

# County Council

**20 February 2024**

## **Schedule of Business**

Including corrected document Section 4.2 in the Labour & Cooperative Party  
Amendments (corrected references in bold)

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# Agenda Annex

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 20 FEBRUARY 2024

## SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

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ITEM/TIME	ITEM	PROPOSALS (M = Motion; SEC = Seconder; Am = Amendment S = Statement; Q = Question; REC = Recommendation to be determined)
1  10.30	<b>Minutes (page 1)</b>  To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023.	
2	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Cllrs Champken-Woods, Constance, Leverton and Murphy.	
3	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4  10:35	<b>Official Communications</b>  Charlotte Stacey, Information Services Manager, was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours for her services to the community.  The full list of Oxfordshire residents who received honours is in Annex 1 of the Schedule of Business.  Chair's events <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Princess Royal Visit 4<sup>th</sup> January the Oxford Farming Conference.</li><li>• Attended Wallingford school assembly to deliver the winner of the Christmas card competition gift.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Ashmolean Museum opening the One World Family Festival.</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> February Charity cake sale in the Common Hall, all money will be going to the ten chosen charities.</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> March Chair’s drinks fundraiser evening at County Hall</li> </ul> <p>Invitations received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> February Civic Party invitation from Christ Church.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> February Cherwell District - Chairman’s Sunday lunch and auction</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> February Oxfordshire Scouts and Guides show 2024.</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> February Civic Service for Henley on Thames.</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> February Lunar New Year celebrations at Oxford Town Hall.</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> February The Romanes Lecture.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> March Lord Mayor of Didcot’s Charity Dinner.</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> March celebration and launch of the Didcot Powerhouse Fund 2023 impact report.</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> March Mamma Mayor – Mayor of Henley’s fundraising dinner</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> March fundraising quiz from the Chair of SODC.</li> </ul> <p>Alan Brown CBE DL, who was county chief executive from 1973-1988, sadly passed away on the 13 December at the age of 95. He leaves a wife, Marie, and two daughters.</p> <p>Also in December our former Chief Education Officer Sir Tim Brighouse passed way at the age of 83. Sir Tim served in the role from 1978 to 1989.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Appointments</b></p> <p>Council is requested to approve the following changes to Committees:</p> <p><u>Education &amp; Young People Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee:</u> Cllr Corkin to replace Cllr Simpson</p>	

	<p><u>Place Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee:</u> Cllr Simpson to replace Cllr Constance</p> <hr/> <p>Council is also asked to note a change made by the Leader of the Council to one of the Cabinet positions:</p> <p>Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Pete Sudbury, is now responsible for Climate Change, Environment &amp; Future Generations. The detailed responsibilities for this portfolio are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change mitigation</li> <li>• climate adaptation and resilience</li> <li>• lead flood authority incl Oxford flood alleviation</li> <li>• planetary boundaries and circular economy</li> <li>• ecology, nature recovery and enhancement</li> <li>• future generations</li> <li>• minerals strategy, waste disposal and recycling centres</li> <li>• Countryside operations and volunteers</li> <li>• ecology/archaeology/heritage</li> <li>• water strategy incl TW reservoir</li> <li>• energy strategy</li> <li>• tree strategy</li> <li>• highways verge and vegetation management strategy</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>10:45</b></p> <p><b>30 mins</b></p>	<p><b>Petitions and Public Address</b></p> <p><i>Any person may address the Council on an item on the agenda subject to the provisions in CPR 10.2 of the Constitution</i></p> <p>Petitions - 3 minutes to speak</p> <p>Public Address – 2 minutes to speak (reduced from 5 minutes at the discretion of the Chair – CPR 10.3).</p>	<p><b>Petitions</b></p> <p>None received</p> <p><b>Public Address</b></p> <p>Lyndsey Caldwell  Tammy Heavens  Amanda Edwards-Day  Philippa Jackson  Gibbons  Edward Hayter  David Henwood  John Center  Bernadette Evans  Richard Parnham</p>

		Sharon Jeacock Claire Brenner
7  11.15  10 mins	<p><b>Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 (page 13)</b></p> <p><i>Movers 5 mins, seconders 3 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to consider and approve the 2024/25 Pay Policy Statement following approval at Remuneration Committee on 17 January 2024.</p>	M Fawcett SEC Leffman
8  11.25	<p><b>Budget and Business Planning Report 2024/25 to 2026/27 (Page 29)</b></p> <p><i>Movers 10 mins, seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 5 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) have regard to the statutory report of the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (at Section 3) in approving recommendations b to d below;</p> <p>(b) (in respect of the budget and medium term financial strategy – at Section 4) approve:</p> <p>(1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2024/25 set out in Section 4.3 and in particular:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) a precept of £498,633,415;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,820.56;</p> <p>(2) a budget for 2024/25 as set out in Section 4.4;</p> <p>(3) a medium term financial strategy for 2024/25 to 2026/27 as set out in Section 4.1 (which incorporates changes to the existing medium term financial strategy as set out in Section 4.2);</p> <p>(4) the Financial Strategy for 2024/25 at Section 4.5;</p> <p>(5) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy</p>	For timings and speakers please see below

