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### **CABINET - TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021**

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<b>1. Apologies for Absence</b>	Councillors Mark Gray and Steve Harrod	DLG (A Newman)
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>  - guidance note opposite	None.	DLG (A Newman)
<b>3. Minutes</b>  To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2021 ( <b>CA3</b> ) and to receive information arising from them.	Agreed.	
<b>4. Questions from County Councillors</b>	See attached annex.	
<b>5. Petitions and Public Address</b>	Item 6 – Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Councillor Glynis Phillips  Item 7– Councillor Glynis Phillips  Item 8 – Councillor John Sanders  Item 9 - Councillor John Sanders  Item 12 – Councillor John Sanders  Item 13 - Councillor John Sanders	

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<p><b>6. Business Management &amp; Monitoring Report - January 2021</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/ <i>Contact:</i> Louise Tustian, Head of Insight &amp; Corporate Programmes Tel: 07741 607452/Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) To note this month's business management and monitoring report.</p> <p>(b) Approve virement set out in Annex C-2b relating to the planned use of the Public Health Savings to fund appropriate expenditure in other services, and the virement from the COVID-19 Budget to the services for the period November 2020 to March 2021;</p> <p>(c) Note the virements set out in Annex C-2c;</p> <p>(d) Approve the bad debt write-offs set out in Annex C.</p> <p>(e) Approve the 2021/22 Charges set out in paragraph 33 and Annex C-6</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CDCOD (L. Tustian)/ DF (H. Doney)</p>
<p><b>7. Capital Programme Monitoring Report - January 2021</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/139 <i>Contact:</i> Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) Note the latest capital monitoring position for 2020/21 in Annex 1; and</p> <p>(b) Note the latest forecast for additional costs to the Capital Programme associated with COVID-19 of £2.7m.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>DF (H. Doney)</p>

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<p><b>8. Oxford Zero Emission Zone Pilot Formal Consultation</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/173 <i>Contact:</i> Stewart Wilson, Senior Transport Planner Tel: 07801 740354</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) note the content of the report and outcomes of the recent public consultation on the Oxford Zero Emission Zone Pilot; and</p> <p>(b) approve the final Zero Emission Zone Pilot scheme at Annex 6 and authorise the scheme to be implemented.</p>	Recommendations agreed.	CDC (S. Wilson)
<p><b>9. Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/157 <i>Contact:</i> Paul Fermer, Assistant Director Communities Operations Tel: 07825 273984/Llewelyn Morgan, Head of iiHub Tel: 07881 268208</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to ADOPT the recommended policies and key actions for the Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy (2020-2025).</p>	Recommendation agreed.	CDC (L. Morgan/P. Fermer)
<p><b>10. Tenant Fees Act 2019 (and Associated Legislation) - Financial Penalty Enforcement Policy</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/005 <i>Contact:</i> Jody Kerman, Head of Trading</p>		

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<p>Standards Tel: 07909 905514</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve a new mechanism for the Trading Standards Service to take action against property agents for breaches of relevant housing legislation by means of civil financial penalties, as outlined in the supporting Enforcement Policy (adopted from the model implemented nationally by the National Trading Standards Estate and Lettings Agency Team).</p>	Recommendation agreed.	CFO (J. Kerman)
<p><b>11. Statement of Intent A Commitment to Environmental Resilience and Renewal</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/032 <i>Contact:</i> Rachel Wileman, Assistant Director Strategic Infrastructure &amp; Planning Tel: 07554 103691</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) Acknowledge the breadth of County Council partnership activity for climate action, environmental resilience and renewal in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>(b) Support the establishment of an Environment Advisory Group of the Oxfordshire Growth Board and its Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 1, subject to the outcome of the meeting of the Growth Board on 22 March.</p> <p>(c) Endorse the shared principles for protecting, restoring and enhancing the environment in the Oxford to Cambridge Arc, as set out at Appendix 2.</p> <p>(d) Support the development of an Arc Environment Strategy which will</p>	Recommendations agreed.	CDC/CDEP (R. Wileman)

