

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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If you have a query please contact Colm Ó Caomhánaigh (Tel: 07393 001096; E-Mail: colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

NB Item 8 Budget & Business Planning Report 2023-24 is not subject to call-in as the item was already discussed by the Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet made recommendations for final decision by Full Council.

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies from Cllr Pete Sudbury	
2. Declarations of Interest	Cllr Calum Miller declared a non-pecuniary interest related to Item 6 as a volunteer coach with Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club.	
3. Minutes	The minutes of the meeting on 20 December 2022 were approved .	
4. Questions from County Councillors	See Annex	
5. Petitions and Public Address	<u>Item 6: Proposal from Oxford United FC to OCC as Landowner</u> Paul Peros Cllr David Robey, Chair Kidlington PC Niall McWilliams Janine Bailey Garry Allen Richard Hague Susanne McIvor Ken Wroe Christopher Lowes Darren Male	

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	Katrina Jenkins Victoria Campbell Riva Casley Collette Thompson Martin Halstead Harry Hall Ollie Dare James Dunn Danielle Walker Cllr Nigel Simpson Cllr Ian Middleton Cllr Liam Walker <u>Item 13: Consultation plans for water supply</u> Cllr Sally Povolotsky	
<p>6. Proposal from Oxford United Football Club to Oxfordshire County Council as Landowner</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/236 <i>Contact:</i> Claire Taylor, Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development and Resources, claire.taylor@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development and Resources (CA6).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) Authorise Officers to enter into negotiations regarding Heads of Terms with Oxford United Football Club (OUFC) to agree the commercial terms on which Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) would lease land to the east of Frieze Way / south of Kidlington roundabout (known as the 'triangle') to OUFC for the development of a new football</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CDCODR (C Taylor)</p>

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<p>stadium, subject to further Cabinet approval of detailed plans and undertakings and to planning permission.</p> <p>(b) Emphasise that Heads of Terms are non-binding and that any final agreement to lease or dispose of land to OUFC for the purposes of a stadium will be a Cabinet decision, published on the Forward Plan of Business.</p> <p>(c) Instruct officers to ensure that, prior to any recommendation to Cabinet regarding entering into a contractual or legal agreement with OUFC, sufficient information and undertakings have been received from OUFC to ensure that the objectives set out in (2a) below will be met.</p> <p>(d) Instruct officers to identify and mitigate medium and long-term financial risks and liabilities associated with any final agreement with OUFC to lease or dispose of the land.</p> <p>(e) Instruct officers to provide regular updates on progress to the Cabinet Member for Property and, as appropriate, Cabinet as a whole, and to add these Cabinet updates to the Cabinet's Forward Plan of Business to enable transparency and public scrutiny / engagement.</p> <p>(f) Instruct officers to identify further opportunities for engagement with a broad range of stakeholders as proposals for a scheme are developed. This should include an engagement strategy from OUFC</p>		

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<p>to demonstrate how they will take into account stakeholder and community views as the scheme promoter.</p> <p>If the Cabinet decides to proceed it is RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet requires:</p> <p>a) Officers to ensure that any agreements with OUFC are consistent with the County Council's strategic priorities, by achieving the following objectives for the use of the OCC's land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain a green barrier between Oxford and Kidlington • improve access to nature and green spaces • enhance facilities for local sports groups and on-going financial support • significantly improve the infrastructure connectivity in this location, improving public transport to reduce the need for car travel in so far as possible, and to improve sustainable transport through increased walking, cycling and rail use • develop local employment opportunities in Oxfordshire • increase education and innovation through the provision of a sports centre of excellence and facilities linked to elite sport, community sport, health and wellbeing • support the County Council's net zero carbon emissions pledge through highly sustainable development 		

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<p>b) Officers to pursue discussions with a view to agreeing terms that achieve community benefit, meet Oxfordshire County Council's strategic priorities, retain OCC's reasonable long-term control over the size and scale of OUFC's proposed scheme, comply with S.123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (and any other applicable legal requirements) and mitigate long term financial risk to the Council.</p>		
<p>7. Report from Scrutiny Committee on the Budget & Business Planning Report</p>	<p>Report of the Performance and Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Of Post-Consultation Budget Proposals 2023/24 – 2025/26 Cabinet agreed to the recommendations within the report.</p> <p>Report of the Performance and Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Of The Council's Proposed Strategic Plan 2023-25 Cabinet agreed to the recommendations within the report.</p>	<p>DF (K Wilcox)</p>
<p>8. Budget & Business Planning Report 2023-24 - January 2023</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2022/131</i> <i>Contact: Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy, 07788 302163</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CA8).</p> <p>1. In relation to the updated strategic plan (Section 2);</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p>	<p>The amendments to documents identified in the Addenda were agreed.</p>	<p>DF (K Wilcox)</p>

