

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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CABINET - TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	None	DLG (A. Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note opposite	None	DLG (A. Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2020 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Agreed.	SW
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached Annex	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Item 6 – Councillor John Sanders Item 8– John Riches, Chair of Oxfordshire Association of Special School Headteachers (OASSH) Councillor Emma Turnbull, Shadow Cabinet member for Education (5 mins) Item 9 - Councillor Liz Brighouse, Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee Councillor Glynis Phillips, Shadow Cabinet Member Finance (5 mins)	

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	Item 10 - Councillor Glynis Phillips	
<p>6. Bicester Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/068 <i>Contact:</i> Patrick Lingwood, Active & Healthy Travel Officer Tel: 07741 607835</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the Bicester Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), including the Bicester cycle network plans.</p>	Recommendation agreed.	DPP (P. Lingwood)
<p>7. Assumption of Powers in Relation to the Control and Prevention of Coronavirus - Oxfordshire County Council Responsibilities Under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restriction) (England) (NO.3) Regulations 2020</p> <p><i>Cabinet Members:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/125 <i>Contact:</i> Sukdave Ghuman, Head of Legal Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer Tel: (01865) 323852</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) Assume responsibilities granted under The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restriction) (England) (No.3) Regulations 2020 giving local authorities powers relating to the control and prevention of coronavirus and;</p> <p>(b) Delegate powers to the City and District Councils in accordance with the above regulations.</p>	Recommendations agreed.	CDPH/HL

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<p>8. SEND High Needs Funding</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Education & Cultural Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/098 <i>Contact:</i> Graham Pirt, Interim Head of SEND Tel: 07554 103332</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) Note a one-off increase in top-up funding for Early Years settings for 2020/21 funded through the High Needs Block (HNB) of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The increase will only be available in the year 2020-2021 and top-up funding is then likely to revert to previous levels</p> <p>(b) Note a one-off increase in top-up funding for mainstream Primary schools for 2020/21 funded through the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant. The increase will only be available in the year 2020-2021 and top-up funding is then likely to revert to previous levels</p> <p>(c) Approve a one-off increase in top-up funding for mainstream Secondary schools for 2020/21 funded through the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant in those cases where the formulaic approach is insufficient for schools to meet the needs of the child. This is a change to the current funding formula. This decision would not reduce the amount of top-up funding a Secondary school currently receives. The increase will only be available in the year 2020-2021 and top-up funding is then likely to revert to previous levels.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>DDE (G. Pirt)</p>
<p>9. Business Management & Monitoring Report - July 2020</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the</p>		

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<p>Council and Cabinet Member for Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2020/121</i> <i>Contact: Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes Tel: 07741 607452/Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654</i></p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the July business management and monitoring report; and</p> <p>(b) to approve the virements set out in Annex C – 2b and note the virements in Annex C- 2C.</p>	Recommendation agreed	CDCOD/HR
<p>10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report - June 2020</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2020/026</i> <i>Contact: Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CA9).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the updated Capital Programme at Annex 2</p>	Recommendation agreed.	DF (H. Doney)
<p>11. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 1 - April - June 2020</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2020/065</i> <i>Contact: Sarah Currell, HR Manager – Business Systems Tel: 07867 467793</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>	Noted	DHR (S. Currell)

