

COUNTY COUNCIL – 13 DECEMBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Leader

1. Senior Management Review

(Cabinet, 22 November 2016)

Cabinet considered a report on progress made with the Senior Management Review. Cabinet noted the progress made to date on the Senior Management Review, agreed to ask for the views of Members attending the Senior Management Review briefing on the 9th December 2016, of Audit & Governance Committee and full County Council and agreed that a final version of the report come back to Cabinet on 20 December reflecting feedback.

The report is included elsewhere on this agenda.

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

2. Staffing Report Quarter 1

(Cabinet, 22 November 2016)

Cabinet noted a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2016. It gave details of the actual staffing numbers at 30 September 2016 in terms of Full Time Equivalents. In addition, the report provided information on the cost of posts being covered by agency staff.

Cabinet Member: Children & Family Services

3. The Adopt Thames Valley Regional Adoption Agency Project - Developing and Hosting a Shared Adoption Service

(Cabinet, 22 November 2016)

Cabinet considered a report that provided an overview of plans to set up a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) across the Thames Valley Region. It described the legislative framework, potential benefits for children and families and the planned timetable for setting up the RAA.

Cabinet agreed to joining Adopt Thames Valley and approved the recommendation of the Adopt Thames Valley Project Board that Oxfordshire County Council should, in principle, become the host authority for the planned new shared service (subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being agreed with the other partner local authorities). Cabinet further agreed that a report setting out the detailed financial and staffing implications be presented to Cabinet in the Spring of 2017, prior to a final decision being taken

Cabinet Member: Environment

4. Household Waste Recycling Centre Management and Revised Waste Acceptance Policy

(Cabinet, 22 November 2016)

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the revised Waste Acceptance Policy and authority to procure the new HWRC management contract, putting into effect the strategy for the future provision of HWRC services approved by Cabinet in December 2015. Cabinet approved the revised Policy and gave approval to the procurement process.

5. Oxford Workplace Parking Levy

(Cabinet, 22 November 2016)

Cabinet had before them a report that outlined the benefits of introducing a Workplace Parking Levy (WPL) in Oxford, along with a timetable and costs for the work required to develop and implement a WPL. Paragraph 5 of the report flagged that further evidence was required to fully understand whether a congestion charging scheme is appropriate and how this could work in conjunction with, or independently of, a WPL.

The Cabinet approved the overall approach, to explore further the congestion charging scheme, including the programme at Annex 1, as the basis for further work and to allocate £100,000 from reserves to the development of an outline business case by October 2017.

Cabinet Member: Finance

6. Transition Fund for Community Initiatives for Open Access Children's Services

(Cabinet, 22 November 2016)

In February 2016 the council agreed to set aside £1m for creating a 'one off' fund to provide pump priming to support Children's Centres. It was agreed that a cross party group of county councillors would consider maximum benefit of this fund and bring proposals back to Cabinet for decision.

Cabinet approved the recommendations of the working group that had considered the applications under the first round of bids against the agreed criteria outlined in the guidance notes. Six bids were agreed at a total cost of £162,984.52.

7. Treasury Management Mid Term Review

(Cabinet, 22 November 2016)

Cabinet noted a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2016/17 in compliance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecasts for interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Cabinet RECOMMENDED Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2015/16 and it is included elsewhere on this agenda.

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Leader of the Council

November 2016