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<p>provide for how the principles can be delivered and delegate authority to the Corporate Director Environment and Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to take this forward.</p> <p>(e) Note progress concerning the development of a Local Nature Partnership for Oxfordshire.</p>		
<p><b>12. England's Economic Heartland Final Transport Strategy</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/031  <i>Contact:</i> John Disley, Infrastructure Strategy &amp; Policy Manager Tel: 07767 006742</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed as amended in bold and strike through and set out in full below:</p> <p>(a) <del>To approve England's Economic Heartland (EEH) Transport Strategy</del>  <b>Cabinet endorses the England's Economic Heartland (EEH) Transport Strategy in broad terms but is concerned to note that the previous consultation response "...that there should be greater recognition in the strategy of the need for cross boundary working with surrounding sub-national transport bodies on connectivity and scheme proposals that have impacts across both areas,"</b> appears to have been ignored.</p> <p>(b) To continue our representation on the EEH Board and Strategic Transport Forum (STF) to ensure alignment with our emerging Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP).</p>	<p>CDC (J. Disley)</p>
<p><b>13. Objection to West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/029  <i>Contact:</i> Kevin Broughton, MWLP Manager Tel: 07979 704458</p>		

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<p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) endorse the officer response to the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation (Reg 19 Submission) and the Statement of Common Ground (appended).</p> <p>(b) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Environment and Place in conjunction with the Cabinet member for Environment, to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. seek to overcome and where possible withdraw the objections set out in the appended Officer response through duty to co-operate discussion with West Berkshire Council; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. approve the Statement of Common Ground with West Berkshire.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CDEP (K. Broughton)</p>
<p><b>14. Forward Plan and Future Business</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>SW/AB</p>

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**ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Questions	Answers
<p><b>1. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</b></p> <p>Will the cabinet member for Highways Delivery urgently liaise with Oxfordshire County Council drainage officers and the relevant Cherwell District Council officer who are currently working on engineering plans to divert the current water stream in Mold Crescent onto The Fairway Road. Not only is it causing extensive damage (potholes) to the public highway, there are also public safety concerns.</p> <p>I understand that it's down to Thames Water to arrange to pipe water into the storm water system. The works urgently needs a timeframe to be moved forwards, as resident's concerns are increasing as the situation has been running for nearly 40 years.</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR EDDIE REEVES, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY &amp; OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>Originally CDC had approached OCC to ask if this ground water runoff could be diverted into the highway drainage carrier pipes. As OCC felt the carrier pipes had insufficient capacity to take additional volume (to what ran off the highway) it was suggested an alternative solution was found. Over time, it became apparent OCC and CDC needed to assist each other in this investigation as OCC had equipment resources to aid CDC and were increasingly becoming aware of the damage to the highway, having to revisit a number of times to undertake safety defect repairs.</p> <p>The CDC officer has now been able to obtain permission from Thames Water to discharge this ground water into a convenient surface water sewer, as this is clearly an issue for the riparian owner, in this case Banbury Town Council (BTC), as the water exits the park adjacent to the highway, OCC feel the implementation of any scheme will require a decision and funding from Banbury Town Council, OCC contractors, Skanska, have estimated the scheme may cost about £5,000 but any design submitted by the Town Council would require a full estimate if needed.</p> <p>For information, as a result of significant water run off onto the highway over time, OCC will also need to instigate a road repair (when the road is dry) to</p>



