



Cabinet Tuesday, 18 July 2017

ADDENDA

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

The Annex referred to at Minute 46/17 is attached.

4. Questions from County Councillors (Pages 9 - 18)

Attached.

5. Petitions and Public Address (Pages 19 - 20)

Attached.

8. City Centre Transport Improvements and Experimental Queen Street Closure

Two respondents (Responses 14 and 18 in Annex 2) to the consultation on the Queen Street and city centre proposals responded using University of Oxford email addresses and signatures so their responses were coded as "University of Oxford". However, they weren't responding *on behalf* of the university (who have confirmed they did not respond at all) so the reference to the University of Oxford should be removed.

12. East West Rail Western Section Phase 2: Public Consultation (Pages 21 - 24)

Addendum attached of detailed comments on Consultation proposals

14. Delegated Powers - July 2017

To report on a quarterly basis any executive decisions taken under the specific powers and functions delegated under the terms of Part 7.2 (Scheme of Delegation to Officers) of the Council's Constitution – Paragraph 6.3(c)(i). It is not for scrutiny to call in.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Reasons for Urgency</i>
12 May 2017	Exemption from Contract	Approved an exemption from the	To ensure that the project is not

	Procedure Rules – NQ Minds and Zipabout – CASPAR Project	tendering requirements under OCC's Contract Procedure Rules for the grant of a contract to NQ Minds and Zipabout as a result of a successful bid for funding of £238,928 for 1 year for a one-off project commencing April 2017 Oxfordshire and the Consortium.	delayed and the funding put at risk
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APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE 2017/18

ANNEX

SECTION 1

Joint Committees

<i>Joint Committee</i>	Frequency of meetings (FOM)	Places	Appointees for 2014/15
Thames Valley Fire Control Service		2	Deputy Leader Cabinet member for Property & Cultural Services
Traffic Penalty Tribunal - Outside London Adjudication Committee	quarterly	1	Cabinet Member for the Environment
Growth Board		1	Leader (Deputy Leader as named substitute)

Local Statutory Bodies

Statutory Body	FOM	Places	Basis of Member Appointment	Con Ind Alliance	Lab	Lib Dem	Ind
Adoption & Permanency Panels & Fostering Panels	3 per month	3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance: Adoption & Permanency	2 Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald O'Connor Vacancy	1 Cllr Begum Azad		0
	2 per month (occasionally) 3 per month	2	Fostering	1 Cllr Bulmer*	1 Cllr Gill Sanders		
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)		3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	1 Cllr Mathew	1 Cllr Phillips	1 Cllr Bob Johnston	0
*Subject to further information on meeting dates							

Strategic Partnerships

Partnership	FOM	Appointees for 2014/15
Oxfordshire Partnership Board	2 per annum	Leader of the Council
Thematic Partnerships:		
Health & Well Being Board	3 per annum	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care, Public Health & Education and Children's & Family Services
Children's Trust Board	3 per annum	Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education
Health Improvement Board	3 per annum	Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education
Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership	4 per annum	Leader of the Council
Safer Oxfordshire Partnership	3 per annum	Councillor Kieron Mallon in his role as representative on the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel.
Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance	4 per annum	Cabinet Member for Local Communities
Joint Management Group for Adults		Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

SECTION 4

Standing Advisory Bodies

Body	FOM	Places	Basis of Member Appointment	Con Ind Alliance	Lab	Lib Dem	Ind
Arts Council S. E. Region Board	3/4 per annum	1*	Cabinet Member for Property & Cultural Services Nomination only – appointment process by Arts Council	1 Cllr Lindsay-Gale			
Music House Committee / Music Education Hub (Partnership) for Oxfordshire	3 per annum	3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	2 Cllr Waine Cllr Lindsay-Gale	1 Cllr Phillips	0	0
Outdoor Centres House Committee (under review)		3	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	2 Cllr Waine Vacancy	1 Cllr Lygo	0	0
Schools Organisation Stakeholder Group (includes former Oxfordshire School Forum)	quarterly	5 1 observer (with no voting rights)	Non-executive County Council Members On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education	3 Cllr Waine Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor Cllr Matelot Cllr Hibbert-Biles	1 Cllr Brighthouse	1 Cllr Howson	

