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CABINET - TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022

<i>List published 25 May 2022</i> <i>Decisions will (unless called in) become effective at 5.00pm on 1 June 2022</i>		
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	None	DLG (A Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest	None	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2022 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2022 were approved and signed.	DLG (C O Caomhánaigh)
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached Annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	<u>6: Climate Change Update</u> Cllr John Howson <u>8: Local Area SEND Strategy</u> Cllr John Howson <u>9: Libraries and Heritage Strategy</u> District Cllr Julian Cooper Cllr Andy Graham	
6. Climate Action Update <i>Cabinet Member:</i> Climate Change Delivery & Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/018 <i>Contact:</i> Sarah Gilbert, Climate Action Team Leader Tel: 07867 467797 Report by Corporate Director Environment		

<p>& Place (CA6).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Note the annual update on the delivery of the Climate Action Programme (Appendix 1)</p> <p>b) Approve the Climate Action Programme delivery plan for 2022/23 (Appendix 2)</p> <p>c) Approve the council's Carbon Management Plan 2022-25 (Appendix 3) and the interim emissions reduction target for 2024/25.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CDEP (S Gilbert)</p>
<p>7. Oxfordshire Food Strategy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Members:</i> Climate Change Delivery & Environment and Public Health & Equality <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/129 <i>Contact:</i> Lauren Rushen, Policy Officer Tel: 07990 367851</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Customer, Organisational Development & Resources (CA7).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Endorse the Oxfordshire Food Strategy – Part One attached at annexe 1 including the principles and overarching framework</p> <p>b) Agree that £250,000 grant funding be awarded to District and City council partners to support the delivery of the strategy as set out in paragraph 22 of the report</p> <p>c) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Customers and Organisational Development to agree the terms of reference for the grant funding in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Public</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CDCODR (L Rushen)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Health and Equalities</p> <p>d) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Customers and Organisational Development to make minor design and typographical changes to the document pending adoption by District and City partners</p>		
<p>8. Local Area SEND Strategy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader (including Children, Education and Young People's Services) <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/046 <i>Contact:</i> Kate Bradley, Head of SEND, 07584 262422</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director for Children's Service (CA8).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve publication of the Local Area SEND Strategy.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CDCS (K Bradley)</p>
<p>9. Library and Heritage Strategy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Community Services & Safety <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/234 <i>Contact:</i> Mark Haynes, Director for Customer & Cultural Services Tel: 07586 479051</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development & Resources (CA9).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Note the outcome of the public consultation on the Libraries and Heritage Strategy</p> <p>b) Delegate the responsibility for the adoption and implementation of the strategy to the Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Safety and the Corporate Director for Customers, Organisational Development and</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CDCODR (M Haynes)</p>

<p>Resources and the project team.</p> <p>c) Agree that an annual review of the actions to deliver the strategy is reported to Cabinet and the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>		
<p>10. Appointments 2022/23</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/219 <i>Contact:</i> Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096</p> <p>Report by Director of Law & Governance (CA10).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree the appointments to the bodies set out in the Annex to this report.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed with two amendments to the Annex:</p> <p><u>Under Joint Committees – Future Oxfordshire Partnership</u> Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Group – substitute to be Cllr Andrew Gant Environment Advisory Group – substitute to be Cllr Andrew Gant</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)</p>
<p>11. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> All <i>Contact Officer:</i> Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)</p>
<p>12. EXEMPT ITEM</p> <p>In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in the Annexes to Agenda Item 13, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of the Annexes by passing a resolution in relation in the following terms:</p> <p>"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annexes 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</p>	<p>The meeting went into private session.</p>	

Agenda".

NOTE: The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public.

THE ANNEXES TO THE ITEM NAMED HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.

13. Section 101 Agreement with London Borough of Bromley

Cabinet Member: Community Services & Safety

Forward Plan Ref: 2022/047

Contact: Jody Kerman, Head of Trading Standards, 07909 905514

Report by Corporate Director - Commercial Development, Assets and Investment (**CA13**).

