

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.)

The decisions take effect at the time and date specified, unless before that time written notice is given in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules requiring the decision to be called in for review by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	Councillor Nick Carter.	CLO (A. Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note opposite	None.	CLO (A. Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2016 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Agreed and signed.	
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	<p>Petition – A petition was received from Ian French, Davenant Road Action Group calling on Cabinet to take measures 'Making Davenant Road a safer road for all residents'.</p> <p>Speakers: Item 6 – Councillor Jean Fooks; Councillor Gill Sanders Item 8 – Councillor Steve Curran Item 9 – Councillor Susanna Pressel; Councillor Steve Curran Item 11 – Councillor Liz Brighthouse Item 12 – Councillor Gill Sanders</p>	

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<p>6. Transition Fund</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2016/113</i> <i>Contact: Sarah Jelley, Senior Policy & Performance Officer Tel: 07554 103437</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) approve for funding the following bids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Butterfly Meadows b. Carterton Town Council c. Botley Bridges d. Grandpont Nursery e. St Nicholas Primary School f. Sharing Life Trust <p>(b) ask that further work is conducted to develop more robust business plans and reapply for funding under the next round of applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Barton Community Association b. Employment Action Group c. Chalgrove Primary School d. Cutteslowe Primary School e. The Nature Effect f. Magpies Pre-School g. Friends of Maple Tree Children's Centre & Wheatley Nursery School h. Oxfordshire Play Association <p>(c) decline for funding the following bids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Donnington Doorstep b. The Happy Hub c. Lord Williams School 	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	
<p>7. Exempt Item</p> <p>In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in</p>	<p>This resolution was not necessary as the item was discussed in public</p>	

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<p>the Annexes 3 and 4 to Item 8, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of those Annexes by passing a resolution in relation to that item in the following terms:</p> <p><i>"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annexes since it is likely that if they were present during that discussion there would be a disclosure of "exempt" information as described in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and specified below the item in the Agenda".</i></p> <p>NOTE: The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public. The exempt information is contained in the confidential annexes.</p> <p>ANNEXES 3 & 4 TO THE ITEM NAMED HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.</p> <p>THIS IS FOR REASONS OF COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY.</p> <p>THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE CONTENTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE MADE.</p>	<p>session. Annexes 3 & 4 remain confidential</p>	
<p>8. Household Waste Recycling Centre Management and Revised Waste Acceptance Policy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2016/067 <i>Contact:</i> Andrew Pau, Strategic Manager for Waste & Transport Tel: 07768462499</p>		

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<p><i>The information contained in the annexes is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category:</i></p> <p>3. <i>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);</i></p> <p><i>and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that disclosure would distort the proper process of open competition and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of the transaction and the Council's standing generally in relation to such transactions in future, to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority.</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) Agree the proposed changes to the HWRC Waste Acceptance Policy described in the report and the draft policy in Annex 2;</p> <p>(b) Approve the procurement of the HWRC management contract on the basis of the service described in the report and the draft specification in Annex 3;</p> <p>(c) Delegate authority to the Director for Environment and Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment for;</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i) final editing of the service specification and Waste Acceptance Policy prior to and during procurement,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii) finalisation of the Waste</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DEE (A. Pau)</p>

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<p>Acceptance Policy following the procurement provided any changes are in accordance with the principles set out in the report, and</p> <p>iii) approval of the award of the HWRC management contract following completion of the procurement process.</p>		
<p>9. Oxford Workplace Parking Levy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2016/081 <i>Contact:</i> Martin Krafft, Principal Infrastructure Planner; Tel: 07920 084336</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the overall approach proposed, including the programme at Annex 1, as the basis for further work and to allocate £100,000 from reserves to the development of an outline business case by October 2017.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed with the following amendment in <i>bold italics</i>:</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the overall approach proposed, <i>to explore further the congestion charging scheme</i>, including the programme at Annex 1, as the basis for further work and to allocate £100,000 from reserves to the development of an outline business case by October 2017.</p>	<p>DEE (M. Krafft)</p>
<p>10. Treasury Management Mid Term Review (2016/17)</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2016/059 <i>Contact:</i> Donna Ross, Principal Finance Manager – Treasury Pension Tel: (01865) 323976</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report and to RECOMMEND Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2016/17.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>CFO (D. Ross)</p>

