

County Council

11 December 2012

Schedule of Business

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-OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 11 DECEMBER 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 11 September 2012 (CC1).	
2.	1			Apologies for Absence	Cllr Malik Cllr Jones
3.	2			Declarations of Interest	
4.	2			Official Communications The Chairman reports as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley Region, Mr 	

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				Anthony Stansfeld; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Award; • Green Apple Award; • Order of Business. 	
5.	2			Appointments	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Rose (AM) Armitage (see Annex 1) (SEC) Goddard

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6.	2			Petitions and Public Address	<u>Petitions</u> Mr Jim Smith, Motorcycles in Bus Lanes; Ms Bethanny Ray, Didcot Girls School – Speeding traffic on the A4130 at Hadden Hill, Didcot. <u>Public Address</u> Mr Jonathan Goddard, Oxford Living Wage Campaign, in support of Motion by Councillor Alan Armitage (Agenda Item 17); Mr Toby Willows, Cherwell School in support of Motion by Councillor Zoe Patrick (Agenda Item 14).
7.	2			Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	Mr John Christie to Councillor Ian Hudspeth – Mills Art Centre, Banbury. - See Annex 3

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8.	2	10 mins	10.40	2012/13 Requests for Virements	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Rose S Godden S Hannaby
9	2	5 mins	10:55	Treasury Management Mid Term Review (2012/13)	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Rose S R Smith

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10.	3	30 mins	11.00	Questions With Notice From Members of the Council (1) J Sanders to Rose (2) Godden to Rose (3) Darke to Heathcoat (4) Pressel to Rose (5) L Sanders to Rose (6) L Sanders to Fatemian (7) L Sanders to Fatemian (8) L Sanders to Hudspeth (9) Tanner to Rose (10)Tanner to Hibbert-Biles (11)G Sanders to Rose (12)Patrick to Hudspeth (13)Patrick to Mallon (14)R Smith to Rose (15)Purse to Hibbert-Biles (16)Purse to Rose	- See Annex 2

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11.	3	30 mins	11.30	Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Member's Allowances	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Rose (AM) Hudspeth (see Annex 1) (SEC) Rose S Pressel S Stevens S Tanner
21.		10 mins	12.00	Item of Urgent Business – Terms and Conditions of Service 2013-14 Please see Addenda	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Rose S Patrick S Darke S Tanner

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12.	3	30 mins	12.10	Report of the Cabinet Leader (Ian Hudspeth) Deputy Leader (Rodney Rose) Adult Services (Arash Fatemian) Children & the Voluntary Sector (Louise Chapman) Education (Melinda Tilly) Growth & Infrastructure (Hilary Hibbert-Biles)	Q. Brighouse (1), Q. Pressel (4) Purse, Brighouse, Tanner, J Sanders (5), Armitage, Pressel (6) Q. Hannaby, Pressel, Brighouse (7) Q. Godden (8) Q. Godden (9), Altaf-Khan, Stevens, Pressel (10) R Smith, Brighouse, Darke (13) Q.

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13.	3	30 mins	12.40	Motion From Councillor Peter Skolar	(M) Skolar (SEC) Couchman (AM) Stevens (see Annex 1) (SEC) Brighthouse S Hannaby S Godden S Patrick
LUNCH	12.10				
14.	4	30 mins	2.00	Motion From Councillor Zoe Patrick <i>(Members are reminded of the Address by Mr Toby Willows at Agenda Item 6)</i>	(M) Patrick (SEC) Godden S Fooks S R Smith S Pressel S Brighthouse S Rose

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15.	4	30 mins	2.30	Motion From Councillor John Sanders	(M) J Sanders (SEC) Darke S Armitage S R Smith S Darke S Stevens S Rose
16.	4	30 mins	3.00	Motion From Councillor Jenny Hannaby	(M) Hannaby (SEC) Patrick (AM) Fatemian (see Annex 1) (SEC) Skolar S Godden S Tanner S Stevens S Fatemian S Skolar S Couchman

