

County Council

11 September 2012

Schedule of Business

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-OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2012

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

- **9.58 am – The Civic Party will process into the Council Chamber;**

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1.	1	30 mins	10.00	Minutes Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2012 (CC1).	Cllr J Sanders
2.	1			Apologies for Absence	Cllr David Turner Cllr Peter Jones
3.	2			Declarations of Interest	
4.	2			Appointments Members are asked to receive the following report from the	- See Agenda

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				<p>County Returning Officer on the outcome of the by-elections for the Cowley and Littlemore Division held on 12 July 2012:</p> <p>Voting was as follows:</p> <p>Judith Anne Harley 384 votes</p> <p>Gill Sanders 1606 votes</p> <p>Paul Bernard Skinner 330 votes</p> <p>Mike Tait 167 votes</p> <p>Gill Sanders was accordingly elected County Councillor for the Cowley and Littlemore Division.</p>	
5.	2			<p>Official Communications</p> <p>The Chairman reports as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr David Turner, former County Councillor for Wroxton 1985-1997; • Open Doors – Tim 	<p>S Mitchell S Brighouse</p>

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6.	2			Petitions and Public Address	<u>Petitions</u> Mr Pill, Resident of Kidlington, regarding Potholes of A4260; Mr Graham Dickson-Brown, regarding traffic through Sutton on the B4449.
7.	2			Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	None.
8.	3	15 mins	10.30	Treasury Management 2011/12 Outturn	(M) Shouler (SEC) Hudspeth S Darke S R Smith

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9	3	30 mins	10.45	Partnership Update Report	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Rose S Brighthouse S Tanner S Fooks (page 49) S Patrick (page 49, 60) S R Smith (page 49, 62) S Purse (page 51, 53) S Armitage (page 55) S Hannaby (page 55, 58) S Godden (page 58)

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10.	3	15 mins	11.15	Report of the Cabinet Leader (Ian Hudspeth) Deputy Leader (Rodney Rose) Children & the Voluntary Sector (Louise Chapman) Education (Melinda Tilly) Finance (Charles Shouler) Safer & Stronger Communities (Judith Heathcoat)	 Q. Q. Tanner (2) Q. Q. Q. Q. Pressel (11), Goddard (11)

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11.	3	30 mins	11.30	Questions With Notice From Members of the Council (1) Mathew to Tilley (2) Patrick to Hudspeth (3) R Smith to Rose (4) Mathew to Hibbert-Biles (5) L Sanders to Rose (6) L Sanders to Rose (7) Atkins to Fatemian (8) Tanner to Rose (9) Tanner to rose (10)Tanner to Hibbert-Biles (11)Hannaby to Fatemian	- See Annex 2
12.	3	30 mins	12.00	Motion From Councillor Anne Purse	(M) Purse (SEC) Tilley S Godden S Patrick S R Smith S Tilley

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13.	4	30 mins	12.30	Motion From Councillor Liz Brighthouse	(M) Brighthouse (SEC) V Smith (AM) R Smith (see Annex 1) (SEC) Altaf-Khan S Tanner S Tilley
LUNCH		1.00 PM			
14.	4	15 mins	2.00	Motion From Councillor David Nimmo-Smith	(M) Nimmo-Smith (SEC) Newton S Fooks
15.	4	30 mins	2.15	Motion From Councillor Larry Sanders	(M) L Sanders (SEC) Atkins S Stevens S Goddard S Shouler

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16.	5	30 mins	2.45	Motion From Councillor Altaf-Khan	(M) Altaf-Khan (SEC) Hannaby (AM) Brighthouse (see Annex 1) (SEC) J Sanders S Godden S Patrick S Tilley S Brown
17.	5	30 mins	3.15	Motion From Councillor Roz Smith	(M) R Smith (SEC) Purse S Hannaby S Hibbert-Biles
18.	5	30 mins		Motion From Councillor John Tanner	(M) Tanner (SEC) J Sanders S Armitage S Fooks S R Smith S Purse S Godden S Rose

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Agenda Item 13 – Motion From Liz Brighthouse - Amendment to be moved by Councillor Roz Smith

“The County Council requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing concern at the arbitrary way in which the boundaries of grades in English Language GCSE were changed. This change will have the effect of damaging the life changes of many 16 year olds in Oxfordshire who took their exams this summer. It particularly affects those young people on the border of C/D and the young people aiming for Russell Group Universities who will not have realised the reward of their hard work by getting an A or A*.

