

These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site ([www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

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## CABINET - TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2016

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b></p>	<p>Councillor Ian Hudspeth Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles</p>	-
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b></p>	<p>None</p>	-
<p><b>3. Minutes</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2015 (<b>CA3 (to be circulated separately)</b>) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>Signed and approved</p> <p>No matters arising</p>	HoLG(SW)
<p><b>4. Questions from County Councillors</b></p> <p><i>Councillor Bartholomew to Councillor Nimmo Smith</i></p> <p>"Various Berkshire councils and enterprise groups have been campaigning vigorously in recent years for a new Thames crossing known as the 'Third Reading Bridge'. It is likely this bridge would link the end of the A329(M) in Berkshire to Playhatch in Oxfordshire. The enthusiasm of the scheme promoters is not shared by many Oxfordshire residents who are concerned about the large amount of extra traffic that would be deposited on to already congested rural roads. Historically, both</p>	<p><i>Cabinet Member for Environment</i></p> <p>The term Strategic Outline Business Case is the technical terminology of an in depth traffic modelling assessment for a specific transport scheme – it is neutral in its approach and can come to a negative as well as positive conclusion and will also need to consider wider impacts beyond direct traffic impact and mitigation including potential environment, economic and social impacts.</p>	DEE(BH)

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<p>OCC and SODC have shared residents' concerns, but both councils recently agreed to contribute to a traffic modelling study in order to remain part of the process. I have learnt that this study has now been named 'Strategic Outline Business Case', which worryingly seems to indicate that all parties are supporters of the proposal. I would be grateful if the Cabinet Member could confirm the costs involved in the study and provide reassurance that any resultant proposals will be challenged to ensure they best meet the needs of Oxfordshire residents."</p> <p><i>Supplementary</i></p> <p>I would be obliged for sight of the briefing document/study specification and confirmation of the date results are expected.</p> <p><i>Councillor Susanna Pressel</i></p> <p>"I'm very worried about the threatened loss of services for the people I represent in Jericho. At present they have a new,</p>	<p>The County Council has agreed to support the study to finally provide detailed analysis of the impacts of a third Thames crossing scheme. It has been made clear to the other partners in this piece of work, that the council, by helping to fund this work, is not inherently supporting the scheme and will await the results of this work before taking a position on whether to support a full business case submission for funding, this decision process will also involve further consultation with the communities a scheme may impact upon.</p> <p>Oxfordshire is contributing £20,000 towards the modelling work. Beyond the Third Thames Crossing assessment work, the council will also benefit more generally as the new transport model that is being developed, will be available to Oxfordshire Councils for their own transport studies and scheme analysis and will provide in- depth coverage of South of Oxfordshire and overlap with our own Strategic Transport Model. This will provide this part of the county with an even more robust evidence base for transport scheme development and decision making.</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member for Environment</i></p> <p>I will pass the information onto Councillor Bartholomew</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member for Children, Education &amp; Families</i></p> <p>The new service will provide outreach and it is our intention to provide that outreach in venues that families feel</p>	<p></p> <p style="text-align: right;">DDE(BH)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DCEF(JM)</p>

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<p>purpose-built, fully equipped and professionally staffed children's centre in Cutteslowe and a Baby Café in Jericho. It would be appalling if one or both of these were to close. There are many vulnerable families in Jericho and even more in Cutteslowe. They need these facilities badly or their problems will escalate, and addressing them will cost more in the long run.</p> <p>We have been told that outreach support will be provided and that group work sessions will happen in community venues. <u><i>It makes no sense</i></u> to try to hold group sessions in places like Jericho Community Centre, which is a horrible old building, with no equipment, and leave North Oxford Children's Centre standing empty! Please can you ensure that the children's centre will stay open and tell me who will provide breast-feeding support at the standard of the Baby Café?"</p> <p><i>Councillor Pressel</i></p> <p>When and how will that engagement be carried out and to what extent.</p>	<p>are suitable, convenient and comfortable .</p> <p>As part of the consultation the Local authority has had discussions with groups including, parents, schools and district, town and parish councils to explore the continued use of children centre buildings that cease to be funded by the service as part of the service redesign.</p> <p>With regard to the children centre at Cutteslowe we would want to proactively engage with the school and partners to explore continued use of the building to provide services for children. If this can be achieved it means that outreach services including provision of groups could still continue to run from this building. This would be a preferred option for the Local Authority</p> <p>With regard to breast feeding support this will continue to be commissioned by the public health directorate within the County Council</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member for Children, Education &amp; Families</i></p> <p>When the consultation has been carried out and a decision taken discussions will be held with all centres to see what we are able to maintain.</p>	DCEF(JM)
<p><b>5. Petitions and Public Address</b></p>	<p><i>Item 6 – New arrangements for Oxfordshire County Council's Children's Services</i></p> <p>County Councillor Liz Brighthouse David Turner County Councillor Jean Fooks</p>	-

