



To: **Members of the Cabinet**

Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at 2.00 pm

County Hall, Oxford

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Jenny Hannaby	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee. Copies of this Notice, Agenda and supporting papers are circulated to all Members of the County Council.

Date of next meeting: 20 July 2021

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

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List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

- guidance note opposite

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 22)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2021 (**CA3**) and to receive information arising from them.

4. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

5. Petitions and Public Address

This Cabinet meeting will be held virtually in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on 16 June 2021. Requests to speak should be sent to: Colm.OCaomhanaigh@Oxfordshire.gov.uk. together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting.

Where a meeting is held virtually and the addressee is unable to participate virtually their written submission will be accepted.

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

6. COVID-19: Progress and Planning Update

Cabinet Member: Leader

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/074

Contact: Robin Rogers, Programme Director COVID Response Tel: 07789 923206

Report by Chief Executive (**CA6**) **REPORT TO FOLLOW**

On 26 December 2020, Oxfordshire entered local Tier 4 restrictions in response to a rise in COVID-19 case-rates and pressure on the health system. A broader national lock-down was reinstated from 5 January. As part of an integrated systems response, Oxfordshire County Council has continued to play a critical role in leading the ongoing local response to COVID-19 and in supporting residents to maintain their broader health and wellbeing.

The impact of national, local and individual efforts has brought case rates back to low levels. As a consequence, national restrictions are being eased through the Roadmap period. As we reach the end of the originally planned Roadmap period, this report describes the current local COVID-19 situation. It summarises the response to COVID-19 over the past six months, describes ongoing activity and includes a description of the recovery status of Council services. It goes on to set out the requirement to maintain and adapt COVID-19 capacity and management structures as the context in which we work continues to evolve rapidly. Finally, it recommends that the local and organisational lessons learnt from the pandemic should be used to help direct long-term recovery planning and inform future corporate direction.

An announcement on the planned 21 June lockdown step is due on the evening of 14 June after the publication of this agenda. The report will therefore be published as a late paper in order to accurately reflect the updated position.

7. Business Management & Monitoring Report - March 2021 (Pages 23 - 118)

Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Cabinet Member for Finance

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/001

Contact: Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes Tel: 07741 607452/Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654

Report by Corporate Director Customers & Organisational Development and Director of Finance (**CA7**).

This report sets out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities for 2020/21 – March 2021.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) note this month's business management and monitoring report;**
- (b) note the annual review 2020/21;**
- (c) note the virements set out in Annex C-2b;**
- (d) note the summary of financial position for 2020/21 along with the year-end position on general balances and earmarked reserves as set out in Annex C;**
- (e) approve the underspend £5.9m should be transferred to balances.**

8. Provisional Capital Outturn 2020/21 (Pages 119 - 146)

Cabinet Member: Finance

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/002

Contact: Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654

Report by Director of Finance (**CA8**).

The Council's ten-year Capital Programme sets out the agreed capital investment to deliver the priorities identified in the Council's Capital and Investment Strategy. The report sets out the performance against the planned capital programme for 2020/21. Figures shown in the report reflect those to be included in the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2020/21.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the performance against the capital programme for 2020/21 as set out in the report.

9. Treasury Management 2020/21 Outturn (Pages 147 - 160)

Cabinet Member: Finance

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/021

Contact: Tim Chapple, Treasury Manager Tel 07917 262935

Report by Director of Finance (**CA9**).

The report sets out the Treasury Management performance in the financial year 2020/21 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report, and to RECOMMEND Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2020/21.

10. Report on the Outcome of the LGA Peer Review of Libraries and Cultural Services (Pages 161 - 188)

Cabinet Member: Community Services & Safety

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/055

Contact: Lesli Good, Assistant Director, Cultural Services Tel: 07930 617798

Report by Corporate Director of Customers and Organisational Development (**CA10**).