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<p>12. Delegated Powers - September 2020</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2020/029</i> <i>Contact: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213</i></p> <p>To report on a quarterly basis any executive decisions taken under the specific powers and functions delegated under the terms of Part 7.1 (Scheme of Delegation to Officers) of the Council's Constitution – Paragraph 6.3 (c)(i). It is not for Scrutiny call-in.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>13. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Questions	Answers
<p>COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>With the reduced flow of traffic entering the City of Oxford from the west, would you consider diverting traffic from Frideswide’s Square along Park End Street and New Road to Worcester Street. Hythe Bridge Street, with its narrow pavements where social distancing is impossible, could then become a pedestrian route from Frideswide’s Square to the junction with Worcester Street with the only vehicle access to local properties. This change would make a secure cycling and walking route into the city centre. A temporary arrangement, as with the recent experiment in George Street, would test the benefit of this arrangement to both pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)</p> <p>We recognise that footways are narrow and pedestrian flow is heavy along Hythe Bridge Street, but we do not believe that diverting traffic in this way would be a suitable solution at present. Traffic levels appear to be only slightly less than pre Covid-19 and this diversion would need the recent changes to the George Street/Worcester Street/Hythe Bridge Street junction to be removed. The significant benefits for pedestrians and cyclists that have been achieved as a result of this junction improvement would be lost and the additional general traffic using Worcester Street south would have a negative impact on buses and their passengers.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>In view of the narrow footways and high pedestrian flow along Hythe Bridge Street are there any solutions that the cabinet member can offer to assist with social distancing particularly between Upper Fisher Row and the junction with George Street</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>There are no current proposals but I will ask officers to consider your question and if there are any solutions that present themselves we will get back to you.</p>



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<p>COUNCILLOR JOHN SANDERS</p> <p>Will the cabinet member explain how it has come to pass that after a decade and more of fudge, error and delay this Council still does not have a valid Minerals and Waste Local Plan, that is now to be postponed again by at least two years to 2023?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)</p> <p>“The Council does have an adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy. This was adopted by Full Council in 2017 and sets out the vision, objectives, spatial planning strategy and policies for meeting development requirements for the supply of minerals and the management of waste in Oxfordshire over the period to 2031. The Core Strategy provides the Policy on which the determination of all minerals and waste development management decisions are made. The Core Strategy also provides a policy framework for identifying sites for new minerals and waste developments in Part 2 of the plan - the Site Allocations Plan.</p> <p>“We are now working on preparing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 2 Site Allocations Plan (Sites Plan). The Sites Plan, upon adoption, will identify the mineral extraction and waste management sites needed to deliver the policies within the Core Strategy up to 2031. The Sites Plan will sit alongside Part 1 and will not replace it. Together they will form the Minerals and Waste Local Plan for Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Work commenced on the Sites Plan following adoption of the Core Strategy, and the first consultation on the Part 2 work took place in 2018, then a further consultation on Preferred Site Options took place earlier this year. There were a number of unexpected material considerations that emerged through this recent public consultation which challenged the robustness of the evidence base underpinning the selection of preferred site options. For example, one of them included evidence which suggests significantly less sand and gravel at one of the preferred sites, the Nuneham Courtenay site than was estimated in the nomination by the operator.</p>



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	<p>As a result we are working on a revised timeline for the preparation of the MWLP Part 2 which will take account of the need to extend public consultation on the preferred options stage. A report will come back to Cabinet setting out the reasons for the delay and a revised timeline but I hope you'll agree it is important to ensure to undertake this additional work now in order to ensure our Plan is found sound at Examination.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>The Minerals and Waste Plan had been in preparation since September 2005 with many iterations, resulting in so many delays to Part 2 of the Core Strategy that even Part 1 was becoming obsolete and will need to be revised . After farming much of the work out to 2 consultancies that subsequently failed us does the Cabinet Member accept that it would have been better to concentrate on growing and training our own staff and admit that with only half of 2010 staffing levels this Council is failing its citizens</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Councillor Constance refuted the charge that the Council was failing its citizens and stated that although Councillor Sanders was right to note the delay is to move with greater certainty towards a Minerals and Waste Plan that will be found sound. The approval of the Strategy stands and the issue is the selection of sites. We have found in the full consultation on the first selection of sites significant problems we wish to address. This does mean that we feel obliged to review the selection of sites in the light of that consultation and this was supported at the Minerals & Waste Working Group as necessary to review sites for which there are alternatives. This would cause a delay on final site selection to March 2023 but it is better that we make progress to what we feel is a sound Strategy rather than one we feel will be resisted or rejected at Inspection.</p>