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<p>Young People's Well-Being Group</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>5 non-executive councillors on the nomination of the political groups according to political balance, to reflect as far as possible the geographic areas of the county; the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children and Young People (ex officio)</p>	<p>3 Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor Cllr Mathew Cllr Harrod</p>	<p>1 Cllr Turnbull</p>	<p>1 Cllr Emily Smith</p>	<p>0</p>
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Informal Member/Officer Working Groups

Working Group	FOM	Places	Basis of Appointment	Con Ind Alliance	Lab	Lib Dem	Ind
Corporate Parenting Panel	4 per annum	11	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance, to include the Cabinet for Children Education & Families and the three members serving on the Fostering & Adoption Panels Director for Children, Education & Families and Director for Social & Community Services or nominees	6 Cllr Waine Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald O'Connor Cllr Billington Cllr Bulmer Cllr Harrod Cllr Gray	3 3 of Cllr Gill Sanders, Cllr Lygo, Cllr McIlveen and Cllr Begum Azad	2 Cllr Roberts Cllr Johnson	0
Oxfordshire County Council South Africa Link Group	2/3 per annum	4	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	2 Cllr Harrod Cllr Thompson	1 Brighthouse	1 D. Turner	0
Minority Ethnic Consultative Forum.		3		1 Cllr Gray	1 Cllr Afridi	1 Cllr Buckley	
West End Steering Group	as required	2	Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader or representative	2 Hudspeth Heathcoat		0	0

SECTION 6

Strategic Outside Body	FOM	OCC Entitlement	Appointees for 2017/18
County Councils Network (CCN)	Council - 2 per annum Executive – 3 per annum Annual conference	4 county councillors	Hudspeth Lindsay-Gale Heathcoat Hibbert-Biles
Local Government Association (LGA)	General Assembly -1 per annum	4 county councillors (* to cast additional OCC vote)	Hudspeth* Hibbert-Biles Heathcoat Lindsay-Gale
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	as required	1 county councillor	Matelot
Oxfordshire Care Partnership Board	as required	1 county councillor	Stratford
Oxfordshire Countryside Access Forum	2/3 per annum	1 county councillor	Vacancy
Community First Oxfordshire (formerly Oxfordshire Rural Community Council)	as required	1 county councillor	Walker

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ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Members:

1. Councillor Howson to Councillor Hibbert-Biles

“During the general election campaign, and also subsequently, there have been statements that no school would lose out under the new National Funding Formula. This included a manifesto pledge to “make sure no school has its budget cut as a result of the new formula. Schools will, of course face other funding cuts. However, I can find no mention of how the High Needs funding block will be treated in terms of this extra funding. Can the Cabinet Member explain how the children of Oxfordshire funded through the High Needs block will benefit from the extra funding identified by the government?”

Answer:

“To date I have seen no firm commitments from the government to address the High Needs Block in Oxfordshire. I have written to Robert Goodwill, MP requesting a meeting with him at his earliest convenience and I will add the High Needs Block to the other matters I intend to raise with him, including the excessive time it takes to secure school places for our Looked After Children who are placed outside of Oxfordshire.”

2. Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor Constance

I'd like to draw the County Council's attention to the DfT's "[Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan guidance](#)"; the Department invites local authorities to express their interest in technical support for the development of local cycling and walking infrastructure.

“Recognising that preparing LCWIPs may take time and resources not readily available to all local authorities, a comprehensive programme of technical cycling and walking support has been developed. This programme makes available technical expertise to local authorities wishing to develop local plans, through an expression of interest process. It also offers advice on how to integrate LCWIPs into local policies and strategies, and develop the local strategic and economic case for investment.”

Has the council started work on preparing its LCWIP and will it be using advice and the resources offered by the DfT to help shape the plan?

Answer

“The Council is looking to progress work on developing [local cycling and walking infrastructure plan guidance](#), and as such has submitted a bid for technical support on offer from the DfT, referred to in Councillor Smith’s question. The submission was made at the end of June and we are awaiting the outcome.”

