

## **Divisions-N/A**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL – 14 SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **REPORT OF THE CABINET**

##### ***Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council***

#### **1. A Fair Deal for Oxfordshire**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

Cabinet was asked to approve the approach to the development of a new strategic plan for the period commencing 2022/23, including a programme of public consultation 'Oxfordshire Conversations' and stakeholder engagement to take place in the autumn.

Cabinet agreed the approach and endorsed the priorities of the Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance to form the basis of these conversations and a new strategic plan.

##### ***Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Young People's Services***

#### **2. SEND High Needs Funding for Academic Year 2021-22**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

Cabinet considered and approved an increase in Top-Up funding for Early Years settings, mainstream Primary, mainstream Secondary and Special Schools for 2021-2022.

Cabinet also noted that system reform is required for SEND in Oxfordshire. A public consultation on this is planned for later in 2021.

##### ***Cabinet Member: Corporate Services***

#### **3. Fibre Broadband for Public Buildings**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

Cabinet delegated authority to the Corporate Director, Customers, Organisational Development and Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, for awarding a contract to the winning bidder of the council's procurement of full-fibre broadband for public buildings, up to the value of £8m.

##### ***Cabinet Member: Finance***

#### **4. Capital Programme Monitoring Report – May 2021**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

Cabinet considered the first monitoring report and Capital Programme update for 2021/22, setting out the monitoring position for 2021/22 based on activity to the end of May 2021 and providing an update to the Capital Programme

approved by Council in February 2021 to take into account additional funding and new schemes.

The Cabinet agreed the inclusion of specific schemes in the Capital Programme as well as increases in the budget for two schemes.

### ***Cabinet Member: Highway Management***

#### **5. Department of Transport Tranche 3 Active Travel Bid**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021, adjourned and resumed on 30 July 2021)*

Cabinet was asked to delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highway Management, the final sign-off of Oxfordshire County Council's bid to the Department for Transport Active Travel Tranche 3 fund.

Cabinet agreed that before making a decision it needed more information on the schemes to be considered, as well as an opportunity to consult Members on the schemes. The meeting was adjourned to a later date and then agreed to the delegation, having received the extra information and feedback.

### ***Cabinet Member: Travel and Development Strategy***

#### **6. Draft Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Reg 18 (Stage 2)**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

The draft consultation document was considered for endorsement by all local planning authorities in Oxfordshire in July with a view to it going out for public consultation on 30 July until 8 October.

Cabinet agreed the process and resolved to further consider the Plan at its meeting on 21 September after an all-member seminar, with a view to making formal representations on the Plan by the closing date of 8 October 2021.

#### **7. A40 Access to Witney - In Principle Use of Statutory Powers**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

Cabinet considered and approved a list of recommendations to pursue the implementation of statutory powers to enable the project and issue Requisition for Information notices.

#### **8. A40 HIF 2 Smart Corridor- Preferred Options and Funding**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

Cabinet's approval was sought for the formal adoption of the preferred scheme in order that a planning application can be progressed in parallel with the bringing forward of a Highways Compulsory Purchase Order.

Cabinet approved the preferred options, confirmed them as fully funded and delegated authority to the Director for Property, Investment & Facilities Management and the Director of Law and Governance to agree appropriate terms in accordance with statutory provisions.

***Cabinet Member: All Cabinet Members***

**9. Business Management & Monitoring Report**

*(Cabinet, 20 July 2021)*

Cabinet considered a report setting out Oxfordshire County Council's progress towards Corporate Plan priorities for 2021/22 during April and May 2021.

Cabinet approved the report as well as virements outlined in the annexes and bad debt write-offs.

**LIZ LEFFMAN**

Leader of the Council

September 2021