | | |

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| <p><i>Contact: Rachel Burns, Waste Strategy Manager Tel: 07789 877310</i></p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the contents and challenges of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Oxfordshire</p> <p>(b) adopt the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Oxfordshire.</p> | Recommendations agreed. | SDC (R. Burns) |
| <p>10. Review of Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Environment</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2019/072</i> <i>Contact: Peter Day, Minerals Principal Officer Tel: 07392 318899</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) approve the draft revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement at Annex 1, subject to final detailed amendment and editing, as a draft for public consultation;</p> <p>(b) authorise the Director for Planning & Place to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) carry out final detailed amendment and editing of the draft revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) publish the draft revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation.</p> | Recommendations agreed. | SDC (P. Day) |

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| <p>11. Oxford Euro 6 Low Emission Zone for Buses</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/058 <i>Contact:</i> Joanne Fellows, Infrastructure Locality Lead – Oxford Tel: 07990 368897/Martin Kraftl, Principal Transport Planner Tel: 07920 084336</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) approve the proposed emissions requirements for buses outlined in the report;</p> <p>(b) authorise officers to make minor changes to the draft Traffic Regulation Condition at Annex 1 if required; and</p> <p>(c) instruct officers to submit a request to the Traffic Commissioner for a Traffic Regulation Condition (TRC) based on the draft at Annex 1</p> | <p>Recommendations agreed</p> | <p>SDC (J. Fellowes /M. Kraftl)</p> |
| <p>12. Cherwell District Council Agency Agreement (S101) - Management of Temporary Signs on the Highway</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/055 <i>Contact:</i> Paul Fermer, Assistant Director of Community Operations Tel: 07825 273984</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the progress being made regarding partnership opportunities between Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council</p> | <p>Recommendations agreed.</p> | <p>SDC (P. Fermer)</p> |

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| <p>Operational Teams</p> <p>(b) to delegate authority to the Director of Law and Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, the Leader and the Strategic Director of Communities to agree appropriate terms of the agreement.</p> | | |
| <p>13. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead,</i> <i>Committee Services Manager Tel: 07393 001213</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p> | <p>Noted, together with the following additions: Cabinet 16 July – Investment Strategy Cabinet Member for Environment – Burford Weight Limit</p> | |

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

1. Question from Councillor Emily Smith to Councillor Lindsay-Gale

'In light of reports by the BBC that the DfE are paying the extra travel costs for pupils at an academy in Hertfordshire where the building work has been delayed, will the Cabinet Member confirm that the DfE will also pay any additional travel costs incurred by Oxfordshire due to delays in the opening of the Swan School on its permanent site?'

Answer

'I have been in contact with Hertfordshire and I have been told that the DfE will be paying for the cost of transport for around 100 children from the Harpenden area for 2.5 weeks at the start of the September term until the new secondary school in Harpenden, Katherine Warrington, is available. Transport will be provided from close to the new school site to and from temporary accommodation at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield.

Hertfordshire will be paying the costs of transporting entitled children to and from the permanent school site in Harpenden.

I have also been told that the building work has not actually been delayed – I understand that mid/late September was always the planned completion date which means there was always a need for contingency arrangements of some kind.

I will be seeking further information from Hertfordshire.

The Swan School is in temporary accommodation on the Cherwell School lower site playing fields adjacent to the future location of the permanent buildings and so there is no requirement for transport to another site. Only 1 child is eligible for free home to school travel to the Swan School.'

2. Question from Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor Constance

"Why has the council not installed an electric vehicle charging point at the front of County Hall?"

