

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.)

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	None	HLC (A. Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	HLC (A. Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2015 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Agreed and signed.	
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Petition: Mr Adams, submitting a petition in support of Neighbourhood Bus in Kidlington. Public Address Item 6 – Councillor Hards Item 7 – Councillor Gill Sanders Councillor Janet Godden Item 8 – Councillor Gill Sanders Item 9 - Councillor Steve Curran Item 10 – Councillor John Christie Item 11 – Councillor Liz Brighthouse Item 12 – Councillor Laura Price Item 14 – Councillor John Christie Item 15 – Councillor John Christie	

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<p>6. Addressing the Council's Future Challenges</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2015/032 <i>Contact:</i> Claire Phillips, Senior Policy & Performance Officer Tel: (01865) 323967</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to consider the issues set out in this paper and consider any changes to our financial and corporate strategy that are required at this time.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>C. Exec (C. Phillips)</p>
<p>7. The Council's Response to the Findings of the Serious Case Review for Children A-F and Further Action Taken in Response to Child Sexual Exploitation in Oxfordshire</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2015/017 <i>Contact:</i> Hannah Farncombe, Safeguarding Manager Tel: (01865) 815273</p> <p>The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's response to the findings of the Serious Case Review into Children A-F, published in March 2015; and the further actions in progress.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p> <p>On the statement from Performance Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet noted the comments made, recognised the key roles of the Corporate Parenting Panel and scrutiny but did not accept the recommendation that the Need to Know report be shared more widely than with the Lead Member in order to provide that member with support.</p>	<p>CEF (H. Farncombe)</p>
<p>8. Support for Children Looked After and Leaving Care into Employment, Education & Training</p>		

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<p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2015/012 <i>Contact:</i> Tan Lea, Early Intervention Manager (Central) Tel: (01865) 815902</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the strategy</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>CEF (T. Lea)</p>
<p>9. Supported Transport Programme Public Consultation - Transport Hub & Subsidised Bus Services</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/161 <i>Contact:</i> Josephine Elliott, Programme Manager (Supported Transport) Tel: 07920 084242</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) Note progress with making efficiencies through the introduction of the 'Transport Hub', and plans to make further such efficiencies; and</p> <p>(b) Grant permission to consult on the proposals outlined in the paper.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed with an additional recommendation to consider a further consultation option to remove all bus subsidies within the County subject to meeting the Council's statutory duty.</p>	<p>DEE (J. Elliott/A. Bailey)</p>
<p>10. Provision of HR and Finance Services by Hampshire County Council</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2015/020 <i>Contact:</i> Graham Shaw, Deputy Director for Environment & Economy – Customer Services Tel: 07939 069084</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the progress made in joining the</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed with the additional provision that a review be</p>	<p>DEE (G. Shaw)</p>

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<p>Hampshire partnership as an operational partner for the provision of back office support services with a confirmed go-live date of 1 July 2015.</p>	<p>held after 6 months with the information also being considered by Performance Scrutiny Committee.</p>	
<p>11. England's Economic Heartland - Tri-Counties Prospectus</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2015/031 <i>Contact:</i> Sue Scane, Director for Environment & Economy Tel: (01865) 816399</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) endorse the engagement and work that has taken place with Oxfordshire/Buckinghamshire/Northamptonshire County Councils and the Local Enterprise Partnerships;</p> <p>(b) agree to the formation of a Strategic Leaders Board comprised of the three County Councils and three Local Enterprise Partnerships with the remit to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i) Take forward the engagement and work in order to develop specific proposals that address the barriers to economic growth</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii) Enter into initial dialogue with the Government in respect of seeking devolution of powers, funding and accountability for functions that support economic growth; and</p> <p>(c) agree that a further report be submitted to Cabinet and Local Enterprise Partnership Boards once this further work has been undertaken.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DEE</p>

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<p>12. Help to Live at Home - Home Care Business Case</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2015/017</i> <i>Contact: Shaun Bennett, Commercial Services/Market Development Manager</i> <i>Tel: 07917 211068</i></p> <p>It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet agrees the proposed Oxfordshire model for home care.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DASS (S. Bennett)</p>
<p>13. Section 75 Agreement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2015/004</i> <i>Contact: Benedict Leigh – Strategic Commissioner – Adults Tel: (01865) 323548</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) approve the proposed changes to the pooled budget arrangements with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, including changes to the Section 75 Agreement for All Client Groups (as set out in Annex 1) to reflect this, subject to the inclusion of any necessary changes in the text as agreed by the Director OF Adult Social Services after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p> <p>(b) approve the permanent virement of £0.657m into the Physical Disability Pool in respect of physical disability client contribution budgets as discussed by the physical disability JMG</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DASS (B. Leigh)</p>