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	<p>County Councillor Susanna Pressel            County Councillor Gill Sanders            County Councillor Janet Godden            County Councillor Richard Webber</p> <p><i>Item 7 – 2015/16 Financial Monitoring &amp; Business Strategy Report</i></p> <p>County Councillor Nick Hards</p> <p><i>Item 8 – Progress Report on Looked After Children and those Leaving care</i></p> <p>Councillor Gill Sanders</p> <p><i>Item 10 – Follow up to a call in of a decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Ian Hudspeth deputising)</i></p> <p>County Councillor Liz Brighthouse            Mark Beddow            David Bird            County Councillor Nick Hards            County Councillor Patrick Greene</p>	
<p><b>6. New Arrangements for Oxfordshire County Council's Children's Services</b></p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</i></p> <p>(a) receive the outcome of the consultation exercise on the future of early help services along with the proposed alternative arrangements for Children's Services as outlined in the Cabinet Advisory Group report of September 2015 along with recommendations from the Director of Children's Services regarding future organisational arrangements for Children's Social Care;</p> <p>(b) approve the proposed arrangements for</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>DCEF(JL)</p> <p>DCEF(JL)</p>

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<p>Safeguarding and Corporate parenting services as outlined in the attached report;</p> <p>(c) approve the proposed arrangements for Education Services as outlined in the attached report; and</p> <p>(d) receive a further detailed report on the implementation of the proposed changes.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>DCEF(JL)</p> <p>DCEF(JL)</p>
<p><b>(a) The Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Service</b></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) agree the proposals outlined in paragraph 19-22 of the report; and</p> <p>(b) agree that a further report outlining in detail the proposed staffing arrangements and costs be made to <del>the March 2016</del> <b>a future</b> Cabinet meeting.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved as amended in bold italics</p>	<p>DCEF(JL/ HF)</p> <p>DCEF(JL HF)</p>
<p><b>(b) Future Arrangements for Education Support for Oxfordshire Schools</b></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed arrangements for Education and Learning Services as outlined in the attached report.</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>DCEF(JL RM)</p>
<p><b>(c) Future Arrangements in Children's Social Care</b></p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That eight Children and Family Centres are developed in the locations set out in the report. These Centres will deliver services that meet the authority's statutory duties relating to Children's Centres and deliver statutory and targeted services to vulnerable children and families</li> <li>• That limited open access services are provided from within the eight Children and</li> </ul>	<p>Approved as amended in bold italics below</p>	<p>DCEF(JL)</p>

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<p>Family Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A mobile bus is retained to deliver services to rural communities and the traveller community as these communities are less likely to attend the main centres</li> <li>• To continue to support the child care settings currently based in Children's Centres through to April 2017. During this time the authority will work with the centres to ensure they are financially self-sufficient from April 2017.</li> <li>• Approve the inclusion of £1.9m budget in the capital programme for the new Children and Family Centres to be funded from the unallocated corporate resources.</li> <li>• Commit to continue conversations with organisations and groups that have shown an interest in using alternative funding streams to enable centres to remain open.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>That the Director for Children, Education &amp; Families provides a future meeting of Cabinet with detailed proposals as to how the additional and retained funding arrangements agreed at full Council on 16 February 2016 be best utilised.</i></b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. 2015/16 Financial Monitoring &amp; Business Strategy Report - December 2015</b></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p><b>(a)</b> note the report;</p> <p><b>(b)</b> note the Treasury Management lending list at Annex 4;</p> <p><b>(c)</b> approve an increase of £0.935m for the A34 Milton Interchange scheme;</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>CFO(KW/ KC)</p> <p>CFO(KW/ KC)</p> <p>CFO(KW/ KC)</p>

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<p><b>(d)</b> approve the full budget of £11.165m for the Eastern Arc Phase 1: Access to Headington project and to proceed to detailed design; and</p> <p><b>(e)</b> note the changes to the Capital Programme set out in Annex 7b and 7c.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p><b>(f) Approve the allocation of the un-ringfenced grant for Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme to the Fire and Rescue Service</b></p>	<p>CFO(KW/ KC)</p> <p>CFO(KW/ KC)</p> <p>CFO(KW/ KC)</p>
<p><b>8. Progress Report on Looked After Children and those Leaving Care</b></p> <p>This paper RECOMMENDS that further analysis of the child in need and child protection populations are undertaken to isolate more specific risk factors for care and what constitutes an effective intervention. This work should draw on the learning and recommendations of the Neglect pilot and OSCB's reviews of adolescents who have died and suffered or caused serious harm.</p> <p>This paper RECOMMENDS that a multi-agency group is established to devise a county-wide strategy to respond to the growing challenges nationally of Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers and Refugee families.</p> <p>Oxfordshire has taken a radical and proactive approach to the spiralling costs of external placements and has significantly invested to create in-county edge of care, fostering and residential capacity. The effectiveness of this investment in safeguarding, improving outcomes and reducing external placement</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>DCEF(JL/ ME)</p> <p>DCEF(JL/ ME)</p>

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costs will require close scrutiny over the coming year. This paper RECOMMENDS that the Placement Strategy Board is tasked with measuring the impact and cost savings of the Placement Strategy reporting up to Cabinet.	Approved	DCEF(JL/ME)
<b>9. Staffing Report - Quarter 3 - 2015</b>  The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.	Approved	HRO(SM/SC)
<b>10. Follow up to a Call in of a decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Hudspeth substituting): Proposed Bus Lane &amp; Parking/Waiting Restrictions - Orchard Centre (Phase 2), Didcot</b>  To approve implementation of the proposals as advertised	Approved	DEE(MK/PF)
<b>11. Forward Plan and Future Business</b>  The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.	Approved	HoLG(SW/AB)



