



**Cabinet  
Tuesday, 15 March 2016**

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## CABINET – 15 MARCH 2016 ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Members:

### 1. From Councillor Hards to Councillor Tilley

“The Family and Childcare Trust has recently reported that more than 41,000 three-year-olds are being denied the free childcare to which they are entitled, because more and more of local authorities are struggling to provide funded places. Please would the Cabinet Member for Children Education and Families tell us whether sufficient places are available across Oxfordshire and, if not, what is the geographical distribution of the areas of shortage? “

### Response from Councillor Tilley

“Local Authorities have a statutory duty to secure sufficient early years provision so that families can access their funded early education entitlement. Some children are eligible to access a funded place from the term after their second birthday. All children are entitled to a funded early education place from the term after their third birthday. This means that numbers each term will fluctuate.

Across the county over the last three terms the sufficiency for three and four year olds has been:

Term	Three and four year old population	Published places available in schools	Actual places taken up in private and voluntary sector	Sufficiency of places
Spring 2015	11071	4712	7964	114%
Summer 2015	13155	4712	9515	108%
Autumn 2015	8254	4712	6113	131%

There are some wards in the county which suffer shortfalls. This could be due to provider closures, quality issues or movements of children across the county. These changes are monitored and capacity building takes place where shortfalls are likely to be ongoing.”

Places needed have been calculated from the projected population data for 2015. This is an update, produced in May 2015 to the January 2014 ward forecasts, obtained from housing led population forecasts available at <http://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/population-0>.

In order to reflect when children become eligible for places (the term after a child turns 3) a calculation has been made from the projected population figures to arrive at an estimate of the number of eligible children each term. In the absence of other readily available data the calculation has assumed that monthly birth rates are consistent across the year.

## **2. From Councillor Hards to Councillor Nimmo Smith**

"Would the Cabinet Member please confirm when the temporary patching work on the A4130 Northern Perimeter Road Didcot at Hopkins Bridge will be completed and explain what steps are being taken to find a permanent solution to the problem which I understand has arisen because of unexplained movement in the bridge abutment ?"

### **Response from Councillor Nimmo Smith**

"The patching is required as the fill behind the piled abutment bank-seat appears to be settling due to slope stability and/or scour issues. It is programmed to be complete by the end of March but clearly programmes at this time of year are weather dependent.

The nature of this sort of failure means that movement is likely to be relatively gradual. The temporary patching will take out the worst of the unevenness and some uneven road signs will be out on site to warning drivers of the deformation. We will continue to monitor the site and consider and prioritise any permanent solution based on that information and as part of our ongoing asset management strategy."

## **3. From Councillor Tanner to Councillor Nimmo Smith**

"Many residents in my division feel that NSL are no longer bothering to issue penalty charge notices to people who park on double yellow lines or park incorrectly in the Grandpont controlled parking zone. Could you tell me how many PCNs have been issued in my Isis division in the last year and how that number compares with the previous year?"

### **Response from Councillor Nimmo Smith**

"Please find below the information requested for the last 2 years for visits to South Oxford Controlled Parking Zone and an average over the period.

It should also be noted that unless a complaint is received we do not enter the zone after 17.00 hrs to 09.00 hrs and at weekends due to an agreement made when we first set up Decriminalised parking (now known as Civil Enforcement). If we receive a complaint we will issue to any vehicle parked not in compliance with the regulations.

VDA = vehicle driven away  
PCN = Penalty charge Notice

1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015:	
Visits	7873
Vehicles logged	3264
PCN's issued	664
VDA's	269

1 April 2015 to 10 March 16:

Visits	7611
Vehicles logged	3078
PCN's issued	475
VDA's	233

These figures are 3 weeks short compared to the previous year if you add the average over the 49 weeks they are as follows.