In addition the Council asks ~~the Cabinet to set up a group to look~~ **the Scrutiny committee for Children's services to consider looking** at the level of the negative impact on schools across Oxfordshire so that schools can learn from this experience.”

Agenda Item 15 – Motion From Larry Sanders - Amendment to be moved by Councillor Larry Sanders

The Government’s attempts to restore the economy are not **yet** working. ~~One of the most effective ways~~ **way** to increase employment and economic growth is increased expenditure by Local Government. There is a ~~reasonable chance~~ **possibility** that ~~some~~ **the** government will recognise this in the near future.

~~In addition to its effect on the general economy strengthened Local Government would increase people’s ability to participate in their society and act as a bulwark against the excessive power of major banks and corporations.~~

Increased funding would make it possible for Local Authorities to ~~more adequately provide~~ **improve and/or extend** the services for which they are responsible.

If public spending were to increase, those Councils which are prepared to efficiently increase spending will have an advantage in applying for and spending increased funding.

This Council therefore asks the Cabinet to ~~require Directors to begin consultation with the people of the County~~ **to consider how increased public funding might be best used** so that they will have plans ready for more locally focussed and integrated use of the increased funding ~~when it becomes~~ **should it become** available.

Agenda Item 16 – Motion From Councillor Altaf-Khan – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Liz Brighthouse

“Council continues to be concerned about the pressure on primary school places in the City and Vale of White Horse District Council areas and is still unable to understand why the problem was not better anticipated and planned for. The number of parents unable to gain a place at either their first or second choice of school is still too high and makes it hard for parents to have confidence in the system. Council also notes the knock-on effect that the problem is now having on schools outside the City area. It can be unsettling for all parties, as well as costly to the authority, to have children brought out from the City by taxi for the reception year only to return as soon as there are vacancies in the City schools, leaving the outer schools with empty places. It is also unsettling for small children outside the City who are being sent by bus to village schools due to insufficient places in their local home town or village.

Council therefore asks the Cabinet to speed up its measures to create sufficient new places where needed in primary schools across the County **and start planning for the additional capacity needed in the secondary schools for these children.”**

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ANNEX 2

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. The time allowed for this agenda item will not exceed 30 minutes. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

Questions	Answers
<p>1. COUNCILLOR CHARLES MATHEW</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Education confirm whether it is true that four Oxfordshire schools feature in the top ten of the A-level UK national tables?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR MELINDA TILLEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION</p> <p>This question is based on an article that was in the Oxford Mail a couple of weeks ago. The data was released by the DfE in July and relates to A-levels taken in 2011.</p> <p>Two Oxfordshire schools were in the top 4 schools nationally when comparing the proportion of A* grades for an individual subject. These comparisons are based on non-Independent schools with more than 10 pupils taking a subject. These two schools were Matthew Arnold School – maths and The Cherwell School – further maths.</p> <p>John Mason School was rated sixth in maths, Wallingford School were 5th for English literature and The Cherwell also were fifth for biology, chemistry and sixth for physics.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR ZOE PATRICK</p> <p>Given the enthusiasm of the House of Commons Transport Select Committee for Oxfordshire's joint ticketing scheme when they visited the County Council earlier this year, will the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council now agree with me that it is time to roll the scheme out beyond the city's boundaries so that other communities in Oxfordshire can benefit from the scheme?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I'm sure that Cllr Patrick can remember she put forward a motion when I was cabinet member for Transport regarding the expansion of an out dated paper based system. My reply then was that I wanted to see a 21st century system in place not an out dated paper based system.</p> <p>I'm pleased to say that with the assistance from the major bus companies this administration has achieved a 21st century system within Oxford.</p> <p>I can state that my ambition for all of Oxfordshire would be to have an efficient, easy to use system that encompasses all forms of public transport buses, coaches, trains and all park & rides to enable users to have the minimum fuss when using the service. It may even be using smart phones as technology</p>