3. Councillor Dr Johnson to Councillor Constance

Many villages in Wheatley Division are suffering because of the cut in bus subsidies. Elderly and vulnerable people are isolated; younger people cannot get to college and apprenticeships; those who relied on buses for work are now using cars and increasing the traffic on our already congested roads. Does the member agree with me that saving up to £4 million pounds from cutting bus subsidy was a false economy, and will she work with me to find room in our forthcoming budget to reinstate bus subsidies?

Answer

“At the budget setting meeting in February 2016, all Liberal Democrat councillors present voting for the budget including withdrawing the bus subsidy grant. It is interesting to note that of the 118 bus services affected there were solutions found for 54 of the routes. Rather than reinstating the subsidies we should be looking to more imaginative ways of providing services in areas affected. For instance in my division there is a project called ‘Our Bus’ that is a successful volunteer organisation that is providing a service that was withdrawn by the bus companies prior to the February 2016 being taken, I am working with the group so that it can continue to provide such services, I would be more than happy to give you the group’s details so that you could start a similar project in your division to help those that have been affected by the February 2016 budget decision.

Although the county council has been forced by the financial crisis affecting local government to make difficult decisions - notably to withdraw funding from non-commercial bus services - we remain committed to working in partnership with bus operators to safeguard and develop the commercial bus network. In fact, Oxfordshire has a long history of doing this and as a result we have some the best bus services and highest levels of patronage of any shire county, particularly in the South East.

However, in addition to commercial bus services there are two further ways in which the county council is supporting bus passengers. One is through our innovative Comet initiative and the other is through the use of developer contributions to "pump prime" new or enhanced bus services where there is

substantial development with a view to them becoming commercially viable in the longer term.

Comet

We have over 151 registered members, about 75% of whom regularly use the service. We are covering a large majority of the county. At least two buses are used in each district area every day. We have 8 parish groups running regular bus-replacement type routes, mainly in the south of the county - all of which have got large enough passenger numbers to sustain them and recoup their costs. We also have about a dozen care homes and schools using the service for trips out.

Sub Bus continued Commercially

The council purchased season tickets for the following routes / schools, involving approximately 290 students overall.

Route Number and Operator	Schools served	Outcome
94, Thames Travel	Didcot Girls School, St Birinus School Didcot	Operator wanted to withdraw service as was no longer considered viable. S106 funding has been used to postpone this withdrawal until Easter 2018 at which point there may be further options available to secure its continuation.
114, Thames Travel	Larkmead School Abingdon, John Mason School Abingdon, Fitzharry's School Abingdon	Service being withdrawn as no longer considered viable by the operator. OCC has increased the size of its private school transport buses that were running alongside this route. This will ensure transport still exists for children to Abingdon schools from Berinsfield (children who would

		previously caught the 114). This solution however will only be viable for one further year.
136, Thames Travel	Wallingford School	New arrangement of purchasing season tickets
X8, Pulham's Coaches	Chipping Norton School	Continuation of purchasing season tickets
X9, Pulham's Coaches	Chipping Norton School	Service being withdrawn as no longer considered viable by the operator. OCC changing other school transport routes to ensure children are still taken to school. As it happens, this should also be at a reduced cost to the council

S106 funds have been used to continue some of these routes until the contract end dates:

Service, Operator	Description	Outcome through providing S106 funding
B2, Stagecoach	Bodicote-Banbury	Contract for service continues until at least July 2017. There will be slight changes to the timetable after 20 July.
B10, Stagecoach	Hanwell Fields-Banbury	Contract for service continues until at least July 2017. There will be slight changes to the timetable after 20 July
488,	Chipping Norton-	Contract for service continues until end

Stagecoach	Banbury	date of June 2017. No changes to current service.
S3, Stagecoach	Chipping Norton- Woodstock- (Oxford) Sunday	Contract for service continues until end date of November 2017. No changes to current service.
233, Stagecoach	Burford-Witney- Woodstock	Contract for service continues until end date of June 2018. There will be a revised timetable and route after 20 July. Further details in the attached.
X15, Stagecoach	Witney-Abingdon	New contract in place to support this service There will be a revised timetable and route after 20 July. Further details in the attached.
19, Stagecoach	Carterton- Bampton-Witney	New contract in place to support this service There will be a revised timetable and route after 20 July. Further details in the attached.
136 and 139- Sunday Service, Thames Travel	Cholsey- Wallingford- Henley	Contract for supporting the Sunday services continues until end date of June 2017. 136 - No changes to existing Sunday timetable. 139 - Sunday timetable to remain largely the same, but with routing now via Crowmarsh Gifford rather than Shillingford.
139, Thames Travel	Henley- Wallingford	Contract for service continues until end date of June 2017. Service route to be amended to operate hourly Wallingford – Crowmarsh Gifford – Nettlebed – Henley on Mondays to Saturdays with effect from 24/07/16. Peak