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17.	5	30 mins		Motion From Councillor Alan Armitage <i>(Members are reminded of the Address by Mr Jonathan Goddard at Agenda Item 6)</i>	(M) Armitage (SEC) Fooks S Patrick S R Smith S Brighthouse S Hudsprth
18.	6	30 mins		Motion From Councillor Larry Sanders	(M) L Sanders (SEC) S Godden S Fooks S Hannaby S Stevens S Fatemian
19.	6	30 mins		Motion From Councillor Arash Fatemian	(M) Fatemian (SEC) Couchman S Hannaby S Stevens S G Sanders S J Sanders S Skolar

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20.	6	30 mins		Motion From Councillor Arash Fatemian	(M) Fatemian (SEC) Harvey (AM) Fatemian (see Annex 1) (SEC) Harvey S Fooks S Armitage S Purse S Pressel S Tanner

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AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Agenda Item 5 – Appointments - Amendment to be moved by Councillor Armitage

- (a) to ~~confirm~~ **replace Councillor Kieron Mallon by Councillor Zoe Patrick** as the Council's duly appointed representative on the Police and Crime Panel for the current Council year;

Agenda Item 11 – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances - Amendment to be moved by Councillor Hudspeth

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (a) **Subject to (c) below** a special responsibility allowance of £1,500 be paid to the Council's representative on the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel,
- (b) **Subject to (c) below** a Special Responsibility Allowance of £3,000 be paid to the Council's representative as the Vice Chairman of the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel,
- (c) **The allowances in (a) and (b) above will not be payable if the representative is a Cabinet Member**
- ~~(c)~~ (d) the Independent Remuneration Panel review these arrangements within six months.

Agenda Item 13 – Motion From Councillor Arash Fatemian - Amendment to be moved by Councillor Richard Stevens

"Council welcomes a recent report to Adult Services scrutiny which sets out the ~~rigorous independent~~ contract monitoring and procedures that the directorate has had ~~put~~ in place for some time to **help** ensure the wellbeing of those using services throughout Oxfordshire. Council is further reassured that this is an evolving process that develops over time.

However, this Council is concerned to learn that the Care Quality Commission in this region is currently operating under resource and asks the Leader to write to CQC expressing Oxfordshire County Council's wishes that this situation be immediately addressed, **such that resources are provided** to the correct levels to further ~~complement~~ **complement** the Council's own work."

Agenda Item 16 – Motion From Councillor Jenny Hannaby – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Fatemian

This Council notes that the report of the Commission on Funding of Care and Support chaired by Andrew Dilnot was sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the then Secretary of State for Health on 4th July 2010. The report recommended, inter alia:

- a) that a cap should be set on an individual's contributions; and
- b) that the upper threshold for means-testing should be raised.

Council congratulates the Coalition Government for having the courage to tackle this difficult challenge, which too many Governments have consistently delayed, and for embracing the proposals which would make social care a much fairer proposition for everyone.

Council recognises the difficult financial situation facing Local and Central Government, as a result of the reckless spending of the last Labour government, however, having taken this first step, Council calls upon Her Majesty's Government to:

- (i) bring forward legislation to implement these two proposals without any further delay; and
- (ii) ensure that the necessary funding provided to all local authorities is based upon the demographics of the eligible population rather than an arbitrary formula.

The Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health outlining these concerns.”

Agenda Item 20 – Motion From Councillor Arash Fatemian – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Fatemian

“This Council is surprised to learn that Oxford City Council is spending £450,000 on upgrading public conveniences throughout the City (Oxford Mail, 25th October 2012). Oxfordshire County Council recognises the importance of public conveniences for all but especially for older people, those with a disability, pregnant women, and families with young children.

However, Council asks the Leader to write to the City Council to express concern about spending priorities, especially given the attitude that the City Councillors & County Councillors from Oxford City have adopted to issues such as the funding of the Dial-A-Ride service and to consider if all the spending is really necessary such as decorating the walls with comments. ***The Council asks Cabinet to work with the City Council on spending priorities including Dial-A-Ride***”