Cabinet agreed on 20 April 2021 to the development of a Libraries and Heritage Strategy to be presented to Cabinet by the end of 2021. The development of a strategy will set a clear long-term direction for the development of these services, their contribution to post pandemic recovery and wider community outcomes focused around the following themes:

- education, learning and skills
- healthy place shaping and well-being
- culture and creativity
- digital inclusion
- social inclusion and community cohesion
- economic development
- environmental sustainability

The strategy will be informed by an evidence base including a review of current performance, analysis of community needs and customer feedback. Further, insight will be gathered through community engagement in Faringdon and Banbury, these locations have planned library improvements (including capital expenditure) and offer an immediate opportunity for proactive stakeholder engagement in shaping the future of the service.

In developing the evidence base the county council have benefited from feedback from a Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Review on Oxfordshire Libraries and Heritage Services Libraries which took place virtually on 11 and 12 March 2021. Cabinet is now asked to consider the report, note the recommendations made, and agree that these should be incorporated into the council's business planning and development of the strategy.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) consider the LGA Cultural Services Peer Review feedback report (Annex 1);***
- (b) note the recommendations set out within the report;***
- (c) agree the proposals set out at paragraph 10 for incorporating the report's recommendations into the service planning and Libraries and Heritage Strategy development process.***

11. National Bus Strategy - Proposal for an Oxfordshire Enhanced Bus Partnership (Pages 189 - 314)

Cabinet Member: Highway Management

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/071

Contact: John Disley, Infrastructure Strategy & Policy Manager Tel: 07767 006742

Report by Corporate Director for Environment and Place (**CA11**).

The National Bus Strategy (NBS), published on 15 March, includes a specific requirement for all Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) to commit to establishing Enhanced Partnerships across their areas under the Bus Services Act by the end of June 2021.

Commitment to an Enhanced Partnership can be done either as the long-term intention or as a precursor to development of a London-style franchising scheme. From 1 July 2021, only LTAs and operators who meet these requirements will continue to receive the COVID-19 Bus Services Support Grant (CBSSG), any new sources of bus funding from the Government's £3bn funding commitment to buses announced last year (including funding for recovery in 2021/22) and potentially Bus Service Operator's Grant (BSOG).

This proposal would commit the Council to enter into a formal, legal partnership arrangement with bus operators in order to meet the requirements set out in the NBS and for the Council and operators to be able to continue to access central Government funding for buses. Commitment to enter into an Enhanced Partnership needs to be followed by the publication of a Bus Service Improvement Plan by the end of October 2021, which is proposed to form part of the Council's emerging Local Transport & Connectivity Plan.

Key issues covered in the report include:

- The relative features, advantages and risks of an Enhanced Partnership compared with the Franchising alternative;
- The requirements of a Bus Service Improvement Plan
- The current context, including the emerging post-COVID position on bus operations and use and how the proposed approach could support recovery;
- Issues for partners, particularly bus operators, and opportunities for our joint working;
- Financial/legal implications and risks and issues for service delivery and reputation, for example in relation to the potential need to support socially and/or economically necessary services.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) commit to establishing an Enhanced Partnership across Oxfordshire under the Bus Services Act 2017; and***
- (b) give formal notice of the Council's intention to prepare an Enhanced Partnership and invite all local bus operators to confirm their intention to participate.***

12. Zero Emission Buses Regional Areas (ZEBRA) Schemes (Pages 315 - 324)

Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highway Management
Forward Plan Ref: 2021/077

Contact: Joanne Fellows, Growth Manager – Central Tel: 07990 368897

Report by Assistant Director for Growth & Place (**CA12**).

The Government is seeking 'Expressions of Interest' (EoI) for local authorities to take part in the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme, in support of the Government's Road to Zero Strategy for transition to zero emission transport by 2050.

The funding, which totals £120 million and is expected to support at least three areas, is intended to enable deployment of zero emission buses and relevant accompanying infrastructure.

In order to best meet the criteria and maximise the opportunity and chances of success, it is recommended that an EoI is submitted which would incorporate urban services operating wholly within the Oxford SmartZone area. The SmartZone area extends from Kidlington in the north to Kennington in the south, and from Cumnor in the west to Wheatley in the east.

