

COUNTY COUNCIL – 11 DECEMBER 2012

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Leader

1. Business Strategy and Service & Resource Planning Report for 2013/14 - 2017/18 - September 2012

(Cabinet, 18 September 2012)

Cabinet received the first in a series of reports on the Service & Resource Planning process for 2013/14 to 2016/17. The report provided councillors with information on budget issues for 2013/14 and the medium term and presented the known and potential financial issues for 2013/14 and beyond.

Cabinet approved the Service and Resource Planning process for 2013/14 which included a timetable of events.

2. 2011/12 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report July 2012 and August 2012

(Cabinet, 18 September 2012 and 16 October 2012)

Cabinet considered two reports that focused on the delivery of the Directorate Business Strategies which were agreed as part of the Service and Resource Planning Process for 2012/13 – 2016/17. Parts 1 and 2 included projections for revenue, reserves and balances as at the end of July 2012. The Capital monitoring was included at Part 3.

Cabinet approved virements; agreed the transfer of the LACSEG refund to the Efficiency Reserve and the creation of new reserves; agreed the change of use of the Learning Disabilities underspend from 2011/12; agreed the bad debt write off; noted the updated Treasury Management lending list and approved the changes to the Capital Programme.

3. Treasury Management Mid Term Review 2012/13

(Cabinet, 27 November 2012)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2012/13 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring, changes in Strategy, and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year. Cabinet noted the report, and **RECOMMENDED** Council to note the Council's Mid Term Treasury Management Review 2012/13. The report appears elsewhere on this agenda.

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader**4. Staffing Reports Quarters 1 and 2**

(Cabinet 18 September and 27 November 2012)

Cabinet received reports that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the periods 1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 and 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012. They detailed the agreed staffing numbers and establishment at the end of each period in terms of Full Time Equivalents. In addition, the reports provided information on vacancies and the cost of posts being covered by agency staff. The report also tracked progress on staffing numbers since 1 April 2010.

5. Oxford Park & Ride: Thornhill & Water Eaton Introduction Of Charging

(Cabinet, 16 October 2012)

Cabinet considered a report that detailed a requirement to fund an identified revenue gap of £150,000 a year as set out in the Environment & Economy Business Strategy 2011-15 and agreed a system of charging for long stay parking at Thornhill and Water Eaton sites to achieve at least this. Cabinet further agreed a review between 6 – 12 months of commencement of charging.

6. Corporate Plan Performance And Risk Management Report For The 1st Quarter 2012

(Cabinet 16 October 2012)

Cabinet noted the quarterly performance monitoring report against the Corporate Plan priorities for Quarter 1, 2012/13 and asked that the Strategy & Partnership Scrutiny Committee consider the changes taking place in Customer Services.

Cabinet Member: Adult Services**7. Oxford University Hospitals Trust Application To Become A Foundation Trust**

(Cabinet, 16 October 2012)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the possible issues relevant to the application by Oxford University Hospital Trust (OUHT) to become a Foundation Trust and expressed support for the application on the basis that it is committed to principles including: commitment to the highest standards of medical and nursing services and to working in partnership to deliver the most effective and efficient ways of meeting the care needs of the people of Oxfordshire; actively supporting the move to providing more care within the community as part of a broader commitment to the local delivery of services and to developments which prevent people from needing care or limiting the extent to which they might need care; commitment to the continued existence of the Horton hospital and commitment to continued support for services in Community Hospitals such as peripheral clinics, minor injuries units (MIU) nurses, radiographers and midwifery units.

Cabinet Member: Children & the Voluntary Sector

8. Progress Report on Children Looked After and Leaving Care *(Cabinet 27 November 2012)*

Cabinet noted a report that reviewed the performance and outcomes of Looked After Children and Care Leavers (LAC) over the last twelve months. The report including information on: the impact and outcomes of all key services supporting children in and on the edge of care; key challenges and pressures on the service; actions taken in response to the All Party Parliamentary Working Group on Children Missing from Care; recent changes in adoption legislation and the timetable for the Corporate Parenting Service Review.

Cabinet Member: Education

9. Proposal to Expand Botley School *(Cabinet, 18 September and 27 November 2012)*

Cabinet considered two reports concerning a proposal to expand Botley School to 2 forms of entry as one part of the county council's strategy to meet the need for primary school places in Oxford and its immediate surrounds.

In September Cabinet agreed to the publication of a statutory notice for the expansion of Botley School, Oxford. In November following consideration of the representations made Cabinet agreed the permanent expansion of Botley School to 2 forms of entry.

N.B. As set out under Rule 18(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the decision at November Cabinet was exempt from Call-In as it was deemed urgent and any delay would have seriously prejudiced the Council's interests, in that the Cabinet's role would be negated by referral to the Schools' Adjudicator if the decision was not taken within two months of the end of the Statutory Notice, in this case being 30 May 2012.

10. New Academies And Free Schools In Oxfordshire - Creating New Schools To Meet Housing Growth Post Education Act 2011 *(Cabinet, 18 September 2012)*

Cabinet approved the process to identify academy and free school providers for new schools in Oxfordshire.

11. Oxford Spires Academy New Buildings And Alterations *(Cabinet, 16 October 2012)*

Cabinet approved the Final Business Case and authorised that the contract be let to provide new and refurbished accommodation funded by a capital grant from the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

12. Expansion of St Ebbes CE Aided Primary School

(Cabinet, 27 November 2012)

Cabinet approved the permanent expansion of ST Ebbes CE (A) Primary School, Bicester with effect from 1 September 2014.

N.B. As set out under Rule 17(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision was exempt from Call-In as it was deemed urgent and any delay would have seriously prejudiced the Council's interests, in that the Cabinet's role would be negated by referral to the Schools' Adjudicator if the decision was not taken within two months of the end of the Statutory Notice, in this case being 30 May 2012.

13. Expansion of Windmill Primary School, Oxford to 3 form entry

(Cabinet, 27 November 2012)

Cabinet approved the publication of a statutory notice for the permanent expansion of Windmill Primary School, Oxford to increase the school admission number (at F1 entry) from 60 to 90.

14. Expansion of Five Acres Primary School to 2 form entry

(Cabinet, 27 November 2012)

Cabinet approved the publication of a statutory notice for the permanent expansion of Five Acres Primary School, Oxford to increase the school admission number (at F1 entry) from 45 to 60.

15. Conversion to Sponsored Academies – Financial Liabilities

(Cabinet 27 November 2012)

Cabinet agreed the stance that officers should adopt in negotiating binding agreements about past liabilities and future restructuring costs in relation to sponsored academies.

Cabinet Member: Growth & Infrastructure

16. OCC Response to the Consultation on the Cherwell Local Plan

(Cabinet, 16 October 2012)

Cabinet was advised that Cherwell District Council had published the Cherwell Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft for consultation ahead of its submission to Government towards the end of the year. Cabinet agreed the County Council's response to the consultation as set out in the report which highlighted the key issues for this authority over the next 20 years in Cherwell.

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