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 JOHN SANDERS</p> <p>Now that the Council has increased parking charges at Thornhill Park & Ride, what measures does the Council now intend to take to deter drivers from avoiding these modest charges and instead parking inappropriately in the neighbouring Sandhills area?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>There are already some parking restrictions in place in the Sandhills area and we have made sure that these are fully enforceable and have instructed the enforcement team to pay extra attention to this area once charging for long-stay started at Thornhill. We will be carrying out parking surveys to see what effect the charges have had on local residential streets</p> <p>Any extension to the current restrictions would of course need to be the subject of detailed consultation with residents and others. The Councillor will know that at the Council meeting in September I gave an undertaking to Cllr Smith that I will consider using the E&E budget for such measures rather than making local councillors have to take it from any local member's budget.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR JANET GODDEN</p> <p>A small local business has estimated £40 for killing weeds on a large, wide traffic island in West Way, Botley. The estimate obtained by Oxfordshire Highways is that the work may cost 'as much as £500 because of traffic management issues'. This discrepancy seems to exceed normal considerations of higher overheads from a larger contractor. Is Oxfordshire Highways confident that it is getting value for money?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>As Portfolio holder for Highways I am aware that working in a live highways environment is one of the more dangerous activities that our staff do. With this in mind I insist that full consideration is given to Health and Safety and all Department for Transport guidelines in relation to traffic management. Clearly, you could undertake this work through the parish council but I would encourage them to ensure they are recognising their Health and Safety responsibilities.</p>

<p>3. COUNCILLOR ROY DARKE</p> <p>I am concerned at the lack of progress towards resolving the position of “level 3” libraries which includes Old Marston Library in my division. After a recent contact with the County Council the OML support group was told that because it had not been in touch for a while the officers assumed that there was no longer local interest in retaining the library service. Can the Cabinet Member assure all of us who believe that the Council has a duty to support and maintain libraries that there are still active processes in place to ensure “level 3” libraries are given every help to sustain this service crucial to education, health and well-being of individuals and local communities.”</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES</p> <p>Can I thank Cllr Darke for his question.</p> <p>As was always the intention, the three year process to develop our community library model began in earnest from April this year, once the budget had been approved. Conversations have been taking place between local groups, local members and the Library Service across the piece. It is important to stress that it was never the intention that the shift in the balance of staffing in community libraries would be implemented by now.</p> <p>The speed at which this work will progress is governed by local factors and the Library Service Manager is meeting with Friends Groups, local members and community stakeholders and working with them and her team to develop and deliver sustainable solutions by April 2015. Solutions will be different in each case and worked on a library by library basis, reflecting local need and local circumstances and is very much by negotiation and in partnership.</p> <p>As a designated community library, Old Marston Library will receive the same level of support and resource from the Library Service as other similarly placed libraries as we now move towards the community library model.</p> <p>Possibly the "recent contact with the County Council" cited in Cllr Darke's question may have been a telephone conversation with Monika Brown and the Library Services Manager on Saturday November 3rd. Responding proactively to the need to establish proper contact with the local community of Old Marston in order to progress the development of sustainable library services there, This call was because Ms Brown was someone who had expressed an interest in supporting the library and had been active in the recent initiatives around library services locally. Following on from this telephone conversation with Ms Brown on 3rd November and email correspondence, I would advise that The Chair of Old Marston Library Group has been given the Library Service Manager's contact details in order that we can work together to deliver a future library service for the community of Old Marston.</p>
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	<p>Many councillors have been extremely proactive within their community speaking with me, and the Library Services Manager and meetings are taking place to ensure that the community library model is not only delivered but that the service maintains its high reputation for excellent service delivery. As the meetings take place, I have emailed both Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny members and local members so that everyone is up to date.</p> <p>Old Marston Library recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary which gave staff, both past and present together with customers a chance to celebrate in style. There was huge support from the local community some 100-200 people attended. There was music, an illustration workshop, rhymetimes for under-fives and also the presentation of gold medals for those who had completed the StoryLab challenge. A competition is being run for children to think about what the library might look like in a further 50 years. Hardly the vision of a library where there is a lack of interest on the part of either the Oxfordshire Library Service or the local community.</p> <p>The Leader, Cllr. Hudspeth has also visited Old Marston which again confirms our support for Old Marston.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>Some of the road surfaces in the City Centre that are very heavily used by buses are in an extremely poor state. This is unpleasant for all road users, but actually dangerous for cyclists, who sometimes swerve to avoid broken tarmac and sometimes risk hitting a pothole concealed by standing water. Please can you tell us what you are going to do about this?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>Management of the city network is split between the City Council, who manage local roads under Section 42 of the Highways Act and the County Council who manage the Strategic Network. For both Authorities regular safety inspections are undertaken in the City centre, any safety defects identified are rectified, in addition any issues reported by members of the public are investigated and repairs are instigated if required .It would be very useful if Cllr Pressel could identify specific locations rather than a general statement regarding location in order to investigate her concerns in more detail.</p>