		journeys will be extended to serve Henley College. Benson Village and RAF Benson to now be served on service 136.
X2, Thames Travel	Oxford- Abingdon – Milton Park - Didcot	Continue to support service under a new contract until June 2017. Service frequency increased to two buses per hour Monday to Saturday. Service will co-ordinate with service X1 (re-numbered to 32A) to provide three buses per hour between Abingdon and Didcot. New extension in Wallingford to serve Hithercroft Industrial Estate with one bus per hour.
X1, Thames Travel	Oxford- Didcot- Harwell Campus- Wantage	New contract in place to support this service until June 2017. Service re-numbered to 32A. Will operate hourly between Wantage and Abingdon on Mondays to Saturdays. Route between Didcot and Abingdon will serve Culham village partly replacing service T2. Further information about the new service can be found in the attached route update document.
275, Red Rose Travel	Oxford City Centre- High Wycombe	S106 funding used to part fund Buckinghamshire County Council's contract to continue this service until July 2018
94, Thames Travel	Didcot – Blewbury – Hagbournes – Didcot	New contract in place to support this service until June 2017. Service will operate to a revised route and timetable on Mondays to Fridays. Peak journeys will be extended to serve Didcot schools.

The following is the update that Thames Travel about the services they were continuing:

Service	What is happening?
T1	Service extended to serve Chinnor and Lewknor. Peak services will continue to operate into Oxford City Centre, off-peak service will terminate at Cowley Centre with through ticketing available for onward journeys to City and Rail Station on Oxford Bus Company City5 and BROOKESBus U5 services.
T2	Service will cease to operate at end of service on 23/07/16. New 3A service to be introduced by Oxford Bus Company and Stagecoach in Oxfordshire to serve Iffley Road, Littlemore, Sandford and Oxford Science Park with two buses per hour Monday to Saturday. Culham Village will be served by service 32A providing links to Abingdon.
T5	New peak commuter service introduced, operating between Oxford Rail Station, Oxford City Centre and Oxford Business Park on Mondays to Fridays.
X1	Service re-numbered 32A and will operate hourly between Wantage and Abingdon on Mondays to Saturdays. Route between Didcot and Abingdon will serve Culham village partly replacing service T2.
X2	Service frequency increased to two buses per hour Monday to Saturday. Service will co-ordinate with service 32A to provide three buses per hour between Abingdon and Didcot. New extension in Wallingford to serve Hithercroft Industrial Estate with one bus per hour.
X32	Minor timetable changes only at this time
X34	Minor timetable changes only at this time
X39	No changes
X40	No changes
17	New off-peak service introduced between Jericho and Oxford City Centre on Mondays to Fridays.
22 & 23	Withdrawn

24	Service will cease to operate at end of service on 23/07/16
25	Service will cease to operate at end of service on 23/07/16
25A	Subject to contract, service will continue to operate hourly Monday to Saturday. Revised timetable with amended service routing within Bicester to be introduced from 24/07/16.
32A	This is the former service X1 renumbered operating between Wantage and Abingdon only but via Culham Village instead of Drayton.
38	Service to be replaced by revised service operating 15 journeys per day between Grove and Wantage on Mondays to Fridays, and hourly on Saturdays from 24/07/16
41	Service to be enhanced to operate half hourly on Mondays to Fridays between 08:30 and 15:00. Service routing extended to serve Tesco and Fairacres retail park.-Service now ends 23/7/17
67/67A/67B	Subject to contract, services will be replaced by revised 67 service, operating hourly between Wantage and Faringdon via Stanford-in-the-Vale on Mondays to Saturdays. Through connections to Harwell, Milton Park and Didcot will be guaranteed and passengers wishing to make through journeys can remain on the bus. Uffington, Childrey, Fernham, Shellingford, the Letcombes, Kingston Lisle, Sparsholt, Westcot and Baulking will no longer be served.
94 (Bicester)	Service will cease to operate at end of service on 23/07/16
94 (Didcot)	Service will operate to a revised route and with reduced hours of operation on Mondays to Fridays only, with effect from 24/07/16. Peak journeys will be extended to serve Didcot schools.
95	Service will cease to operate at end of service on 23/07/16
96	No changes
97	Service will cease to operate at end of service on 23/07/16
114	Service will operate to a revised timetable, with one journey in each direction on Mondays to Fridays (schooldays only).