If successful, this bid would support a number of the key corporate priorities related to health and well-being, climate action, air quality and healthy place shaping. A reduction in bus emissions in Oxford would contribute to better air quality and better environments for all users as well as reducing transport's contribution to climate change. Electric buses may also improve the image of buses and the passenger experience, helping to boost bus use and reduce traffic congestion. There are also linkages to the Council's current work, for example Connecting Oxford and the Oxford Zero Emission Zone, the first phase of which is due to start operating in summer 2021.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) authorise officers to finalise and submit an Expression of Interest for the Government's Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas funding initiative;***
- (b) agree a capital allocation of up to £6m in 2022/23 to provide additional council grant to bus operators, if operators can demonstrate this is required to make the scheme feasible.***

13. Releasing Development Strategy in Didcot and Surrounding Villages in the Vicinity of HIF1 Schemes (Pages 325 - 352)

Cabinet Member: Highways Management

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/018

Contact: Jason Sherwood, South Growth Manager Tel: 07795 684708/Cathy Champion, Infrastructure Locality Lead Tel: 07920 084256/Michael Deadman Transport Development Control Lead Officer Tel: 07767 608992

Report by Assistant Director Growth & Place (**CA13**).

Prior to Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure (HIF 1) funding being secured in June 2020, it was established that the local and strategic highway network that serves Didcot and the surrounding area has severe congestion and capacity issues during the morning and evening commuter periods.

To manage the highway network a strategy was devised in 2018 between officers of the district councils and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to control development within areas (including Didcot) that have the most severe capacity issues in the absence of strategic highway infrastructure to support new growth in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire districts (as identified in LTP4 and district Local Plans). This strategy involved OCC in the role as Local Highway Authority objecting to new developments that will generate a new vehicular trip in the morning and evening commuter peak times.

While this approach enabled both district councils and OCC to manage the impact of new development on the highway network and support the HIF 1 bid, it has placed OCC's position under immense scrutiny and officers are aware of frustration from developers who have been unable to progress their allocated development sites since HIF 1 funding was secured. Such frustrations have led to some development sites appealing their planning applications

To assist with the delivery of much needed housing in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire districts, officers have identified the need for a development strategy to be implemented by OCC. Allowing for some controlled development to come forward prior to HIF 1 infrastructure being available for public use.

This development strategy seeks to avoid speculative development, potential appeal costs against the council and deliver some much-needed housing in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire districts. It assumes that housing build programmes / trajectories can align with the delivery programme of HIF 1 and applicants demonstrate that there will be no severe harm to the operation of the highway network. It also allows for the controlled release of employment following a similar approach.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to implement a strategy to assist with the delivery of new development in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire districts to allow some growth to come forward in a controlled manner prior to HIF 1 funded infrastructure being open for public use based upon the following requirements:

- ***Development site housing build programmes / trajectories / occupations being aligned with (or after) the delivery of HIF 1 which will require occupation thresholds / controls on development sites.***
- ***Development sites to provide agreed sustainable / active travel infrastructure at the beginning (early occupations) of development sites to reduce traffic impact on the highway network prior to HIF 1 delivery.***
- ***New services or enhancements to existing bus service arrangements being implemented at the beginning (early occupations) of development sites.***
- ***Local off-site and on-site highway works to be delivered at the early stages of development to lessen the direct impact of a development site on the highway network.***
- ***Travel Plans prepared and approved by the council's Travel Plan team with deliverable and monitored targets.***
- ***Strategic transport / highway contributions will be sought in accordance with Regulation 122 and the three Section 106 tests.***

14. Housing Infrastructure Fund 1 - In Principle Use of Statutory Powers (Pages 353 - 378)

Cabinet Member: Highway Management

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/052

Contact: Aron Wisdom, Programme Lead (HIF1) Tel: 07776 244856

Report by Director of Growth and Economy (CA14).

The Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund programme (hereon in referred to as HIF1) is to fund £218m of a £234m package of measures (the remaining funding - circa £16m - will come from developer obligations either held or secured by Oxfordshire County Council via section 106 agreements. Any funds not held at the time of construction will be forward funded by Oxfordshire County Council) consisting of four separate but interdependent highways schemes:

- (a) A4130 widening from Milton Interchange to a new Science Bridge by making it a dual carriageway;
- (b) a new Didcot Science Bridge from the A4130 over the Great Western Railway Mainline into the Didcot 'A' Power Station site and re-joining the A4130 Northern Perimeter Road north of the Purchas Road/Hawksworth roundabout;
- (c) a new river crossing and link road between the A4130 at Didcot and A415 at Culham, including two new bridges;
- (d) a Clifton Hampden Bypass between the A415 at Culham Science Centre and B4015 north of Clifton Hampden.

The primary focus of HIF1 is to provide additional highway capacity and connectivity to resolve long-standing capacity constraints that is preventing new homes and jobs allocated in local plans from coming forward in a timely manner. Additionally, the infrastructure will include high quality and completely segregated cycling and pedestrian facilities. Coupled with creating the right environment for enhanced bus services in the area, the new infrastructure will provide residents with real mode choice.

Land assembly is a key driver to project delivery and hence the report outlines the in principle use of various statutory powers to mitigate this risk to the Council, as far as is reasonably practicable.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) ***approve in principle the development of The Oxfordshire County Council (Access to Didcot Garden Town) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x]. Negotiations for private acquisition will be conducted in parallel to the compulsory purchase process. Powers of compulsory purchase will be used only as a matter of last resort, in order to bring forward the timely development of the Housing Infrastructure Fund 1 (HIF1) project. Formal authority for the making of The Oxfordshire County Council (Access to Didcot Garden Town) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] will be reported to Cabinet following the submission of a planning application for the scheme;***
- (b) ***approve the preparation and service of statutory notices for the Requisition of Information pursuant to Section 16 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (as amended) to assist with determining the interests in the land required for the delivery of the scheme;***
- (c) ***approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (Access to Didcot Garden Town) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] in draft, together with a draft Order Map, draft Order Schedule, draft Statement of Reasons and all necessary land referencing activity in advance of seeking formal authority to make the Order;***
- (d) ***approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (Didcot to Culham Thames Bridge) Scheme 202[x] in accordance with section 106(3) of The Highways Act 1980 (as amended) in relation to a new road overbridge crossing of the River Thames, being a navigable waterway;***

- (e) **approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF1) – A4130 Improvement) (Side Roads) Order 202[x] (or multiple Side Roads Orders as may be necessary), and The Oxfordshire County Council (Didcot Garden Town Highways Infrastructure – A4130 Improvement) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] to enable the stopping-up, diversion, amendment, improvement and creation of new lengths of highway or reclassification of existing highways. Please note that the final titles of the orders will be determined as the project progresses and will be updated in this report accordingly. This includes the stopping up of private means of access as necessary where the scheme design necessitates. Formal approval for the making of Side Roads Order(s) will be reported to Cabinet, and necessary approval sought, following the submission of a planning application for the scheme.**

15. Housing Infrastructure Fund 2 - In Principle Use of Statutory Powers (Pages 379 - 404)

Cabinet Member: Highway Management

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/053

Contact: Tom Shuttleworth, A40 Programme Lead Tel: 07908 059132

Report by Director of Growth & Economy (**CA15**).

In November 2019, it was announced that Oxfordshire County Council's Housing Infrastructure Fund bid had been successful in securing £102m of grant funding towards a package of transport improvements proposed along 10.8km of the A40 corridor between Witney and Duke's Cut (North Oxford), known as A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor (HIF2). The contract with Homes England in the form of a Grant Determination Agreement (GDA) was subsequently entered in to in August 2020.

The primary focus of HIF2 is the provision of additional highway capacity and connectivity to encourage/facilitate modal shift, enabling more sustainable forms of travel to meet the Council's zero carbon transport network ambitions focussing this around public transport and active travel. Delivery is also intended to expedite a significant level of economic benefits in terms of new homes and retained and new employment opportunities within West Oxfordshire.

Land assembly is a key driver to project delivery and hence the report outlines the in principle use of various statutory powers to mitigate this risk to the Council, as far as is reasonably practicable.