Answer

'Workplace electric vehicle (EV) charging points (dual 22kW - wall mount unit) are installed at County Hall to enable the upgrade of the County Council's pool car fleet to EVs. A detailed site survey carried out by the approved contractor Swarco UK Ltd identified the rear of County Hall as the easiest and most cost-effective location for installing the EV charge points. This was because the rear of County Hall already had a dedicated power supply from old, outdated EV charge points installed many years ago from an earlier trial, we just needed to upgrade the electric cable to support the new points. To install an EV charging point at the front of County Hall we would need to overcome the following issues, identified in the site survey as follows:

- **Listed Status** of County Hall including the low boundary wall at the front – restricting us from installing certain types of charge points.

- **Power Supply:** A longer cable run was required to get 3-phase supply from the mains meter room to the front, resulting in high installation cost
- **Site security overnight:** Not as secure to park pool cars at the front of the building for overnight charging.

However, we are still considering the possibility of installing an electric vehicle (EV) charging point at the front of County Hall, not least because this would provide an opportunity to publicly showcase the work the County Council is doing towards electrifying our fleet. We are actively working with the installers to look at cost-effective options and hope to install an EV charging point at the front of County Hall in the near future.

3. Question from Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor Lindsay-Gale

'What concerns does the cabinet member have regarding the request for parents to pay a regular £10 a month by an Oxfordshire Secondary School Head teacher to fund school budgets?'

Answer

School budgets are under considerable pressure in many parts of the country and within Oxfordshire. Schools are being asked to do more and continue to raise standards of achievement and attainment. We want to recognise the commitment of Headteachers, staff, governors and parents in supporting schools and ultimately children and young people. In some case schools are asking parents on a voluntary basis to provide additional financial support for the school. This is not just a recent phenomenon.

In April 2019 the Deputy Director for the Department for Education's Funding Policy Unit told school leaders that budgets for 2019-20 will leave schools 'with real pressures to face' as he acknowledged some schools would face 'tighter finances'. The Department is seeking to secure more money from the Treasury for future years on the need to improve outcomes and social mobility. Nick Gibb, the Schools Minister, told the Parliamentary Education Committee on 3 April 2019 that there is a case for more funding in education, and that post 16 and high needs funding is the priority. We are pleased that the needs of schools are documented in that statement and that the pressure schools and Councils are facing on the high needs block for special educational needs is recognised.

This may refer to Lord Williams's School Annual Fund Appeal. This school is an academy (and not an Oxfordshire County Council maintained school); thus it is regulated by the Regional Schools Commissioner and ultimately the Secretary of State for Education. The school is asking for direct and regular contributions 'Regular gifts can be made monthly, quarterly or annually for as many years as you choose and this helps the school plan ahead and make good use of donation income.' This request is to support the school budget.

The Council is aware that budgets are tighter in some academies and schools than in others.

4. Question from Councillor Tim Bearder to Councillor Hudspeth

'In light of the fact that the official timetable from Highways England is that they will produce a short-list of 6 or 7 expressway routes this Autumn for a non-statutory public consultation, can you press The Secretary of State for an answer to your previous letter with a follow up asking whether we are likely to get any indication of his plans before the events unfold anyway in the official timetable.'

Could you also send a copy of the letter to new Transport Minister responsible for the Expressway, which is Michael Ellis, so that he is also able to respond in his capacity as the minister responsible for the expressway scheme.'

Answer

'I am still awaiting a reply and as soon as I receive one I will pass on to all councillors.

I am sure that the new Minister for Transport has been briefed on the Expressway and has had sight of my letter however given the current situation in Westminster it may be wiser to wait in case there are changes within the Department.

I can assure Cllr Bearder that once the team at the Department of Transport is known I will press the Government so that Highways England stand by their own words in the stage 3 report on page 17:

3.4.6 Reduced congestion along the A34 corridor would improve the quality of life for local residents. There are residential properties located along the A34 corridor including the section through Botley which is subject to an Air Quality Action Area, which would directly benefit from reduced congestion and delays.

I am sure Cllr Bearder will work with me to ensure that the residents of Westminster Way and Stanley Close along with nearby roads do not suffer their current inequalities enabling them to have a better lifestyle with improved air and noise quality along with reduced congestion.'