	Service ending 23/7/17
135	Limited Saturday service introduced providing one journey in each direction between Wallingford and Goring. Incorporated into service 143 from 3/7/17
136	Service to be enhanced from 24/07/16 to operate half hourly between Cholsey, Wallingford, Crowmarsh Gifford, Benson and RAF Benson on Mondays to Fridays, with an hourly service on Saturdays. Peak journeys will be extended to serve Wallingford School. No changes to existing Sunday timetable at this time. Better timed connections with trains at Cholsey Rail Station.
139	Service routing to be amended to operate hourly Wallingford – Crowmarsh Gifford – Nettlebed – Henley on Mondays to Saturdays with effect from 24/07/16. Peak journeys will be extended to serve Henley College. Benson Village and RAF Benson to now be served on service 136. Sunday timetable to remain largely the same as current, but with routing now via Crowmarsh Gifford rather than Shillingford.
143	No changes to Monday to Friday timetable at this time. Saturday routing and timetable revised to no longer serve Whitchurch Hill or Goring. Incorporates part of 135 3/7/17

4. Councillor Dr Johnson to Councillor Hibbert-Biles

“Oxfordshire Mind is seeking £308K funding for Mental Health Awareness for children and young people. This investment in Public Health would potentially save the NHS and Social Care millions of pounds a year in Oxfordshire. Will the Cabinet Member meet with Mr Dan Knowles, CEO of Oxfordshire Mind, and me regarding funding this scheme of prevention, ensuring better mental health for young people in this county in years to come?”

Answer

“Thank you for your question. I will answer it in two parts, firstly the request to meet and discuss specific funding with local representatives of MIND – an organisation which is well respected locally, and which I strongly support – and secondly, I will provide some background information about the Council’s wide role in mental health promotion.

So first the governance issues. I understand that Cllr Johnson’s intentions are good, but I think it would be improper for me to proceed as she requests. There are several thousand charities in Oxfordshire, many of which regularly

put forward proposals for sensible projects across the range of Council functions. We invest considerable sums in our local voluntary services, including Oxfordshire MIND, but we commit these funds through proper business processes which ensure that competition is fair, and much of our officer's time is spent in ensuring that these processes are handled within the Council's strict and proper regulations. We receive many proposals and many requests for funding each week, and it is important that these are dealt with in an even-handed manner – hence our governance arrangements. I would propose therefore that this proposal is put to our officers in the same way as proposals are from other organisations and it can receive due consideration through that route and, come to me or to Cabinet for decisions at the proper time.

I would however underline the fact that the Voluntary Sector is highly valued by the Council and I understand that my Cabinet colleague Cllr Gray has recently met with leaders of Oxfordshire's larger Voluntary Sector Organisations (including Oxfordshire MIND), with the Council's most senior officers, to review how that relationship can be strengthened going forward.

We need to spend every penny with care and that means that we follow the established processes for considering bids from any quarter.

With regard to mental health promotion, the Council has a wide range of services already in place. We aim to promote mental wellbeing as part and parcel of wider services so that mental and physical health are dealt with as a whole. Much of the time for example of our successful School Health Nursing service is spent on promoting mental health in precisely the young people you refer to. Also, our Health Visiting, Sexual Health and drug and alcohol services, all aim to promote mental as well as physical health. Similarly, mental health is promoted by exercise, diet and keeping fit, and our work on promoting physical exercise is also part and parcel of our drive to improve mental wellbeing. We also coordinate our prevention services with the NHS whose duty is to treat mental ill health when symptoms begin to show – again, Cllr Johnson will be aware that the NHS has recently strengthened its services in schools aiming at the vulnerable group of young people she mentions, and of course our school health nurses work hand in hand with these services as indeed they do with schools' own mental health counsellors.