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<p>RECOMMEND Council:</p> <p>a) adopt the updated strategic plan.</p> <p>2. In relation to the Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (Section 4);</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>b) approve the Review of Charges for 2023/24 and in relation to the Registration Service, charges also for 2024/25 (Annex A);</p> <p>c) approve the changes to the High Needs budget (Annex B Table 1);</p> <p>d) agree that in the event that the Council's disapplication request referred to in Paragraph 5 Annex B is approved by the Secretary of State then to proceed with Option 1 to use £2.3m transferred from the DSG Schools Block to the DSG High Needs Block to fund investment in Early Intervention, and, in the event that the disapplication request is not approved by the Secretary of State then to proceed with Option 2 and use additional grant funding provided by central government;</p> <p>e) Receive the observations from Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</p> <p>f) approve the Financial Strategy for 2023/24 (Section 4.5);</p> <p>g) approve the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2023/24 (Section 4.6);</p> <p>h) delegate to the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Director of Finance, acting jointly, to make any appropriate changes to the</p>	<p>In paragraph 8 of the main report, it was agreed to replace "will be considered by the Committee on 24 January 2022" with "will be considered by Cabinet on 24 January 2023".</p> <p>The recommendations were agreed.</p>	

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<p>proposed budget following the recommendations of the Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to RECOMMEND Council:</p> <p>i) approve a Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2023/24 to 2025/26 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>j) agree the council tax and precept calculations for 2023/24 set out in Section 4.3 and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a precept of £466,654,610.58; (ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,734.03. <p>3. In relation to the Capital and Investment Strategy and Capital Programme (Section 5);</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to recommend Council to:</p> <p>k) approve the Capital and Investment Strategy for 2023/24 - 2033/34 (Section 5.1) including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement (Section 5.1 Annex 1); (ii) the Prudential Indicators (Section 5.1 Annex 2) and <p>l) approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2023/24 (Section 5.2); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) continue to delegate the 		

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<p>authority to withdraw or advance additional funds to/from external fund managers to the Director of Finance;</p> <p>(ii) approve that any further changes required to the 2023/24 Treasury Management Strategy be delegated to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance;</p> <p>(iii) approve the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators; and</p> <p>(iv) approve the Specified Investment and Non Specified Investment instruments as set out in Section 5.2.</p> <p>m) approve the new capital proposals for inclusion in the Capital Programme and proposed pipeline schemes (Section 5.3)</p> <p>n) approve the capital programme (Section 5.4).</p>		
<p>9. Business Management & Monitoring Report - October/November 2022</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2022/132 <i>Contact:</i> Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes, louise.tustian@oxfordshire.gov.uk; Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy, 07788 302163</p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CA9).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDCODR (L Tustian) /</p>

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<p>a) note the report and annexes which include action plans</p> <p>b) note the virements in Annex B-2b</p> <p>c) approve a £0.7m increase in the contribution from the County Council to the Children's Integrated Therapy Service.</p> <p>d) note the use of the COVID-19 reserve as set out in Annex B-3a</p> <p>e) Agree to transfer £1.8m from the Budget Equalisation Reserve to the Transformation Reserve.</p>		DF (K Wilcox)
<p>10. Other Reports from Scrutiny Committees</p> <p>Report of Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Primary Care (CA10a)</p> <p>Report of the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny of Send Finances (CA10b)</p>	Cabinet agreed to receive the reports and will respond in due course.	DLG (T Hudson)
<p>11. Capital Programme Approvals - January 2023</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2023/006</i> <i>Contact: Belinda Dimmock-Smith, Capital Programme Manager,</i> belinda.dimmocksmith@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CA11).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the budget increase of £2.911m towards the capital project for St Edburg's CE Primary School, Bicester.</p>	Recommendations approved.	DF (B Dimmock-Smith)
<p>12. Home Upgrade Grant - delegated authority to agree</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery</i></p>		

