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DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION - WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2017

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Declarations of Interest	None.	
2. Questions from County Councillors	<p>Questions From Councillor Howson to Councillor Hibbert-Biles</p> <p>Question</p> <p>The recent Ofsted Inspectors Report on Chiltern Edge School included the following criticism of Oxfordshire County Council as the local authority:</p> <p>‘Leaders have not received the support they need from the local authority. Although officers acknowledge the weaknesses in teaching and pupils’ outcomes, standards have continued to decline. The local authority has acted too slowly.’ What is the Cabinet Member’s response to Ofsted?</p> <p>“The response to Ofsted is that we are in agreement with the judgement and are working to support the school to address the areas identified for improvement. Although we admit that support for the school was too slow</p>	

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	<p>until we became aware of the extent of the difficulties at the school, support was offered, however, engagement from the school was slow in forthcoming. I have now met with the new head and will be revisiting the school to check improvements in October.</p> <p>Question</p> <p>In the light of the comments in the Ofsted report on Chiltern Edge School about Oxfordshire as a local authority and also those about leadership in the Ofsted Report on St Gregory the Great, also rated inadequate by Ofsted, will the Cabinet Member now review whether there is the need for a senior strategic post specifically for education and reporting directly to the Director of Children's Services and focusing on school improvement?</p> <p>"Currently there are three senior strategic posts for Education reporting to the Director of Children's Services (for Education Sufficiency/Access, Vulnerable Learners and Education Quality). In addition, as St. Gregory the Great is an Academy, it is the Trust, not the local authority, that is responsible for School Improvement." _</p>	
3. Petitions and Public Address	There were none.	
4. Drug and Alcohol Education Service		

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<p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2017/037</i> <i>Contact: Kate Holburn, Head of Commissioning Drugs and Alcohol Tel: 07825 052768</i></p> <p>The Drug and Alcohol Education Service is provided by the Training Effect and the contract has run from January 2014 to December 2016 when it was extended for a further year. The contract end date is the 31st December 2017.</p> <p>The service provides direct delivery of substance misuse / risky behaviours education to young people in secondary schools in years eight and nine but also other year groups as schools require. The service includes an anonymous survey carried out before the provider delivers the sessions. There are two programmes, one a universal skills development and one more targeted for children who may be already identified as needing further support. Schools are not obliged to use the service, but all but 3 universal schools do and 2 special schools.</p> <p>The request is to extend the contract beyond the end date of 31st December 2017, for a further 15 months until 31st March 2019.</p> <p><i>The Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education is RECOMMENDED to approve this exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed.</p>	<p>DCS (S. Casey-Rerhaye/ C. Dodwell).</p>