

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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CABINET - TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2016

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies for Absence	Councillor Hilary Hibbert Biles	CLO (A. Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	CLO (A. Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Agreed and signed.	SW
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Item 6 – Councillor Nick Hards Item 7– Councillor Gill Sanders Item 8 - Councillor Glynis Phillips Item 9 - Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Chairman Item 10 – Councillor John Howson, Councillor Gill Sanders	
6. 2016/17 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report - August 2016 <i>Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2016/048 Contact: Katy Jurczynszyn, Strategic Finance Manager (Finance, Strategy & Monitoring) Tel: (01865) 323975</i>		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendations agreed together	CFO (K.)

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<p>(a) note the report;</p> <p>(b) approve the virement requests set out in Annex 2a;</p> <p>(c) approve the supplementary estimates as set out in paragraphs 41 and 42;</p> <p>(d) approve the request for funding from the Efficiency Reserve as set out in paragraph 57;</p> <p>(e) note the Treasury Management lending list at Annex 3;</p> <p>(f) approve the updated Capital Programme at Annex 8 and the associated changes to the programme in Annex 7c;</p> <p>(g) approve an additional £2.1m in the budget provision for the Westgate Library project.</p> <p>(h) approve the inclusion into the Capital Programme of the new primary school for Southam Road, Banbury; and</p> <p>(i) to approve the new charge as set out in Annex 9.</p>	<p>with the following additional recommendation set out in the addenda:</p> <p>Cabinet is recommended to approve the 2017/18 Fees and Charges for the Registration Service.</p>	Jurczysyn)
<p>7. The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) Annual Report/The Performance, Audit & Quality Assurance Annual Report and The Case Review & Governance Annual Report</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families</p> <p><i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2016/100</p> <p><i>Contact:</i> Tan Lea, Strategic Safeguarding Partnerships Manager Tel: 07867 923287</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the reports.</p>	Noted.	DCS (T. Lea)
<p>8. Director of Public Health Annual Report</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Public Health</p>		

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<p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2016/046</i> <i>Contact: Alan Rouse, Business & Planning Manager Tel: (01865) 328603</i></p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to RECOMMEND Council to receive the report and note its recommendations.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p> <p>On the suggestion of the Leader of the Council it was agreed that the Director of Public Health present the Annual Report to the next Oxfordshire Growth Board.</p>	<p>DPH (A. Rouse)</p> <p>DPH DEE (P. Staines (Growth Board Lead))</p>
<p>9. Business Management & Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 - 2016/17</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2016/049</i> <i>Contact: Ian Dyson, Assistant Chief Finance Officer (Assurance) Tel: (01865) 323875</i></p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note and discuss the performance reported in the dashboards.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>CFO (I. Dyson)</p>
<p>10. Request from Education Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to consider the request from the Education Scrutiny Committee and to determine any action to be taken.</p>	<p>Councillor Tilley and Councillor Hudspeth agreed to write to the Secretary of State as requested.</p>	<p>DCS (R. Leach) Cllr Tilley/Cllr Hudspeth</p>
<p>11. Delegated Powers - October 2016</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2016/050</i> <i>Contact: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213</i></p> <p>To report on a quarterly basis any executive decisions taken under the specific powers and functions delegated</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>SW</p>

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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 call in.		
<p>12. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead,</i> <i>Committee Services Manager (07393 001213)</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	Noted.	SW/AB

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Members:

1. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Tilley

“Will the Cabinet member please confirm that any rural primary school in Oxfordshire that meets the definition of such a school in the 2006 Education and Inspection Act on becoming an academy of any description would no longer have the protection provided by the Act regarding the procedure to be adopted should closure be contemplated? As an academy the school can be closed by no more than a phone call from the trustees to the Education Funding Agency. This means many rural primary schools in Oxfordshire have already lost this safeguard.”

Answer

“The current statutory guidance which includes a “*...presumption against the closure of rural schools.*” requires that consideration is given to a number of factors before proceeding. Such consideration is only required to be given in the case of “*maintained*” schools and , by implication not in the case of academies.

However, any significant proposals for amalgamation or merger with another academy can only be determined through what is known as the full business case route to the Education Funding Agency and will involve consultation with the local authority. Officers would expect a proposal to close an academy to follow a similar route and are aware of at least one other proposal nationally that has done so. However, there is no specific reference to rural primary schools anywhere in this or other academy regulation documentation that officers are aware of.”

Supplementary: Councillor Howson queried whether if a Multi Academy Trust moved to a hub model the home to school transport costs would fall onto the County Council. It was agreed that officers clarify the position which would depend on the regulations and let Councillor Howson have a response.

2. From Councillor Tanner to Councillor Nimmo Smith

‘The white lines and signs on the roads on my division are becoming more and more faded and increasingly difficult to discern. This is creating a dangerous situation for motorised traffic, cyclists and pedestrians, not least at the wide junction of Iffley Turn, Iffley Road and Henley Avenue where there are no traffic islands. Could the Cabinet member tell me when those white lines and signs will be repainted?’

Answer

“I am sure all Members are aware that there has been a deterioration in the maintenance of signs and lines in many parts of the County in recent years as we have had to prioritise where limited resources are directed. Officers do try to focus funds on locations where the lack of lining can particularly impact on safety or traffic flow, and on that basis the junction mentioned would not have a high priority. However I can inform Cllr Tanner that the junction is on the list being compiled for re-marking in 2017.”

Supplementary: Councillor Tanner asked whether Councillor Nimmo Smith would agree that given the issues faced not just in Councillor Tanner’s Division but across the County that either the balance of spending was wrong, more money was needed from central government or needed to be raised locally. Councillor Nimmo Smith replied that there was always a balance to

be found in how money was apportioned and currently they did the best they could with the funding available.