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<p>11. Senior Management Review</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2016/017 <i>Contact:</i> Steve Munn, Chief HR Officer Tel: (01865) 815191</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the progress made to date on the Senior Management Review</p> <p>(b) ask for the views of Members attending the Senior Management Review briefing on the 9th December 2016 on whether the structure will contribute to good performance</p> <p>(c) ask for the views of Audit & Governance Committee to review governance</p> <p>(d) ask for views from County Council; and</p> <p>(e) request officers to bring a final version of the report back to Cabinet on 20 December reflecting feedback from those committees and meetings</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CHRO</p>
<p>12. Adopt Thames Valley</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children & Family Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2016/068 <i>Contact:</i> Hannah Farncombe, Deputy Director – Corporate Parenting & Safeguarding Tel: (01865) 815273</p> <p>CABINET is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) agree to joining Adopt Thames Valley and approve the recommendation of the Adopt Thames Valley</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DCS (H. Farncombe)</p>

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<p>Project Board that Oxfordshire County Council should, in principle, become the host authority for the planned new shared service (subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being agreed with the other partner local authorities); and</p> <p>(b) agree that a further report setting out the detailed financial and staffing implications be presented to Cabinet in the Spring of 2017, prior to a final decision being taken</p>		
<p>13. Staffing Report - Quarter 2 - 2016</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2016/060</i> <i>Contact: Sue James, HR Officer, 07393001069</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>CHRO (S. Corrigan/S. James)</p>
<p>14. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager Tel: 07393 001213</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Schedule of items noted together with the following additional item for Cabinet on 20 December:</p> <p>Rents for Asset Transfer of Children's Centre (Ref: 2016/132)</p>	

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	To agree amendments to the Asset Transfer Policy and Processes to waive the rent for a building where that would enable a community – led proposal to keep a Children’s Centre open that would otherwise have to close.	

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Members:

1. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Nimmo Smith

“To ask what steps can be taken to stop cars and other vehicles parking on the cycle track along the south side of the Marston Ferry Road in such a manner that makes the use of the cycle path dangerous for those using it for cycling?”

Answer

Officers have investigated this problem and a traffic regulation order would be required to prohibit this use of the cycle track, which would likely also need to be supported by the installation of bollards. Unfortunately however there is currently no budget available for this work, but we will keep this matter under review should the funding situation change.

2. From Councillor Godden to Councillor Nimmo Smith

“An accident waiting to happen has happened. Earlier this week a cyclist was badly injured when she was knocked off her bike in collision with a car on the B4044 at Farmoor in my division. As you know, this council, as highways authority, agreed with TVPA that the B4044 was too dangerous for cycling when a request was made for a fund-raising cycling event earlier this year. Yet the road is a busy commuter route within good cycling distance of the City centre. A strong campaign for a cycle path along the existing verge has been going for five years. Will you now agree to include construction of a segregated path alongside the B4044 as a priority project in future road planning?”

Answer

“At this stage, the scheme needs further development to consider feasibility and funding potential. The council does not have a fully-funded future programme for such schemes and is required to submit bids which currently meet the central government agenda.

Our officers are, however, working with Bike Safe to develop the proposal so that it can better meet funding criteria that supports future growth and address the recognised local community concerns about current conditions for cyclists.”

Supplementary: Councillor Godden enquired how the road did not meet central government criteria given that it was a busy commuter route, linking two major roads, with schools at either end. Councillor Nimmo Smith replied that unfortunately although it met the criteria for a cycle path the funding had to come from development and there was not sufficient development in the area to provide the necessary funding.

3. From Councillor Bartholomew to Councillor Nimmo Smith/Councillor Hudspeth

“The Leader has given assurances that at this stage investigation into a Congestion Charge for Oxford will be given equal weight to a Workplace Parking Levy, yet the report is titled 'Workplace Parking Levy' and a Congestion Charge is only referenced fleetingly at paragraph 5. To avoid confusion, could the Leader and/or Cabinet Member please confirm that an updated Press Release and statement to Councillors clarifying the position will be released after the Cabinet meeting on 22nd November.”

Answer

“Paragraph 5 is more than clear that congestion charging will be investigated and considered as part of the process. We need to understand the cost of implementation of such a scheme.

I am sure that Cabinet will issue a full press statement after a decision has been taken.”