	<p>Statement 2024/25 at Section 4.6 including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer's recommended level of General Balances for 2024/25 (Section 4.6), and</li> <li>(ii) the planned level of Earmarked Reserves for 2024/25 to 2026/27 (Section 4.6.1)</li> </ul> <p>(c) (in respect of capital – at Section 5) approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the Capital &amp; Investment Strategy for 2024/25 to 2033/34 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in Section 5.1;</li> <li>(2) a Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2033/34 as set out in Section 5.4 which includes new capital proposals set out in Section 5.3.</li> </ul> <p>(d) (in respect of treasury management – at Section 5) approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 at Section 5.2 including the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators and the Specified Investment and Non-Specified Investment Instruments.</li> <li>(2) that any further changes required to the 2024/25 Treasury Management Strategy be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance.</li> </ul>	
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	<b>LUNCH</b> there will be a 45 minute break for lunch. This will likely start between 12:15 and 13:00 at a natural break in the proceedings.	
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**Debate on Item 8 – Budget and Business Planning 2024/25-2026/27**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>Order of Debate</b>	<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Time Limits</b>
Cabinet Motion	Introduction and debate	(M) Leffman (SEC) Levy	10 mins 5 mins
		<u>LibDem/Greens</u> Gant Middleton Howson Sudbury Miller Gregory Ley Roberts	All 5 mins
		<u>Labour &amp; Cooperative</u> Baines Brighouse	All 5 mins
	Right of Reply	Leffman	All 5 mins
Conservative Independent Alliance Amendment	Introduction and debate	(M) Reeves (SEC) Bartholomew	10 mins 5 mins
		<u>CIA</u> Snowdon Corkin Ford	All 5 mins
		<u>Labour &amp; Cooperative</u> Baines Brighouse Enright	All 5 mins
		<u>LibDem/Greens</u> Leffman Ley Bearder Gant Middleton Howson Sudbury	All 5 mins



		Ley Gregory	
	Right of Reply	Reeves	All 5 mins
Labour & Coop Amendment	Introduction and debate	(M) Brighthouse (SEC) Baines	10 mins 5 mins
		<u>Labour &amp; Cooperative</u> Phillips Hicks Enright Elphinstone Pressel Coles Lygo O'Connor Edosomwan Fadlalla Saul Cherry	All 5 mins
		<u>LibDem/Greens</u> Leffman Levy Bearder Johnston Graham Gant Middleton Miller Gregory Ley Sudbury Bennett Rouane	All 5 mins
	Right of Reply	Brighthouse	5 mins
	Adjournment		

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## OXFORDSHIRE RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVED RECOGNITION IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

### Knighthood

**Professor Neil James McCready MORTENSEN** Lately President, Royal College of Surgeons of England. For services to Surgery

### Commanders of the Order of the British Empire

**Timothy David GARDAM** Journalist. For services to Journalism and to Education

**Professor Roger James GOODMAN** Nissan Professor of Modern Japanese Studies and Warden, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford. For services to Social Science

**Professor Andrew Lee HOPKINS FRS FMedSci FRSE** Chief Executive Officer, Exscientia. For services to Science and to Innovation

**Christopher Ross KINGSLEY OBE** Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Rebellion. For services to the Creative Industries

**Dr Andrew John MACKINTOSH** Adviser, The Knowledge Assets Initiative. For services to Science and Technology, and to Enterprise Development

**Professor Elizabeth Jane ROBERTSON** Professor of Developmental Biology, University of Oxford. For services to Medical Sciences

**Professor Robert Adrianus Leonardus VAN DE NOORT** Chair, Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and Vice Chancellor, University of Reading. For services to Science, to Flood Risk Management and to Sustainability

### Officers of the Order of the British Empire

**Professor Daniela BORTOLETTO** Head of Particle Physics, University of Oxford. For services to Particle Physics and to Gender Equality

**Ruth Catherine Margaret BUSBY** People and Transformational Director, Great Western Railway and Network Rail Wales and Western. For services to Diversity in the Rail Industry

**Bruce Malcolm GORDON** Chair and Founder Member, Honorary Treasurers Forum. For Charitable Service

**Professor David Rodney HEATH-BROWN** Emeritus Fellow, University of Oxford. For services to Mathematics and Mathematical Research