	<p>progresses. However I am conscious that the cost of the equipment in buses would fall upon the operators, the larger companies may be able to find the funds. During these difficult financial times caused by the profligate spending of the previous Labour government smaller companies who operate in predominately rural areas may not be able to afford the capital funding. This may cause them to cease providing valuable bus services in rural areas, I would not wish that to happen. I am sure that Cllr Patrick would agree with me that she would not wish to see the implementation of any scheme that could jeopardise rural bus services in the County.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR ROZ SMITH</p> <p>The expansion of the Thornhill Park and Ride car park is to be welcomed by many residents. However would the cabinet member agree that the popularity of the site, it being full quite often by 9am, has led to problems of inconsiderate parking in the local residential roads?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>The Oxford Park and Ride system is very successful and popular, and makes a major contribution to reduction of traffic and parking volumes in Oxford city centre. In addition, a significant number of users of Thornhill specifically, are travelling to places in Headington, thereby reducing traffic and parking in that area too. The Thornhill site is indeed currently at full capacity, on average from 9am on weekdays, which may well increase the likelihood of people seeking alternative parking places in surrounding streets. We currently try to minimise this by directing approaching motorists to alternative Park and Ride sites when Thornhill is full, using fixed and variable message signs. As Cllr Smith recognises, an expansion of this site to provide an extra 500 spaces is programmed to start this year, and when complete this will enable the site to make an even greater contribution to traffic relief in this area of Oxford.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR CHARLES MATTHEW</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure please confirm when the Council-approved OCC Core Strategy for 2030- Minerals and Waste was submitted to Government for approval and when she expects a reply?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>The Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy has not yet been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a planning inspector. The Council received responses to the Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document, May 2012 from about 100 organisations and individuals. These representations are currently being checked for any new issues concerning the soundness and legal compliance of the plan that may need to be considered</p>

	<p>before it is submitted for examination. The Core Strategy will be submitted when this process has been completed. The current aim is for this to be done in October. The examination would then be likely to be held in February 2013. Organisations and individuals who responded to the Proposed Submission Document will be notified when the Core Strategy is submitted.</p>
<p>5. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>The numbers of people killed or severely injured on Oxfordshire roads fell significantly between 2000 and 2005 (from 516 to 346). There has been virtually no change between 2005 and 2011, the numbers fluctuating in a narrow range. Nationally, between 2005 and 2011, there has been a reduction of about 23%. Oxfordshire has fallen seriously behind the rest of the country, costing lives, severe injuries and vast amounts of money.</p> <p>Has Councillor Rose any ideas as to why the good results of 2000 to 2005 have not been maintained from 2005 to 2011?</p> <p>What are the plans for decreasing deaths and serious injuries in the future?</p> <p>What targets have been set to reduce the terrible figures?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>Between 2000 and 2005 reported KSIs on Oxfordshire's roads fell by 33%, as compared to a 22% reduction reported nationally. This rather larger than expected reduction in Oxfordshire prompted a joint review with Thames Valley Police (TVP) on the accuracy of the coding of injury severity on the accident report forms compiled by TVP, and identified for example that officers were coding some relatively minor injuries— though technically serious in accordance with Department for Transport definitions – as slight. Improved procedures addressing this and other sources of inaccuracy were progressively introduced from 2006, the net effect of which has been to add by around 15% to the number of recorded serious injuries than would have been the case prior to their introduction.</p> <p>The effect of these progressive improvements since 2005 accounts for much of the apparent gap in the trends between Oxfordshire and the Great Britain as a whole. We continue to monitor road injuries very closely, and thankfully the number of KSIs reported in Oxfordshire between January to July 2012 is 18% lower than seen in the same period in 2011.</p> <p>The County Council takes road safety very seriously and considers that the majority of its highways related spend contributes to making Oxfordshire's roads as safe as possible. We continue to monitor personal injury accidents and take focused action to target problem areas, but ensuring that we minimise risk through the maintenance of the highway network is a priority for us.</p> <p>As part of its last review of road safety strategy central government removed the targets that they had set over recent years. We continue to monitor personal injury accidents and to do what we can to reduce risk on our network</p>