Mental health is notoriously difficult to measure, but several indirect measures point to successful mental health promotion in Oxfordshire – teenage pregnancy rates are low and falling, exercise rates are high and addiction services show good results. Young people themselves are increasingly willing to come forward for help, and demand for help in schools and in NHS services attests to this. This is not to say that there are not challenges ahead and we are all well aware of the stresses modern life puts on young people. This is a problem for all of us to address – parents, schools, the NHS, the Council, and not least, young people themselves. We are well sighted on these issues – they were featured last year's annual report by our Director of Public Health - and we have good services in place. We are moving forward and will continue to do so and these challenges will require everyone to play their part.”

Agenda Item 5

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The Leader of the Council has agreed the following requests to address the meeting:-

Item	Speaker
Item 6 – Financial Monitoring and Business Delivery Report	<p>Councillor Helen Evans, Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance (5mins)</p> <p>Councillor Jamila Begum Azad, local councillor for St Clements & Cowley Marsh (5 mins)</p>
Item 8 – City Centre Improvements and Experimental Queen Street Closure	<p>John Paine Secretary, Oxfordshire NPC Group (3 mins) Phil Southall (3 mins)</p> <p>Graham Jones, ROX and the Oxford High Street Association (3 mins) Sara Fuge, Westgate Oxford Alliance (3 mins)</p> <p>Dan Levy, Cyclox (3 mins) Councillor Sajjad Malik (3 mins)</p> <p>Martin Sutton, Stagecoach at Oxfordshire (3 mins) Sajad Khan, (3 mins)</p> <p>Councillor Paul Buckley, local councillor for Wolvercote & Summertown (5 mins) Councillor John Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment (5 mins)</p>
Item 9 - The Future of Chiltern Edge School	<p>David Bullivant (3 mins) Clare Bentata (3 mins)</p> <p>Christine Atkinson (3 mins) Moira Green, Headteacher at Chiltern Edge (3 mins)</p> <p>Councillor Liz Brighouse, Opposition Leader (5 mins)</p>
Item 10 – Transition Fund	<p>Councillor John Sanders, local councillor for Cowley (5 mins)</p>
Item 11 – Minerals and Waste Local Plan	<p>Councillor Adrian Lloyd, Wallingford Town Council (3 mins) Councillor Lynda Atkins, local councillor for Wallingford (5 mins)</p> <p>Councillor John Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment (5 mins)</p>
Item 12 – East West Rail Western	<p>Becky Crockett, South Oxfordshire District</p>

Section Phase 2 – Public Consultation	Committee of the Campaign to Protect Rural England Oxfordshire Branch (3 mins) Councillor Bob Johnston, local councillor for Kennington & Radley (5 mins) Councillor Paul Buckley, local councillor for Wolvercote & Summertown (5 mins)
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Agenda Item 12