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	<p>ensure safety, which will involve a road closure. This is potentially up to a three month process, with the provisional estimate of the repairs to the road being a £20,000 cost to OCC</p> <p>I understand that an officer (BTC) will be taking a paper to the next BTC committee (on 23<sup>rd</sup> March) for approval of the funding (£5k), OCC officers will be informed the following day. Once the funding has been approved the work can be programmed.</p>
<p><b>2. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</b></p> <p>When was the weight limit on Leckford Road in my Division of 7.5 tonnes last enforced?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR EDDIE REEVES, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY &amp; OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>No active enforcement of the this weight restriction has been conducted by Oxfordshire County Council. However, the Police can equally enforce weight restriction breaches and may have done so.</p> <p>Although this is a non-statutory function, the County Council maintains some capacity to enforce weight restriction breaches and this is undertaken by the Trading Standards Service. One key factor in directing where this finite resource should be focused, is the number of public reports of possible breaches being received in an area.</p> <p>The Trading Standards Service has not received any public reports via their online reporting tool regarding Leckford Road.</p> <p>I would encourage anybody who has observed a potential weight restriction breach to report the matter to Trading Standards via our public website. Of course, most weight restriction areas will allow HGVs to access the area for collections and deliveries, within the area itself.</p> <p>Below is a link to the relevant page of our website: <a href="https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/weight-restriction-enforcement">https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/weight-restriction-enforcement</a></p>



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<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY</b></p> <p>Councillor Howson thanked the Cabinet Member for the response which he had passed to the relevant resident's association. Councillor Howson queried whether the Cabinet Member would be able to provide a similarly positive answer to the residents of my Division about the rising bollards on Aristotle Lane that are still not working despite assurances that they would be replaced and fully functional by now.</p>	<p>Councillor Reeves indicated that if Councillor Howson would provide him with the relevant correspondence he would be happy to look into it for him.</p>
<p><b>3. COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER</b></p> <p>How many new houses does EEH envisage across the area by 2050?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (inc. TRANSPORT)</b></p> <p>Part of this answer has been sourced from the July 2020 EEH publication <a href="#"><i>Heartland in Context</i></a> which takes its data from the EEH Databank. More information can be found at the following <a href="#">link</a>, in particular document page 33 entitled <i>Housing</i></p> <p>“The majority of current Local Plans of the 37 planning authorities in the Heartland cover a period from the early 2010s to the early 2030s. Together, the current plans will deliver a total 535,000 new dwellings, increasing the region’s existing housing stock by around 25%. Local Plan growth equates to 27,822 new homes per year. If this level of planned growth was to continue until 2050, an additional 862,000 new homes would be delivered over the next 30 years.”</p> <p>It is important to note that those forecasts beyond the 2030s will be the subject of the OxCam Arc Spatial Framework, which the government very <a href="#">recently announced</a> will be a statutory planning framework for the Oxfordshire to Cambridgeshire region. The <a href="#">policy paper</a> accompanying the announcement confirms MHCLG will be leading this piece of work and is planned to take</p>



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	place from Spring 2021 until end 2022/early 2023.
<p><b>4. COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER</b></p> <p>How many NEW roads will be built under EEH plans? NEW roads and NOT improvements to existing ones, such as the A34</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (inc. TRANSPORT)</b></p> <p>The EEH Transport Strategy proposes to develop an infrastructure Investment Pipeline. The strategy goes onto illustrating some initial proposals, which are summarised on a map <a href="#">on pages 70 - 71</a>. Most of these proposals are improvements to existing roads but we will ask EEH if they can confirm to us which of these projects would include new sections of road.</p> <p>The strategy has identified the benefits of considering strategic large-scale infrastructure at a regional scale and has committed to delivering a programme of Connectivity Studies to look at areas in detail and develop packaged proposals. Local Authorities have been invited to participate in the Steering groups for these studies and we can confirm that an Oxfordshire County Council officer representative will be involved in this group.</p> <p>The first two of these studies will be commencing in April 2021, for a period of one year, and will be looking at the Oxford – Milton Keynes corridor and the Peterborough – Northampton – Oxford corridor. The studies will look holistically at the interconnections between these major economic hubs and also along the routes and will consider how both transport and digital connectivity could be improved.</p>