Following a review of the scheme and further negotiations with Homes England there is agreement to extend the HIF funding allocation to cover all current scheme costs, subject to an amended GDA to the value of £106.756m, through to February 2025.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) **approve in principle the development of The Oxfordshire County Council (A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] in parallel with negotiations for private acquisition, with such powers of compulsory**

- purchase used only as a matter of last resort, in order to bring forward the timely development of the A40 HIF2 Project. Formal authority for the making of The Oxfordshire County Council (A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] will be reported to Cabinet, and necessary approval sought, following public engagement on preferred options and submission of a planning application for the scheme;
- (b) approve the preparation and service of statutory notices for the Requisition of Information pursuant to Section 16 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (as amended) to assist with determining the interests in the land required for the delivery of the scheme;
 - (c) approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] in draft , together with a draft Order Map, draft Order Schedule, draft Statement of Reasons and all necessary land referencing activity in advance of seeking formal authority to make the Order;
 - (d) approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (HIF2 Smart Corridor – A40 Classified Road) Side Roads Order 202[x](or multiple Side Roads Orders as may be necessary) to enable the stopping-up, diversion, alteration, improvement and creation of new lengths of highway or reclassification of existing highways. This includes the stopping up of private means of access as necessary where the scheme design necessitates. Formal approval for the making of Side Roads Order(s) will be reported to Cabinet, and necessary approval sought, following public engagement on preferred options and submission of a planning application for the scheme;
 - (e) subject to the confirmation that the required due diligence has been completed to manage programme and financial risk to the Council, authorise the Corporate Director Environment and Place, in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, Director of Finance, Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy and Cabinet Member for Finance to approve the amended Grant Determination Agreement (GDA);
 - (f) subject to the satisfactory completion of recommendation (e) approve the additional £4.745m Housing Infrastructure Fund grant for an overall budget provision of £106.756m for the A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor project within the capital programme, subject to the implementation of the Grant Determination Agreement with Homes England.

16. Delivery of Supported Living Units Through Investment in the Resonance Supported Homes Fund (Pages 405 - 416)

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care

Forward Plan Ref: 2021/069

Contact: Gillian Douglas, Assistant Director Housing & Social Care Commissioning Tel: 07503 259834

Report by Corporate Director – Adults & Housing (CA16).

Through the Care Act 2014, the Council has a responsibility to meet the care and support needs of adults with learning disabilities and/or autism. To achieve positive outcomes the council generally supports these service users to live independently with their care needs met in their own home.

Through the provision of supported living accommodation, the council enables people to live in their own home with care support provided on site. Based on current and anticipated supply, there is a need to access an additional planned pipeline of supported living accommodation in Oxfordshire over the next 2-3 years and to increase the overall supply of suitable properties. The report outlines a proposal to invest £5m capital funding in the Resonance Supported Homes Fund in order to deliver up to 25 units of supported living accommodation for people with learning disabilities and autism.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve an investment of £5.0m by the County Council in the Resonance Supported Homes Fund for the delivery of supported living accommodation units for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism.

17. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 4 - January-March 2021
(Pages 417 - 436)

Cabinet Member: Corporate Services

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/177

Contact: Sarah Currell, HR Manager – Business Systems Tel: 07867 467793

Report by Director of Human Resources (**CA17**).

Quarterly staffing report providing details of key people numbers and analysis of main changes since the previous report.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.

18. Appointments 2020/21 (Pages 437 - 448)

Cabinet Member: Leader

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/176

Contact: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096

Report by Director of Law & Governance (**CA18**).

The report asks the Cabinet to consider member appointments to a variety of bodies which in different ways support the discharge of the Council's executive functions. The report reflects the basis on which appointments to the respective bodies have been made in the past and, subject to any adjustments that may be considered appropriate, invites the Cabinet to agree arrangements for filling the councillor places on those bodies. A further update Annex will be circulated shortly prior to the Meeting, once all appointments are known.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree the appointments to the bodies set out in the Annex to this report.

19. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 449 - 454)

Cabinet Member: All

Contact Officer: Ali Bartlett, Democratic Support Officer Tel: 07741 607515

The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include “updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting”. Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at **CA19**. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.

The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity to identify any further changes they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.