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<p>& Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2022/250</i> <i>Contact: Sarah Gilbert, Head of Climate Action, sarah.gilbert@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA12).</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) Note the submission of a £6.4m funding bid to support retrofit of homes in fuel poverty.</p> <p>(b) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Environment and Place in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance to review terms and conditions and conclude legal agreements on the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) 2 funding should the bid be successful.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDEP (S Gilbert)</p>
<p>13. Consultation plans for water supply - Oxfordshire County Council response</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery & Environment</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2022/187</i> <i>Contact: Lynette Hughes, Principal Planner, 07920084360</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA13).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Approve responding to the consultation on the draft Water Resources South East (WRSE) regional plan, comments for which close on 20th February</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDEP (L Hughes)</p>

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<p>2023 (a draft response is included in Annex 1).</p> <p>b) Approve responding to the Water Resources West (WRW), Water Resources East (WRE) and Affinity Water draft plans which have a 20th February 2023 closing date (drafts of the responses are included in Annex 2 to Annex 4).</p> <p>c) Approve responding to the Thames Water draft plan, which was only released on 13th December 2022 and therefore a draft response has not been prepared for this agenda. Comments on that draft plan close on 21st March 2023.</p> <p>d) Delegate the final written responses to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and Environment.</p>		
<p>14. Local Aggregate Assessment</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery & Environment</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2022/218</i> <i>Contact: Charlotte Simms, Minerals and Waste Principal Planning Officer, 07741607726</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA14).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Approve the Local Aggregate Assessment presented in Annex 2.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDEP (C Simms)</p>

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<p>b) Authorise the Corporate Director of Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and Environment to make any revisions and publish the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment for the calendar year 2021 on the Council website.</p>		
<p>15. Parking Standards for New Developments: review of issues raised by the scrutiny committee and addendum of evidence review</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Travel & Development Strategy</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2022/238</i> <i>Contact: Jason Sherwood, Growth Manager South & Vale, 07795 684708</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA15).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to accept the minor amendments to the adopted 'Parking Standards for New Developments' highlighted in Annex 1 and note the findings of the update to the research overview report, contained in Annex 2, which concludes that the available literature provides support to the general approach to parking provision as set out in the adopted (at Cabinet, held 18th October 2022) standards.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDEP (J Sherwood)</p>
<p>16. Delegated Powers - January 2023</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2022/133</i> <i>Contact: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer, 07393 001096</i></p>		

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<p>Report by Director of Law & Governance (CA16).</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the executive decisions taken under delegated powers, set out in paragraph 4.</p>	Noted	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)
<p>17. For information only: Cabinet responses to scrutiny reports</p> <p>For information only: Cabinet responses to scrutiny reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTCP4 Review • Traffic Filters • Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan 		
<p>18. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh,</i> <i>Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096</i></p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></p>	Noted	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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<p>1. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>I welcome the resurfacing/patching of the Woodstock Road in North Oxford scheduled for March 2023. Does this mean a date has been set for plans to be consulted upon for the improvements for cyclists and pedestrians that were last consulted upon in 2021?</p> <p>Supplementary</p> <p>I am concerned that the funding for the Woodstock Road scheme has been reduced and the timetable has been delayed. I would ask the Cabinet Members whether the reduction in budget has been because of the need to fund 20mph speed limit schemes in other areas of the County?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>A revised date for progressing the Woodstock Road proposals, which were consulted upon in 2021, has not yet been finalised.</p> <p>Following the Future Oxfordshire Partnership decision in Sep '22 regarding the Infrastructure programme being delivered via the Housing & Growth Deal, a revised allocation of around £3m funding remains available for delivering a scheme on the Woodstock Road.</p> <p>As officers continue to develop a scheme that fits within this revised budget, this will be informed by the responses received through the 2021 consultation.</p> <p>The revised scheme will also take into consideration the planned traffic filter trial which is anticipated to impact on traffic levels on the cities radial routes.</p> <p>Response</p> <p>I can assure Cllr Howson that there is no cross-dependency between the 20 mph schemes and the Woodstock Road resurfacing scheme. I share your disappointment that the budget for the Woodstock Road scheme was reduced from £12 million to £3 million. This was because of pressures on the HIF stream of the Growth Deal due to inflation and other factors. The process of finalising the timetable for these schemes is still being progressed. I agree with Cllr Howson that the Woodstock Road scheme is a priority and hope to give information on the timetable for implementation in the near future.</p>