The information in this case is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:

1. Information relating to any individual

7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

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.

The annexes containing exempt information under the above paragraph are attached.

Entering in to an s101 Agreement with London Borough of Bromley, authorising Bromley to undertake a prosecution in relation to an Oxfordshire resident.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to

Recommendations agreed.

(a) Pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 9EA of the Local Government Act 2000, approve the delegation of specific powers from the county council to the London Borough of Bromley in relation to the investigation and prosecution of companies and individuals associated with the investigation known as Operation Argus

(b) Authorise the Head of Legal and/or the Director of Law and Governance to enter the necessary agreements to implement this delegation

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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<p>1. COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW</p> <p>At the last Cabinet meeting you spoke passionately about trees, and Cabinet endorsed the new tree policy, so I know this question is of significance.</p> <p>During 2019 a vast swathe of council-owned trees was removed by Taylor Wimpey from alongside the highway on the A4155 at Shiplake in order to facilitate a housing development at Thames Farm. There was an obligation on the developer to undertake a major tree replanting programme by 2020. However, due to problems with the site, development has not yet commenced (other than the roadworks) and neither has the tree replanting programme. The consequence of this is that what was a pleasant, leafy rural road is now a bare urban landscape. What pressure can be brought to bear on the developer to commence the tree replanting programme regardless of the problems with the site itself?</p> <p>('Before' and 'After' pics supplied.)</p> <p>Supplementary</p> <p>Thank you for your response, however I was disappointed with its anodyne tone given the passion you have previously shown when speaking about trees.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR PETE SUDBURY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY & ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Landscaping proposals for the development known as Thames Farm, Reading Road, Shiplake, have been approved under Reserved Matters planning application by South Oxfordshire District Council. The planning condition that specifically relates to Landscaping requires only that these works are to be carried out in accordance with approved plans and Landscape management Plan; there is no specific trigger date for this landscaping to be delivered by. Enforcement of planning conditions is a matter for the Planning Authority and unfortunately OCC have no jurisdiction over on-site planning matters in this respect. It is however the case that OCC are concerned about lack of progress and will shortly be writing to Taylor Wimpy in this regard, particularly in relation to the newly constructed access that remains un-used, un-finished and un-adopted.</p> <p>Response</p> <p>Planning enforcement is indeed the responsibility of South Oxfordshire District Council and as far as I know you are a councillor at SODC and could therefore press your own</p>

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<p>I thought the photographs showing the destruction of the rural scene that accompanied my question would have had more impact.</p> <p>Your reply states that there is no specific date for the tree replanting to start. This is not the case: it was specified that the tree re-planting would be completed by February 2020 as per the Tree Works Application (reference 13S12-3043) and the Woodland Project Plan. Failure to resolve ground condition problems has caused the delay.</p> <p>I understand planning enforcement is a district council responsibility but are you prepared to press them to get the county trees that were removed from the highway replaced in the coming planting season?</p>	<p>planning department a lot harder than I can but I will surely join you in that.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR FREDDIE VAN MIERLO</p> <p>Since the county has taken responsibility for on-street parking offences, how many fixed penalties have been issued? Can the cabinet member provide a breakdown of where these penalties have been issued, and where patrols have taken place?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The information requested is set out here</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>As part of the bus grant, we are required to find the means of speeding up bus travel. What steps are being taken to ensure the traffic in Frideswide's Square at busy times of day does not prevent buses reaching the Station and the Botley Road from Park End Street due to other vehicles</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Information on our proposals for core schemes that are likely to impact on traffic levels in the area identified to the west of the city centre and across the city as a whole can be found here. The Core Schemes proposed are expected to improve bus flow across the city, as a result of a reduction in through</p>