<p>6. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>There seem to have been some problems in commissioning for Independent Living for people with Learning Disabilities. What were the plans and what is the latest position?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ARASH FATEMIAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES</p> <p>I believe that Councillor Sanders has heard about the recent decision about the outsourcing of day services for adults with a learning disability. I have provided a full briefing to members explaining this decision in the interests of service users and carers and to make sure that we are making the best use of public money.</p>
<p>7. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>What are the latest figures for the number of people receiving fully-funded NHS Continuing Care from Oxfordshire NHS and what position does Oxfordshire hold among other areas with regard to the ratio of people receiving such funding in comparison with the population?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ARASH FATEMIAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES</p> <p>261 people received Continuing Healthcare payments from Oxfordshire PCT in the first quarter of 2012/13 or 4.3 people per 10,000 population. This compares with a figure of 6.9 for the South Central Health Authority and 11.1 for the country as a whole. The rate in Oxfordshire PCT is the 5th lowest in the country out of 157 PCTs.</p> <p>In the last three years the number of people receiving payments in Oxfordshire has dropped by 54%. In the SCHA there was a corresponding drop of 31%, but nationally the figure rose by 26%.</p>
<p>8. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>My understanding is that an efficient Commissioning Body, which it appears Oxfordshire County Council is striving to become assesses in each area the best way to organise the delivery of services. These methods can include outsourcing, in-house delivery, wholly owned companies, etc. It appears that Oxfordshire County Council has a bias to outsourcing. Can you tell me what efforts have been made to use other methods and what the results have been?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The Council has been moving towards becoming principally a commissioning organisation for a number of years and this continues as a direction of travel.</p> <p>The level of outsourcing varies across council services. In adult social care approximately 90% of services are provided externally. In children, education and families it is around 10%. There is no automatic assumption that all services will be outsourced.</p> <p>As part of its service and resource planning process each directorate will consider outsourcing as one option. In some cases a decision to outsource a service has been reversed following market testing, for example adult day care services.</p>

There is no bias towards the private sector or any particular model of provision, depending on the requirements there can be a number of options open to the council, including:

- In house delivery including insourcing
- Outsourcing to a 3rd party provider
- Joint venture
- Re-tender in current form

Even within outsourcing there are a number of potential structures bidders could adopt, a social enterprise is one option for example that would be considered as part of an outsourcing exercise.

Recent examples of the diversity involved in the council's commissioning include:

- Following consultation with local stakeholders, the council delayed the procurement of Healthwatch in order to allow time for the development of a local consortia who may wish to bid.
- This year the council also tendered the new Oxfordshire Dial-a-Ride and included an in-house bid. The in-house bid demonstrated benefits above the private sector submissions and the contract was awarded to the in-house bid. In winning this contract the council insourced employees from the incumbent contractor.
- This year the council established a partnership arrangement with Hampshire County Council ICT Service to improve support for key ICT systems, reducing our operational costs and increasing our ability to flex and change.

The main consideration in any outsourcing process is securing good quality and value for money for the tax payer.