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<p>2. COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER</p> <p>Some parents in Hailey, West Oxfordshire have been informed the spare seats scheme will be ending despite the service being cost neutral and there being no consultation with parents. Can the cabinet member respond as to why this decision has been made and how this helps reduce car journeys as part of the administrations priorities to do so.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LIZ BRIGHOUSE, DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE’S SERVICES</p> <p>The bulk of home to school transport in Oxfordshire is provided because there is a statutory entitlement to free travel, for example because a child attends the nearest school and lives over the statutory walking distance (over 3 miles for those aged 8 to 16). There are also a few discretionary elements agreed in the Home to School Transport Policy. The costs of providing this statutory service have been increasing significantly with growing fuel and staffing costs.</p> <p>The Spare Seat Scheme applies across all home to school transport operated on behalf of the council. In common with most local authorities responsible for home to school transport, Oxfordshire allows parents of children who are not entitled to local authority funded travel to purchase spare seats. There is a distance related charge and when seats are sold it is made clear to parents that the service cannot be guaranteed in future years. We would not normally commission additional capacity to accommodate fare paying passengers. Where there is spare capacity, based on the number of eligible children and the vehicle that operates on the route, we make it available to parents to purchase.</p> <p>This arrangement helps defray the cost to the council of providing home to school transport and also helps a number of families in getting their children to school. The letter to parents referenced the scheme being ‘cost neutral’. This is a reference to the contract that applies in the area being longstanding but for September 2023 the service in the area must be retendered. To ensure cost efficiency routes will be optimised (based on eligible children) and as a result there will be fewer spare seats than were achieved on the previous contract.</p> <p>Regarding Hailey, there is no requirement for the local authority to provide home to school transport to Wood Green School because there is a safe walking route between Hailey and Witney. This assessment was carried out by a professional road safety expert.</p> <p>The terms and conditions of the Spare Seat Scheme are clear that there is no</p>

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	<p>requirement to consult with the parents of fare paying passengers prior to making a decision on whether a route should be discontinued or capacity reduced. This is because this is not a statutory requirement.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER</p> <p>Residents have reported seeing adverts for the councils 20MPH policy on Sky, YouTube, the Daily Mail website and on a digital noticeboard in Buckinghamshire. Can the cabinet member outline how much money has been spent advertising the administrations 20MPH programme?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR GLYNIS PHILLIPS, CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES</p> <p>The communications campaign around the 20mph speed limit has been running since February 2022 in three phases. Its aim is to raise awareness about the 20mph speed limit among Oxfordshire residents and commuters into the county and to encourage and sustain long-term behaviour change.</p> <p>The campaign includes a mixture of PR and communications using the council’s channels and partners’ channels, which are at no cost, and paid advertising, which is detailed below.</p> <p>Phase 1</p> <p>This was an initial awareness-raising campaign, primarily focused on building up understanding within communities that they could apply to become a 20mph zone.</p> <p>The campaign ran for a two-month period (February-March 2022) and a total of £13,032 was spent on external advertising and the production of materials. This included: digital and social media advertising, bus backs, radio advertising, and the production of an animation.</p> <p>Phase 2</p> <p>This phase focused on raising awareness of the changes and encouraging behaviour change among Oxfordshire residents. The focus was targeted on areas where 20mph speed limits have or are being implemented or routes into those areas. A key aim of this phase was for the message to be seen in different places and in different situations (eg online, on the radio, outdoors) so that people began to recognise and remember it.</p> <p>The campaign ran for a three-month period (October – December 2022) and a total</p>

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	<p>of £40,433 was spent on external advertising and the production of materials. This included digital signage in supermarkets and shopping centres across Oxfordshire, radio advertising, digital and social media advertising, and advertising on petrol pumps in service station forecourts.</p> <p>Phase 3</p> <p>This phase built on phase 2 but targeted a much wider geographic area and broader demographics, including communities across Oxfordshire, communities across the border from Oxfordshire who regularly commute or travel into the county, and heavy road users such as delivery drivers. A greater volume of paid advertising was used in order to span a much wider geographic area and to reach people who were less likely to follow Oxfordshire County Council's communications channels.</p> <p>The campaign is running during January and February 2023 and a total of £98,211 has been planned on external advertising and the production of materials. This includes digital signage in supermarkets and shopping centres across Oxfordshire and along commuter routes into the county; advertising on Sky TV; radio advertising; online audio advertising; digital and social media advertising, petrol pump advertising; and advertising on bus backs.</p>