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<p>(c) RECOMMEND to County Council the permanent virement of £5.481m into the Learning Disability Pool in respect of learning disability client contribution budgets as discussed by the learning disability JMG; and</p> <p>(d) Delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officers of Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to agree and implement technical changes in the accounting treatment for the Better Care Fund.</p> <p>(e) Cabinet is asked to approve a reduction in the contribution to the Older people's pool by £0.53m and a temporary virement of this amount to the Council's Strategic Measures budget.</p>		
<p>14. Equalities - Annual Update</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2015/005 <i>Contact:</i> Alison Finnimore, Senior Policy Officer Tel: (01865) 815214</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree to the new Equality Policy Actions for 2015/16 (Annex 2)</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>C. Exec (A. Finnimore)</p>
<p>15. Staffing Report - Quarter 4 - 2014</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/192 <i>Contact:</i> Sue Corrigan, County HR Manager Tel: (01865) 810280</p>		

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<p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the report; and</p> <p>(b) confirm that the Staffing Report meets the requirements in reporting and managing staffing numbers.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>Chro (S. Corrigan/S. James)</p>
<p>16. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead,</i> <i>Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Cabinet agreed that a further report on addressing the Council's future challenges be submitted to the July Cabinet.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>AB</p>

Question received from the following Members:

1. From Councillor Rooke to Councillor Tilly

'Can the Cabinet member please explain why, given that an increase in births happened and was known about four years ago, there has continued to be an increasing lack of locally situated primary school places available to Reception pupils in the north of Abingdon (a journey to the southern Abingdon schools can take up to an hour in the rush hour), and what is being done to ensure that this problem is resolved to the satisfaction of the effected families this year and not repeated in 2016?'

Answer

"The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that there are enough school places for every Oxfordshire child whose parents request one. I am proud of our record in making sure that the Council always meets this responsibility, a boast that not all Local Authorities can make. The Council also seeks to ensure that as many parents as possible are able to send their children to their preferred schools; this year nearly nine out of ten had their first preference met, that's over 7,000 children placed in their parents' first preference and over 600 more in either their second or third preference. So although 335 more children were allocated their parents' first preference this year, there are some who unfortunately weren't allocated any of their preferred schools, including, I'm sorry to say, some in North Abingdon.

The Council was aware that there had been an increase in live births that would translate into an increased demand for school places in Abingdon, as indeed it has in other areas of the county, and has made sure that there are enough places to accommodate all of them in September. In previous years a number of schools in Abingdon have either admitted 'bulge classes' (Carswell, Dunmore, St.Edmund's & Thameside) or have been permanently expanded (Caldecott) to ensure that there's an overall sufficiency of places. This year, given that births data indicated there would be an exceptional demand for places in 2015, all Abingdon schools, and particularly those in the north of the town, were asked in November to consider whether they would be able to admit a bulge class, either in their existing accommodation or by having a temporary classroom put on site. The schools at that time did not think that the demand they were then experiencing for nursery places supported the prediction that there would be a shortage of reception places when the same cohort reached school age, and no offers to take more children were forthcoming. Early admissions data also suggested that there would be sufficient places, but once the full set of applications data was available it confirmed the shortage of places. At this point both St.Edmund's and Thameside schools were approached as they were known to have sufficient accommodation to admit a 'bulge class'; Thameside's head teacher was able to agree this in time for the extra 30 places to be available at the time of the first allocation round.

I accept that Thameside is far from ideal in terms of location but it is a good school and having volunteered to accommodate the additional children promises to give them the warmest of welcomes. As the school is over the statutory walking distance of 2 miles for children aged up to 8 years the Council will provide free transport from home to school each day, making a miniscule addition to the cross-town traffic and obviating the need for parents to make a daily journey.

This year has been pretty exceptional in North Abingdon and the live births data for next and subsequent years show that overall demand north and south of the river is likely to much more closely match the numbers of children needing school places. The issue of some schools being more popular than others does mean that there may still be some families in North Abingdon who won't be able to secure a place at their catchment school and this is particularly likely to be the case with Rush Common Academy. "

2. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Nimmo Smith

"How many traffic incident (accidents) involving a] pedestrians b]cyclists and c] vehicles have been recorded at the Frideswide Square redevelopment between the start of the roadworks and 16th May?"

Answer

"There have been 3 accidents – one involving a pedestrian and two involving cyclists. They all resulted in slight injury.

However it has been noted that whilst drivers are asked not to overtake cycles in the narrow areas there is evidence that cyclists are "undertaking" cars which could lead to accidents."

Supplementary: Councillor Howson queried whether in view of the response Councillor Nimmo Smith was suggesting that cyclists should wait in line rather than moving to the head of the queue. Councillor Nimmo Smith replied that it was a judgement for cyclists to make and they should do whatever they see as safest.