<p>6. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>The figures relating to deaths and serious injuries to cyclists are particularly frightening. The target for reductions set in 2000 has not been met. In fact, the number for 2011 was nearly four times the target.</p> <p>Why has this happened?</p> <p>What is being done to reduce the deaths and serious injuries to cyclists? What targets have been set?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>Local targets to reduce by 2010 pedestrian and cyclist injuries of all severities by 50% were set in the previous Local Transport Plan. It is accepted now that these were unrealistically ambitious, particularly in the context of generally increasing levels of cycle use. The number of reported cyclist KSI increased from 51 (in 2000) to 66 (in 2011) although there is typically significant variability from year to year</p> <p>The increase in reported KSI is likely to reflect both the improved accuracy of injury severity recording as referred to above, and a general increase in cycling activity. There is evidence that the actual risks to cyclists (per mile travelled) in Oxfordshire is appreciably less than in many other areas, reflecting in part the considerable investment in cycling facilities over many decades, that has supported the strong culture of cycling locally.</p> <p>Cycle schemes are being progressed and implemented (e.g. recent scheme in Old Road and The Slade in Oxford, jointly funded with Sustrans), improving conditions for cyclists. We are also applying for DfT funding to address junctions with cycle safety problems.</p> <p>As part of its last review of road safety strategy central government removed the targets that they had set over recent years. We continue to monitor personal injury accidents and to do what we can to reduce risk on our network</p>
<p>7. COUNCILLOR LINDA ATKINS</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Oxfordshire has a number of detailed targets for achievement during 21012/13. One of these is that 75% of working age adults who use adult social care say that they find</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ARASH FATEMIAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES</p> <p>Thank you for your query regarding the targets for information provision within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. As a point of clarification, the target included in the strategy is: 75% of working age adults who use adult social care say that they find information very or fairly easy to find. Your query related to finding information easy to understand, which is clearly different.</p>

information very or fairly easy to understand (currently 74.2%). Both figures have increased by 20% since the consultation document was distributed.

Does the Cabinet Member for Adult Services agree firstly that an increase of 0.8% in this measure is hardly a challenging target, and secondly that accepting that nearly a quarter of users of adult social care will not find information even fairly easy to understand is a very sad comment on the way in which we communicate about services?

The targets were taken from a national user survey which is distributed in February each year. The reported response is part of the adult social care outcome framework. The survey asks people who are already using services whether, in the past year, they have found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits? People can answer very easy, fairly easy, fairly difficult, very difficult or I've never tried to find information or advice.

The reason for the 20% increase in the baseline is that initially the Government included those who had not tried to find information in the denominator, but later removed this. The H&WB document was amended to reflect this.

The targets were set by benchmarking performance in Oxfordshire against other areas of the country. National figures are not broken down by age-group. The national average for 2010/11 was 75%. The target of a 0.8% increase reflects the commitment to reach at least this average in the first year of the strategy. This figure only includes people who are already receiving services where their services are, at least in part, funded by the county council.

The council is committed to improving information to all people who may need social care, both those groups of people we fund and those who will fund their own care. We are committed to providing information and advice to people to support them in retaining independence, choice and control in their lives. Information is provided online (web based information); in writing (leaflets, directories, posters); by telephone and face to face.