**Dr Elizabeth Janine HOGBEN**

Lately Secretary, Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology, Government Office for Science. For services to Science in Government

**Professor Kimberley Anne-Isola NEKARIS**

Head, Nocturnal Primate Research Group, Oxford Brookes University. For services to Conservation

**John Hamilton RYLEY**

Lately Head of News, Sky News. For services to Journalism

**Professor Julia Mary YEOMANS FRS**

Professor of Physics and Head, Rudolf Peierls Centre, University of Oxford. For services to Physics

## **Members of the Order of the British Empire**

**Amanda Jayne BIRD**

Senior Supply Chain Coordinator, Leidos Europe Limited. For services to Defence Logistics

**Mark Richard BRETT**

For services to Charity and to the community in Wallingford, Oxfordshire

**Shaun Andrew Day**

Headteacher, The Unicorn School, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. For services to Education

**Dr Gian Parkash GOPAL**

Founder, Oxford Hindu Temple and Community Centre Project. For services to the Hindu Community and to Multi-Faith Cohesion in Oxfordshire

**Dr Alison Maynard HILL**

Chair, Bikeability Trust, and Chair, CycloX. For services to Cycling

**Miriam LUKE**

President, Henley Rowing Club and lately Chair, Henley Women's Regatta. For services to Women's Rowing

**Alison Margaret MURRAY**

Deputy Director of Adult Social Care, Care Quality Commission. For services to Adult Social Care

**Lydia Jean OTTER**

For services to People with Autism and their Families in Oxfordshire

**Ewan Benjamin PAYNE**

Team UK Gold Medal Winner, WorldSkills UK. For services to Further Education

**Margaret Ann SIMPSON**

For services to the community in Oxfordshire

**Professor Matthew David SNAPE**

Lately Professor in Paediatrics and Vaccinology, Oxford Vaccine Group, University of Oxford. For services to Public Health, particularly during Covid-19

## Medallists of the Order of the British Empire

<b>Carl Peter ANGLIM</b>	Lately Chair, Oxfordshire Youth. For services to Young People
<b>Reverend Margaretha Catharina Maria ARMITSTEAD</b>	For services to the community in Littlemore, Oxfordshire
<b>Evelyn Lettita BRACEY</b>	For services to the community in Wantage, Oxfordshire
<b>Valerie Jean BUTCHER</b>	For services to the community in Kidlington, Oxfordshire
<b>Robert Frank EARL</b>	For services to the community in Radley, Oxfordshire
<b>Patricia Carol EARL</b>	For services to the community in Radley, Oxfordshire
<b>Richard KENNEL</b>	Chief Executive Officer, SOFEA. For services to Social Inclusion and to Alleviating Food Poverty
<b>Diana Marian PEARMAN</b>	For services to the community in Sonning Common, Oxfordshire
<b>Charlotte Jessica STACEY</b>	On Call Firefighter, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. For services to the community in Oxfordshire On Call Firefighter, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. For services to the community in Oxfordshire
<b>Dorothy Margaret WHITTINGTON</b>	Volunteer, Oxford University New comers. For services to Volunteering and Higher Education

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## Labour &amp; Co-operative Group Section 4.2 : Revenue Budget Amendments 2024/25 - 2026/27