<p>9. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Will the Deputy Leader tell me, Cllr Chip Sherwood and the residents of our Isis division, when a decision will be made about the much-needed pedestrian crossing of Weirs Lane in Oxford? If the decision is favourable when is the crossing likely to be in place?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>The objection we have received to the proposed zebra crossing will be presented in a report to my Decisions Meeting on 3rd January. I am advised that if it is approved the crossing will be installed in March.</p>
<p>10. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Will the Cabinet member explain why the County Council failed to meet its 18% target for reducing carbon emissions (and associated energy costs) between 2007 and 2012 and only managed 10%? But will she accept my congratulations on achieving a 15% reduction in carbon footprint last year?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>In adopting an 18% target for reducing carbon emissions in 2007 the County Council was continuing its tradition of setting challenging targets as a way of acting as a catalyst for change.</p> <p>As a result of the 2007-12 Carbon Management Programme emissions from waste-to-landfill have been reduced by over 50% through better recycling and transport emissions have been reduced by over 20%. And despite a nominal 3% year-on-year growth in street lighting, emissions have been held to a 2% increase over the five years. However, more needs to be done across the schools estate where investment in energy saving has been partially offset by much increased use of ICT.</p>

	<p>Financially, the total capital expenditure in energy saving measures in corporate buildings and schools during the five year programme was £2,380k.</p> <p>As a result of this and other initiatives the County Council has surpassed the Government's 28% target for the reduction in carbon emissions 5 years early.</p> <p>The new Property and Facilities contract incorporates lessons learnt from experience with the Carbon Management Programme. The new contract requires Carillion to realise a 25% energy saving in the corporate estate over the life of the contract.</p> <p>In this way the County Council will continue to provide leadership in seeking to reduce energy costs and realise savings in carbon emissions.</p>
<p>11. COUNCILLOR GILL SANDERS</p> <p>I have received a complaint from a constituent that, having lost his bus pass, he had to pay £10 for a replacement that he had to wait for 6 weeks for a replacement card, only to discover that his new card could not be recognized by the equipment on the buses. My husband recently received a replacement card that also was not recognized on the buses. A bus driver has told us that the chip in the new cards was the problem. Can you tell me why it takes six weeks for a replacement card and what was the cause of the problem with the faulty chips?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>There is no problem with faulty chips in cards issued by OCC. A new system called HOPS has been put in place which enables the Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) on buses to talk to each other and to local authorities around the country. This fixes a flaw in the system which meant that cards that had been deactivated in one area could still be used in other parts of the country. The bus operators have only been able to apply one update a day to these ETMs, which has meant that some cards issued by OCC since 24th September 2012 have not been registering on some machines.</p> <p>This is not an issue with the OCC cards, as these have been extensively tested with the card provider. The Bus Services Team have been in constant dialogue with the bus operators and have repeatedly asked them to advise their drivers of this and that they should be accepting them as 'flash' passes and issuing a ticket to travel. There have been quite a few problems with bus drivers giving incorrect advice to concessionary bus pass holders, which has led to the misconception that it is a problem with the cards.</p> <p>It is envisaged that this will be resolved by the end of the year, and the volume of reports is decreasing as the updates are applied by the bus operators to the</p>

	<p>ETMs.</p> <p>Prior to 1st April when OCC took over the administration of the scheme, Oxford City Council were the only council in the county that issued passes on the day of application. When we took over the scheme, OCC brought Oxford City into line with the rest of the districts as this was the most cost effective way to administer the scheme for the whole of the county and also provides the most durable card available, which should last for the whole period it is issued for. Our turnaround target is 10-15 days due to all cards being issued through a third party card printing company. As far as I am aware no replacement card has taken 6 weeks to issue (as implicated by your constituent) unless there has been a problem with the information provided as part of the application process.</p>
<p>12. COUNCILLOR ZOE PATRICK</p> <p>Would the leader review the performance of those champions who are failing to report council?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I am considering a review of all the Champion positions, I would like to have a discussion with you as opposition leader and Cllr Brighthouse Leader of the Labour group to find the best way forward. I will arrange a meeting.</p>
<p>13. COUNCILLOR ZOE PATRICK</p> <p>In view of the transition from the Police Authority over to the new Police and Crime Commissioner, why did the Cabinet Member for Policing not attend important planning meetings of the Police Authority where the last meetings of the committees were taking place? These meetings included important briefings to ensure that the work of the authority would be given an efficient handover of business to the incoming PCC.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR KIERON MALLON, CABINET MEMBER FOR POLICE & POLICIES</p> <p>I can only assume that Councillor Patrick refers to the meeting of the Authority's Transition Panel.</p> <p>Councillor Patrick should know that I am not a member of this Panel, but attended some (2 out of 6) as an observer, an opportunity that was also available to all Authority members including Councillor Patrick.</p> <p>As a member and Vice Chairman of the new Police and Crime Panel, I was fully aware and involved in the handover to the incoming PCC. The numerous informal, formal and appointment meetings I have attended across three counties on Oxfordshire's behalf in recent months have meant I have been involved more than most of the former Police Authority members in the handover. As I informed the last Full Council following an oral question from the Leader of the Opposition</p>

