

To: **Members of the Cabinet**

Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 15 December 2020 at 2.00 pm

Virtual

Please note that due to guidelines imposed on social distancing by the Government the meeting will be held virtually.

If you wish to view proceedings, please click on this [Live Stream Link](#)
However, that will not allow you to participate in the meeting.



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Chief Executive

December 2020

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Membership

Councillors

Ian Hudspeth	Leader of the Council
Mrs Judith Heathcoat	Deputy Leader
Lawrie Stratford	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health
Steve Harrod	Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services
Ian Corkin	Cabinet Member for Council Business & Partnerships
Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services
Yvonne Constance OBE	Cabinet Member for Environment
David Bartholomew	Cabinet Member for Finance
Liam Walker	Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery & Operations
Mark Gray	Cabinet Member for Local Communities

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on Wednesday 23 December 2020

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*unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.
Copies of this Notice, Agenda and supporting papers are circulated
to all Members of the County Council.*

Date of next meeting: 19 January 2021

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members' conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Glenn Watson on **07776 997946** or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

- guidance note opposite

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2020 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.

4. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

5. Petitions and Public Address

This Cabinet meeting will be held virtually in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Wednesday 9 December. Requests to speak should be sent to sue.whitehead@oxfordshire.gov.uk together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting.

Where a meeting is held virtually and the addressee is unable to participate virtually their written submission will be accepted.

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

6. Oxfordshire Strategic Vision (Pages 7 - 28)

Cabinet Member: Environment

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/154

Contact: Susan Halliwell, Director of Planning & Place Tel: 07500 109185

Report by Corporate Director, Communities and Corporate Director, Customers and Organisational Development (**CA6**).

This report introduces a first draft of a Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire (attached in Annex 1) as proposed by Oxfordshire Growth Board. The report explains the scope and content of the Vision including the timeline for the current engagement and finalisation of the Vision.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to

- (a) Provide feedback on the Draft Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire, appended in Annex 1 to the Oxfordshire Growth Board. The Draft Vision is presented for discussion and comments to help inform revisions prior to future Growth Board endorsement.***
- (b) Delegate responsibility to Claire Taylor and Jason Russell to develop a response to the Strategic Vision engagement exercise, in consultation with the Leader, reflecting the views expressed at this meeting.***

7. A40 Science Transit 2 Funding and Full Business Case Submission (Pages 29 - 46)

Cabinet Member: Environment

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/141

Contact: Dominic Donnini, A40 Programme Lead Tel: 07717 134069

Report by Director of Growth & Economy (**CA7**).

In July 2014 the Science Transit 2 (ST2) project was awarded a provisional allocation of £35 million from Governments Local Growth Fund, subject to:

- i. the submission of an acceptable Full Business Case being submitted to the Department for Transport (hereafter referred to as DfT).
- ii. a minimum of £5 million matching local contribution.

The A40 Science Transit scheme was entered into the capital programme through the Cabinet Paper 21st July 2015. This Cabinet paper outlined the scheme and the longer-term strategy for the A40. This report sets out progress to date and seeks approval to the next steps.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to;

- (a) Note the current scheme cost, proposed funding package and agree to update the capital programme accordingly.**
- (b) Agree the preferred option to accelerate the delivery of the Park & Ride element of the project.**
- (c) Agree to the additional development costs up to £7.724m through to anticipated Department for Transport funding approval.**
- (d) Authorise the delegated approval to submit the Full Business Case to Department for Transport to the Director of Growth & Economy in consultation with the S151 Officer, Monitoring Officer to the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment**

8. Business Management & Monitoring Report - October 2020 (Pages 47 - 144)

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance
Forward Plan Ref: 2020/105

Contact: Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes Tel: 07741 607452/Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654

Report by Corporate Director Customers & Organisational Development and Director of Finance (**CA8**).

This report sets out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities for 2020/21 – October 2020.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) note this month's business management and monitoring report.**
- (b) approve COVID expenditure and income virements set out in Annex C-2b and note virements in Annex C -2c**

9. Capital Programme Monitoring Report - October 2020 (Pages 145 - 152)

Cabinet Member: Finance

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/103

Contact: Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654

Report by Director of Finance (**CA9**).

This report sets out the latest monitoring position for 2020/21 capital programme based on activity to the end of October 2020 and provides an update on latest ten-year capital programme to 2029/30.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) approve the updated Capital Programme at Annex 2**
- (b) Note the approval made under delegated authority of the Leader of the Council for:**

- i. Inclusion of £1.4m contribution to Active Travel Programme from OxLEP.*
- (c) approve the revised budget provision of £8.4m for the A40 Oxford North (Northern Gateway) scheme, an increase of £2.5m.*
- (d) agree the inclusion of the new NE Didcot 2FE Primary School in the capital programme with a budget of £12.9m.*
- (e) delegate agreement of Heads of Terms to enable the Council to pass funding to the DfE for the new Grove Airfield Secondary School to the Director of Finance and Director for Property, Investment & Facilities Management in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property.*
- (f) Agree the inclusion of the Active Travel (Tranche 2) grant of £2.4m into the capital programme*

10. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 153 - 156)

Cabinet Member: All

Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213

The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include “updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting”. Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at **CA10**. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.

The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity to identify any further changes they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.