Reference/ Directorate		2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000	Total £'00
	<b>Cabinet Position as per Council Section 4.1 Surplus (-), Deficit (+)</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+13,946</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>+13,882</b>
	<b>Changes to Pressures or Investments</b>				
	<b>Adult Services</b>				
2025L&CO1	Reduce Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation adjustment for cost of care packages funded by the Council by 0.5%.	-330			<b>-330</b>
	<b>New Budget Investments</b>				
	<b>Adult Services</b>				
2025L&CO2	Establish a Care Co-op Employment Hub with dedicated resource to support self-employed care workers set up care co-operatives.	55			<b>55</b>
	<b>Children's Services</b>				
2025L&CO3	Revenue costs involved with increasing early intervention work in Early Years and primary school settings to respond to SEND needs and proactively support the transition into mainstream education.	500	-120		<b>380</b>
2025L&CO4	Invest in Family Help Team to reduce the future demand and cost of care. Assumes team would be in place from July 2024 onwards.	375	125		<b>500</b>
2025L&CO5	Revenue borrowing costs associated with adding three new children's homes from 2026/27 (including one focused on older children) to the capital programme.			120	<b>120</b>
	<b>Environment &amp; Place</b>				
2025L&CO6	Investment in improved enforcement of Controlled Parking Zones (see 2025LACO26).	140			<b>140</b>
2025L&CO7	Revenue borrowing costs of additional scheduled highways maintenance for roads and pavements in 2024/25 (on-going borrowing cost for one - off funding of £5m).	300			<b>300</b>
2025L&CO8	Introduce four new Controlled Parking Zones (see 2025L&CO27).	200	-200		<b>0</b>
2025L&CO9	Investment in improved collection of fees, charges and penalties (see 2025L&CO28).	210			<b>210</b>
2025L&CO10	Feasibility study and implementation strategy for bus franchising.	150	-150		<b>0</b>
2025L&CO11	Revenue costs for additional investments in Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) enforcement of moving traffic offences of existing Traffic Regulation Order restrictions (see 2025L&CO29).	180	-180		<b>0</b>
2025L&CO12	Feasibility Study into practicalities and opportunity in emissions and vehicle category based charging. Early investigatory work to identify potential policy and income benefits.	30	-30		<b>0</b>
2025L&CO13	Phase four of the school streets scheme.		77	-30	<b>47</b>
2025L&CO14	Funding for a feasibility study into the introduction of new Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) bus services in urban/suburban and rural settings. The study will also look into the application of DRT services to support Home to School transport.	70	-70		<b>0</b>
2025L&CO15	Seed funding for supporting pilot Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) bus services, building on business case developed through 2025L&CO14.		250	-250	<b>0</b>
2025L&CO16	Revenue borrowing costs for pipeline of capital projects to tackle congestion in built up areas (£3m capital spend in 2024/25 and 2025/26).	180	180		<b>360</b>
2025L&CO17	Revenue borrowing costs for pipeline delivery of capital projects identified as part of the East Oxford Mini-Holland Project (£2m capital spend each year of MTF5).	120	120	120	<b>360</b>
	<b>Resources</b>				
2025L&CO18	Dedicated resource to mainstream public health principles and goals aligned with the well being of future generations framework (tackling social problems and inequalities at source to improve lives, boost outcomes and tackle inequalities) across the Council.	100			<b>100</b>
2025L&CO19	Membership funding to join the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network.	8			<b>8</b>
2025L&CO20	Restore cost of living funding to support local advice centres.	300			<b>300</b>

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Reference/ Directorate		2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000	Total £'00
2025L&CO21	Resource to support the development and initial delivery of a Social Value and Community Wealth Building Strategy, including relevant training and external expertise, focusing on all relevant aspects of social value generation and community wealth building.	60	-60		0
2025L&CO22	Citizens Assembly on transport in Central Oxfordshire.	150	-150		0
	<b><u>Changes to Savings</u></b>				
	<b><u>Adult Services</u></b>				
2025L&CO23	Refocus activity on action to reduce outstanding unsecured debt, increasing the target reduction from 10% to 12% by the end of 2024/25.	-104	104		0
	<b><u>Children's Services</u></b>				
2025L&CO24	Invest to save' returns resulting from reducing numbers of private placements for children we care for through increase in internal care provision (see 2025L&CO5)			-120	-120
2025L&CO25	Investment in Family Help Team (see 2025L&CO4) reduces future demand for and cost of care.		-250	-500	-750
	<b><u>Environment &amp; Place</u></b>				
2025L&CO26	Income from improved enforcement of existing Controlled Parking Zones (see 2025L&CO6).	-140			-140
2025L&CO27	Income from new Controlled Parking Zones (see 2025L&CO8).	-150	-150		-300
2025L&CO28	Improved collection of fees, charges and revenues (streetworks) (see 2025L&CO9).	-460			-460
2025L&CO29	Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) income (see 2025L&CO11).	0	-270		-270
	<b><u>Resources</u></b>				
2025L&CO30	Reallocate existing Public Health funding to meet costs of developing and mainstreaming future generations framework as well as wider public health principles (funding from Public Health for investment 202L&C18).	-100			-100
2025L&CO31	Remove Administration proposal 2025CSI532 for new forward planning and business support.	-93			-93
2025L&CO32	Savings from Marketing, Communications and Engagement team.	-120			-120
	<b><u>Use of Reserves</u></b>				
2025L&CO33	Use remaining balance of Budget Priorities Reserve to support investments.	-140	140		0
2025L&CO34	Use £1.992m released from Transformation Reserve to support investments to reduce demand and cost pressures or generate income (2025L&CO04, 06, 08, 09, 11 and 12).	-1,135	278	857	0
2025L&CO35	Use £0.218m from the Transformation Reserve to support investments to shape the future direction of the Council (2025L&CO19, 21 and 22).	-218	218		0
2025L&CO36	Use £0.138m from the Transformation Reserve to support other one - off costs in 2024/25.	-138	138		0
	<b>Revised Overall Position</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,946</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>14,079</b>
	<b>Difference to Cabinet's Budget Proposals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>197</b>
	<b>Proposed Surplus (-), Deficit (+)</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+13,946</b>	<b>+133</b>	<b>+14,079</b>