

COUNTY COUNCIL – 10 DECEMBER 2013

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

1. Staffing Report – Quarter 2, 2013

(Cabinet 26 November 2013)

Cabinet noted a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 July 2013 to 30 September 2013. It gave details of the agreed staffing numbers and establishment at 30 September 2013 in terms of Full Time Equivalents. In addition, the report provided information on vacancies and the cost of posts being covered by agency staff.

Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families

2. Action in Response to Child Sexual Exploitation in Oxfordshire

(Cabinet, 26 November 2013)

Child sexual exploitation is among the most serious and challenging issue that Oxfordshire County Council has faced. Cabinet had before them a report that set out the council's learning and actions in response.

3. Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

(Cabinet, 26 November 2013)

Cabinet endorsed the development of a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in conjunction with partner agencies.

A Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is a multi-agency unit which pools intelligence about safeguarding referrals, securely, and provides safe and speedy triage as a basis for appropriate on-going action. As such it is a gateway between universal services (such as Schools and GPs) and specialist and intensive services.

4. Financial Final Decision on Expansion of Queensway Primary School to 2 Forms of Entry (2fe)

(Cabinet, 26 November 2013)

Cabinet considered and approved a proposed increase to the published admission number from 30 to 60 children at Queensway Primary School in Banbury, on a permanent basis from September 2014. This will eventually increase the school's total capacity from its current 277 places in Years Reception – Year 6 to a maximum of 420.

Note: As set out under Rule 18(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision is exempt from Call-In as it is deemed urgent and any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, in that the Cabinet's role would be negated by referral to the Schools' Adjudicator if the decisions were not taken within two months of the end of the Statutory Notices, in this case being 10 December 2013.

Cabinet Member: Environment

5. Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2013

(Cabinet 26 November 2013)

The County Council has a statutory duty to prepare a new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan, to provide an effective planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and management of waste in the county, consistent with environmental, social and economic needs.

Under the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012 (NPPF), the County Council must prepare a Local Aggregate Assessment Annually. In addition, the duty to co-operate introduced by the Localism Act 2011 applies to the preparation of a local aggregate assessment since this is an activity supporting the preparation of a local plan relating to a strategic matter. Cabinet considered a report that recommended a Local Aggregate Assessment for Oxfordshire for 2013.

Cabinet approved the 10 year average sales figures as the provision figures in the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2013, for use as the basis for provision for mineral working in the consultation draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan and for calculating the Oxfordshire landbank. Cabinet also gave authority to the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to finalise and publish the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2013.

6. Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Scheme 2013

(Cabinet 26 November 2013)

The County Council is preparing a new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Cabinet considered the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme that sets out the programme for the production of this plan and the planning policy documents (local development documents) that will make up the plan.

Cabinet approved the Scheme, subject to final detailed amendment and editing, to have effect from 10 December 2013 and gave authority to the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment as necessary, to finalise, bring the Scheme into effect by 10 December 2013 and to publish the Scheme.

7. Dix Pit Contract Variation

(Cabinet, 26 November 2013)

Cabinet considered a report containing exempt information and gave approval for the settlement agreement reached in principle with FCC Environment Ltd and for the Director for Environment & Economy in consultation with the cabinet Member for Environment to finalise the agreement and sign the contract variation.

Cabinet Member: Finance

8. Treasury Management Mid-Term Review (2013/14)

(Cabinet, 26 November 2013)

Cabinet had before them a report setting out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2013/14 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring, changes in Strategy, and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year. Cabinet noted the report and the concern and action proposed by the Audit & Governance Committee and **RECOMMENDED** Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2013/14.

N.B The report is included for consideration elsewhere on this agenda.

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