Cabinet 18 July 2017 – East West Rail

Addendum of detailed comments on Consultation proposals

Subject Area	Comment / Issue / Concern	Proposed Action/Outcome
Transport Assessment		
Overall	<p>TA not complete and information, e.g. annexes outlining detail, missing.</p> <p>The TA currently does not include any mitigation proposals.</p> <p>Existing baseline conditions have not been set out.</p> <p>Other omitted information includes trip distribution methodology, construction routes, trip generation at stations and Highway impact assessments</p>	<p>Work to be completed by EWR Alliance to update and finalize the TA</p> <p>Will need to be reviewed and agreed with OCC and Bucks County Council as the principal Highway Authorities prior to T&WA submission</p>
Limitations and Assumptions	<p>TA does not take into account combined HS2 impacts</p> <p>Future passenger growth scenarios need reviewing</p> <p>Assessment of operational impacts needs to be updated and agreed</p> <p>Assumption of travel to the stations, including mode share, needs to be reviewed and agreed</p> <p>Strategic context, e.g. Bicester Area Strategy from LTP4, needs to be updated</p>	<p>Stated that HS2 impacts will be picked up in final TA</p> <p>OCC to feed in latest growth projections and ensure these are reflected in final Transport Assessment</p> <p>Rail industry modelling assumptions also need to be checked and updated by EWR Alliance</p> <p>The final ES will need to consider the traffic benefits of modal shift to rail</p>
Approach and Methodology	<p>Baseline Conditions not developed</p> <p>Level Crossings only assessed within the Study Area – <i>impacts</i> on London Road Level Crossing in Bicester needs to be included in scope</p> <p>HGV / Haul Routes are still subject to final agreement</p>	<p>Essential that impacts at LRLC are included, even if works at the crossing are not in scope of this phase</p> <p>EWR Alliance are revising construction and haulage proposals – these will need to be assessed and agreed</p>
Operational Phase Assessment	<p>Needs to be based on updated local plans – especially Cherwell and Aylesbury Vale, to account for greater levels of planned growth</p>	<p>Planning Authority to feed in latest growth projections and ensure these are reflected in final TA.</p>

Accessibility Assessment	We do not have Rights of Way Appendices	The whole section on RoW in the TA needs to be updated and checked
Construction Phase Assessment	The list of junctions assessed is not comprehensive and construction routes are not yet agreed. Some information has been supplied about temporary road closures, but there is insufficient information for us to comment on acceptability. Cannot agree list of junctions until we have a complete picture	EWR Alliance is updating construction/haulage approach, which we will need to review/agree (including junctions to be assessed) prior to T&WA Order submission
Cultural Heritage		
Overall	A number of detailed issues within the assessments, including methodology, which have yet to be addressed.	New Alliance consultant taking over and reassessing and updating the work so far - this will give an opportunity to address any omissions
Rights of Way		
Access to the Network and Crossings	An accommodation bridge is proposed to replace the existing Manor Farm level crossing. Consideration should be given to providing a public footpath across this structure. This would enable people with mobility issues that are not able to use the stepped overbridge at Grange Farm to access the public rights of way network north of the railway. This would provide a great benefit to the community and mitigate the impact of losing the three level crossings which will be replaced with the one stepped footbridge	Proposal to be submitted to Network Rail for consideration as part of our consultation response
Rights of Way Alignment	Plan 133735_2A-EWR-OXD-108600-DR-T-001004 shows a new path being created between F/2A/9 and F/2A/10. There is currently an outline planning application with Cherwell District Council for a residential development on this site. As this will bring about changes it is important that the alignment of the new footpath in the	Proposed for the limits of deviation within the TWAO to be increased in this area to allow for an adjustment of the route

	<p>TWAO corresponds to the proposals within the application. If the new footpath that is created by the TWAO cannot be accommodated on the given alignment within the new development it would subsequently have to be diverted at extra expense.</p> <p>Plan 133735_2A-EWR-OXD-108600-DR-T-001004 shows footpath 272/9/20 being temporarily diverted into the school field and around the Launton Sports and Social Club. The section around the Club could be a permanent diversion as it is currently obstructed by the club. This would be a benefit to the existing rights of way network</p>	<p>Proposal to be submitted to Network Rail for consideration as part of our consultation response</p>
General Comments		
	<p>The ES says that the sensitivity of receptors has not yet been established, so the significance of impacts has not been assessed.</p>	<p>OCC to input into this process in liaison with Network Rail</p>

Additional points raised following consultation events at Bicester and Launton:

1. General support for the scheme and the benefits it would bring, especially enhanced connectivity to/from locations currently not accessible by rail, e.g. Milton Keynes.
2. For London Road Level crossing, general acceptance that it would be difficult and expensive to resolve, with efforts welcome to reduce barrier down time in the short term. Proposing a more explicit tie-in for a solution with future phases of East West Rail seen as important.
3. Some concerns about accessibility of rights of way in association with consolidation of crossing points (similar to views outlined above).
4. Detailed points concerning facilities provided associated with new crossing infrastructure – for example pedestrian / cycle facilities across Charbridge Lane and Bicester Road, Launton and equestrian crossing at Station Road, Launton.

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