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<p>sitting across the non-roundabout circles?</p> <p>SUPPLEMENTARY</p> <p>The issue around Frideswide Square takes on new impetus because of the one-way working on the Botley Road for possibly as long as 18 months while Great Western Railways expand the west side of the station and build the new bridge span and deepen the space under the bridge to allow high-sided vehicles to use the Botley Road. That will inevitably cause tailbacks. Can the Cabinet Member reassure me that the buses going to and from both Botley Road and the station will not be badly affected by the consequences of this vital work for our rail network over such a long period of time.</p>	<p>traffic. Further engagement and consultation is expected to be undertaken over the coming months.</p> <p>RESPONSE</p> <p>I am aware that the answer does not address the specific point of congestion on Frideswide Square so I will undertake to take that away and investigate with officers what measures, if any, can be taken to address that. More broadly, you are absolutely right to draw attention to the pressures that are going to be added to this already very busy part of the city centre not just from the redevelopment of the station but also from displacement of what is already very heavy traffic heading for Westgate and the Oxpens development coming down the track. It is certainly a part of the city that we have to take a close interest in and I will certainly do that with officers.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR ROZ SMITH</p> <p>What steps can the county council take to ensure that inflation doesn't erode the nutritional value or portion size of school meals served in state schools across Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR GLYNIS PHILLIPS, CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES</p> <p>All of the school food provision in Maintained schools and new Academy schools (since 2015) in Oxfordshire, <u>should</u> be subject to the Government Guidelines set out in the School Food Plan, which came into force in January 2015. These standards specify which types of food should be served in schools and how often, and include the directive that 'Government Buying Standards for Food and Catering Services' should be adopted when purchasing ingredients.</p> <p>The School Food Guidelines dictate appropriate portion sizes for all food that can be served in both Primary and Secondary Schools.</p> <p>The Government Buying Standards for Food set out the clear</p>

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	<p>technical specifications for food purchasing and production, covering aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production, processing and manufacturing Production standards, Traceability, Authenticity, Origin of meat and dairy, Animal welfare, Eggs, Higher environmental production standards, Palm Oil, Fish and Seasonal produce • Nutrition Reducing salt intake, Increasing salt intake, Meal deals, Reducing Saturated fat, Increasing fibre, Reducing sugar intake, Breakfast cereals, Fish, Savoury snacks, Confectionary, Beverages • Resource Efficiency Water, Reducing landfill, Food waste, Energy management, Catering equipment, Paper products • Social-economic Ethical trading, Inclusion of SME, Equality and diversity <p>The buying standards further include Best Practice standards.</p> <p>I can therefore confirm that for all of the 58 Maintained schools, Nurseries and Academies who are signed up to Oxfordshire County Council's in house catering operation, the rise in inflation will have no impact on either nutritional content or portion sizes.</p> <p>For schools who have their own arrangements with third party suppliers, it might be wise for them to seek a similar assurance from their current meal provider.</p>

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY</p> <p>I am sure you can agree with me that the government is not doing enough for struggling families that need the assurance that their children will get a decent sized and nutritional meal during the school day and you have confirmed that the 58 schools that we have under the local authority will be continuing with the government guidelines but I would like to ask with prices continuing to rise how long does this guarantee to parents last for on both nutritional content and portion size.</p>	<p>RESPONSE</p> <p>I do not think there is a time limit on the school food guidelines but I would like to take the opportunity to suggest that governors take the opportunity to ask their schools for similar assurances about the size and nutritional value of their meals</p>
<p>5. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Highways Management assure me that he will lobby central government for more funding for highway maintenance for Oxfordshire County Council? As I recently received an email from highway officers that Edmonds Road resurfacing was delayed another year due to high cost of materials and funding for the financial year. This is the second time parts of Edmonds Road have had no road resurfacing since the early 1990s when I attended Drayton school.</p> <p>Furthermore roads like Warwick Road also need further road maintenance. This is important for local people cycling and all road users in general.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>My predecessor wrote to central government on 8th February 2022 making the case for extra funding. Having recently been appointed to Cabinet Member for Highway Management portfolio, I can confirm that I will use this as an opportunity to introduce myself and further make the case for much need additional finding for Highway Maintenance.</p>