	the Panel has been running for some months in both shadow and formal format.
<p>14. COUNCILLOR ROZ SMITH</p> <p>Would the deputy leader agree that the new Carillion contract with schools does not always offer value for money? For example, last year under the contract with Mouchel, our nursery school was invoiced £50.00 plus VAT for a horticultural job; under the new contract with Carillion the estimate for a similar job was £267.13 plus VAT.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>I know officers have been seeking more detail from you so that I can give you a more complete answer and once they have that information I can respond to you.</p>
<p>15. COUNCILLOR ANNE PURSE</p> <p>Following the welcome news to the recent Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee that our rates of energy saving are on target, it seemed right to probe a little deeper in some aspects in order to avoid the myth (we hope) of the Council that was applauded for saving energy which it had achieved by closing libraries.</p> <p>Can figures be made available to distinguish between what energy has been saved by positive action by the County – e.g. the programmes available to schools to monitor energy use, and which are occurring due to fewer staff working for the Council, and whether or not the energy used by contract workers is included in our figures, and the impact that has on our statistics.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>The carbon emission figures, which we reported to the Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee at its last meeting, were overall figures. As such, they do include the energy used by contract workers who are based in our offices and/or depots. In fact, they capture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact of changes in energy behaviour; • the savings from investing in energy measures (part-year savings on investments made last year and the first full-year savings of investments made in the previous year); • any changes in building numbers and sizes (and for travel, staff numbers); • the impact of changes in opening hours and IT equipment; • and the impact of the weather. <p>Unfortunately, our monitoring systems are unable to separate out these different factors as the Councillor requests.</p> <p>As part of the new contract with Carillion, we are agreeing a Monitoring and</p>

	<p>Verification Strategy which will go some way to enabling us to answer this sort of question in the future. It will lead to a starting baseline, which includes information on the weather, opening hours and IT equipment as well as building numbers and sizes, as well as energy consumption. Using a standard methodology, we will then be able to calculate the energy savings due to each investment, making allowance for the other factors.</p>
<p>16. COUNCILLOR ANNE PURSE</p> <p>Given that LTP3 is already being drawn up, and could contain issues with wide reaching effect across the County, it seem desirable that the LTP Working Group drawn from members of the Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee (of which I am one) should meet again if still in place, or be re-convened if not. With that in mind, please can the Deputy Leader please inform us of when the next meeting of the LTP working group will take place?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>The LTP Working Group was helpful in preparing the content of the LTP3. As I confirmed at the meeting of Growth and Infrastructure Committee held on 17 September, it would indeed be helpful to reconvene the working group in order to assist with future updates. A date for a meeting of the working group will be identified as the programme of work to review the LTP3 is developed.</p>

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Agenda Item 7 – Questions with Notice from Members of the Public

Question to the leader of the Council from John Christie, 12 Broad Close, Barford St Michael, Banbury

The Future of the Mill Arts Centre, Banbury

In February 2011 the Council agreed a proposal that the budget for the Mill Arts Centre be reduced by £90,000 from April 2013.

There has been no indication since then how this significant reduction is to be achieved and how the future of the Mill and Arts and Culture in the Banbury area is to be secured.

We are only three months away from the implementation of the cut and there have been no proposals put forward for public consultation in line with the Council's policy on public consultation before decisions are made.

Would the Leader please confirm whether there are any proposals, consequent on the £90,000 cut, which would affect the management, staffing, and operational arrangements of the Mill and the Arts Culture and Educational offer for the Banbury area. If there are proposals would the Leader please state when public consultation on the proposals will take place, and following that consultation, when decisions are scheduled to be taken by the Cabinet and Council.

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