Specific services include:

- A new online support and signposting tool (Support Finder) which signposts people to a wide range of information about services and providers
- The Oxfordshire Guide, which is an online and hard copy directory of services.
- The Big Plan 2012/15 for adults with learning difficulties

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The council Website which provides information for, e.g. social care assessments, concessionary fares etc. <input type="checkbox"/> The Customer Service Centre is the first point of telephone and email access for Social and Health Care services for all adult social care enquiries. Approximately 75% of the contacts received by the Social & Health Care team result in the customer being provided with information, advice or signposting, rather than progressing to a social care assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> A Carers Information Service was set up in 2011 in partnership with Age UK Oxfordshire. <input type="checkbox"/> Eleven organisations are additionally commissioned by the council to provide generic or specialised information and advice, as part or all of their contractual arrangements, to people across Oxfordshire.
<p>8. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>What progress has been made with designing a pedestrian crossing of Weirs Lane in my division and when is a decision on putting in the crossing likely to be made?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>An initial design has been completed and the next stage is to carry out formal consultation with local residents, emergency services, bus operators and other highway users; this will take place in the coming weeks and any objections reported to my Decisions Meeting on 22nd November</p>
<p>9. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Will the Cabinet member accept my congratulations on accepting the principle of charging at Thornhill and Water Eaton. Will he now introduce charges into line with the charges made by Oxford City Council at</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>The usage of Thornhill (and, to a lesser extent, Water Eaton) is different to the other three Park & Ride sites as there is significant use for journeys other than to Oxford and surroundings. The proposed charges are designed to protect the the prime purpose of Park & Ride which is to reduce congestion in Oxford by intercepting journeys that would otherwise continue by car to destinations in the</p>

<p>Redbridge, Seacourt and Peartree?</p>	<p>City.</p> <p>The Thornhill site is regularly full by 9am which means that many who wish to use it cannot do so. Approval has been given to expand the site and work is due to commence in the autumn. The site is in Green Belt and the extension was approved on condition that it was managed in such a way as to encourage sustainable travel into Oxford - rather than elsewhere - and that there was a limit on the maximum stay allowed for parking. Although the site at Water Eaton is not under the same pressure at present, this will change with the building of a new station by Chiltern Railways.</p> <p>The proposal is therefore to introduce charging only for those who stay beyond 11 hours, which is considered to be the number of hours expected for normal work, business or shopping purposes in Oxford, and to limit the maximum stay at the sites to 72 hours.</p>
<p>10. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Would the Cabinet member explain her thinking about the future of Waste Recycling Centres in Oxfordshire? What does the future hold for Alkerton, Ardley, Dix Pit, Drayton, Oakley Wood, Redbridge and Stanford in the Vale?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>We are currently reviewing the responses to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. These responses will help inform the implementation plan for the Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy.</p>
<p>11. COUNCILLOR JENNY HANNABY</p> <p>Having recently assisted an elderly lady who had fallen and received a severe Trauma to her head, and had to wait a full hour before a suitable ambulance could be found to take her to hospital. I was not at all surprised that the Oxfordshire ambulance service is</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ARASH FATEMIAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES</p> <p>I agree with Councillor Hannaby that we must consider carefully all the factors that help people to age successfully. This was the whole point of the Ageing Successfully strategy that we developed with health colleagues and Age UK Oxfordshire. This strategy underpins the joint commissioning strategy for older people which is in the process of being developed and will be subject to public</p>

reported to have the worst cardiac survival rate compared to all other ambulance trusts, and is ranked bottom of all the trusts. By SCAS own admission in a report to HOSC, their response rates whilst good in both Oxford and Cherwell Districts, with progress being made in West Oxfordshire. Their performance in the Vale and South is failing. Does the cabinet member for Adult Services and Public Health share my concerns that these results suggest that people who live in Oxfordshire and especially in rural areas are not receiving the service they deserve. If so what steps will he be taking to encourage a better service?

consultation in the next few months. Tackling loneliness is an important part of that strategy.

As Councillor Hannaby is aware we have spent a great deal of time considering the role of day services within our overall support for older people. This has been discussed on several occasions at Adult Services Scrutiny Committee. We are in the middle of a consultation about increasing the charges for centres which aims to bring the charges closer to the real cost of providing those services and thus make the centres more financially sustainable.