Visits	8076
Vehicles logged	3266
PCN's issued	504
VDA's	247"

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### ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

#### Public Address

The Leader of the Council has agreed the following requests to address the meeting:-

Item	Speaker
Item 6 – Care Home Fees	Councillor Price, Shadow Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care (5 mins) Mark Taylor (Proprietor, Banbury Heights and Julie Richardson (Nursing Home) (3 mins).
Item 8– Proposals on the Future of Subsidised Bus Services	Cllr Jean Fooks, local councillor (5 mins) Cllr Anne Purse, local councillor (5 mins)

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### Addenda - Care Home Fees 2016

#### Report by Director of Adult Social Services

1. The Care Home Fees 2016 report contains an incorrect figure for the current Nursing Specialist rate 2015/16 and the proposed Nursing Specialist rate for 2016/217. This requires an amendment to the recommendations of the report but does not affect the affordability of the recommendations.
2. The table at **paragraph 33** of the document is amended as follows:

Target Banding Rate	Current (less FNC) £	Inflation	Revised £	FNC* £	Target Banding Rate 2016-17 £
Nursing Specialist	544	3.94%	565	112	677

\* This is the 2015-16 rate and this will be revised on publication of the rate effective from April 2016

3. This table at **paragraph 50** of the document is amended as follows:

Target Banding Rate	15-16	less FNC	Net	% increase	Banding 16-17	FNC	With FNC
Nursing Specialist	656	112	544	4.35%	568	112	680

4. The statement at **Paragraph 81** is amended to read:

The recommendation on Target Banding Rates needs to be considered in terms of the budget that has been agreed by the Council in February 2016. The Budget agreed an allowance for increases in Commissioned services, including increasing bandings to fund the National Living Wage, and the proposal in this report is affordable within that funding.

If the Council sets the Residential banding rate at £493, then the cost of increasing all current placements below £493 to that level is £58,000 per annum.

If the Council sets the Nursing Extensive banding rate at £605, then the cost of increasing all current placements below £605 to that level is £151,000 per annum.

If the Council sets the Nursing Specialist banding rate at £680, then the cost of increasing all current placements below £680 to that level is £207,000 per annum

The total cost to the council would be £416,000.

5. These changes require an amendment to recommendations (v) and (vi) in **paragraph 87** of the report as follows:

(v) Increase the Nursing-Specialist Target Banding Rate to £680 per week.

(vi) Increase all existing weekly Nursing Substantial rates that are currently below £680 per week to £680 per week.

6. For ease of reference the recommendations are restated in full below:

### **Revised Recommendations**

7. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED that in view of the above:

for 2016/17 to revise our Target Banding Rates from April 2016 and

(i). Increase the Target Banding rate for the Residential-Extensive Specialist Category to £493 per week for new placements.

(ii). Increase all existing weekly Residential payment rates that are currently paid below £493 per week to £493 per week

(iii). Increase the Nursing-Extensive Target Banding Rate to £605 per week  
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(iv). Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive that are currently below £605 per week to £605 per week

(v). Increase the Nursing-Specialist Target Banding Rate to £680 per week

(vi). Increase all existing weekly Nursing Substantial rates that are currently below £680 per week to £680 per week

(vii). Increase the above rates to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing Care once this is announced later in April 2016.

(viii). Increase all other existing Care Home placements to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing care once this is announced later in April 2016

(ix). Continue to use these rates as a guide to secure a care home placement at a funding level as close to the Target Banding Rate as possible.

(x). The above to apply from April 2016 and for care home placements in Oxfordshire.

(xi). The Council undertakes a review to understand the impact of National Living Wage

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Background papers: All Consultation responses are available in the Members Library

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### ITEM 9 – FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Members are asked to note the following changes to the Forward Plan:

#### Amendments to items in the present Plan

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Topic (Ref)/Decision</b>	<b>Present Timing</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>Leader</i> Cabinet	<b>Senior Management Review</b> (Ref: 2016/017)  To provide feedback on the report recommendations of the senior management review and to seek approval for the next steps	19 April 2016	Deferred to date to be confirmed
<i>Leader</i> Cabinet	<b>Oxfordshire Together</b> (Ref 2016/024)  To seek approval of the transferring of services down to Town and Parish Councils.	19 April 2016	Change of portfolio to Deputy Leader
<i>Deputy Leader</i> Cabinet	<b>Council's Approach to Business Management (including draft Directorate Business Strategies &amp; Measures)</b> (Ref: 2015/129)  To approve the council's new approach to business management, along with approving individual Directorate Business Strategies and Measures.	19 April 2016	Deferred to date to be confirmed

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