

COUNTY COUNCIL – 12 JULY 2016

REPORT OF THE CABINET

1. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 3
(Cabinet, 19 April 2016)

Cabinet noted a report that provided details of performance for quarter three. The report is required so that Cabinet can monitor the performance of the Council in key service areas and be assured that progress is being made to improve areas where performance is below the expected level.

2. Staffing Report, Quarter 4 2015/16
(Cabinet, 24 May 2016)

Cabinet agreed a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2016.

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

3. Section 75 Agreement - Update
(Cabinet, 24 May 2016)

Cabinet considered and approved a continuation of and variations to the legal agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 that governs the existing formal joint working arrangements and pooled budgets between Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Oxfordshire County Council from April 2016 onwards.

4. Care Home Fees 2016
(Cabinet 15 March 2016)

The services that care homes provide within Oxfordshire play an important role in helping to meet the needs of vulnerable adults. Oxfordshire County Council makes a significant investment in care home services on an annual basis and it is the largest single purchaser within the County.

Cabinet considered a report that described the process the Council had undertaken to review the amount it pays for care homes and gave agreement to the Target Banding Rates to be applied for 2016-17.

Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families

5. Support for Continuing Delivery of Early Intervention Services (Future Arrangements for Children's Social Care)

(Cabinet, 24 May 2016)

The County Council budget for 2016/17 made a number of significant financial changes to the Children, Education and Families Directorate. Included in this was the decision to amend the original proposal to remove £2 million from the Early Intervention/Children's Centres budget lines (known as CEF 12). How the retained £2 million is to be targeted requires further clarity.

Cabinet had before them a report that set out proposals to spend the £2 million in direct response to issues raised by the public consultation, namely concerns around the loss of preventative support and the accessibility of the new service.

Cabinet agreed: to develop eight outreach centres and two shared locality bases, in addition to eight Children and Family Centres; that the Locality and Community Support Service is expanded to enhance its preventative elements and enable it to support universal provision within the eight outreach centres, and other centres that remain open through community support; that the Family Support Service is enhanced, enabling the delivery of casework and evidence based group programmes from the eight outreach centres; and to ask officers to commence a staff consultation on the staffing structure for the new Service.

Cabinet Member: Environment

6. Oxfordshire Together

(Cabinet, 19 April 2016)

Cabinet considered and agreed a report seeking an update to the existing resolution that forms part of the Local Agency Agreements (Section 101 under the Local Government Act 1972).

7. Street Lighting Contract and Interim Policy

(Cabinet, 19 April 2016)

Cabinet had before them a report that set out a proposed emergency interim arrangement for the Street Lighting Service (Maintenance) as the result of early termination of the existing contract at a break point within the contract.

Cabinet approved the proposed policy change and contracted level of service in relation to the street lighting maintenance service; and noted the proposed use of the short term call off from the Crown Commercial Service Contract.

8. Investing in the A40 – A Long Term Strategy

(Cabinet, 24 May 2016)

Cabinet considered a progress update on the A40 long term strategy following the completion of public consultation in Autumn 2016. The report outlined the consultation responses received as well as other considerations in order to facilitate a wider discussion on future ambitions for tackling the congestion issues on the A40. Cabinet agreed the approach for the direction for a long-term strategy for the A40.

9. Supported Transport Update

(Cabinet, 24 May 2016)

On 10 November 2015, Cabinet considered the results of the public consultation on the future of Subsidised Bus Services and agreed to the full withdrawal of subsidised bus subsidies, subject to full council's approval, which was given in February 2016.

Cabinet had before them a report providing an update on the steps that have been taken to minimise the impact of the withdrawal and asks permission to launch an innovative pilot using the council's fleet during downtime to help those without access to alternative transport.

Cabinet approved the launch of the pilot; and noted the results of the independent report on usage data.

10. Proposed Fees for the Supply of Traffic Accident Data

(Cabinet, 24 May 2016)

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for a schedule of fees for the supply of traffic accident data and agreed to recommend its use to full Council.

N.B. This matter is included on the full Council agenda for consideration.

Cabinet Member: Finance

11. 2015/16 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Report

(Cabinet, 19 April 2016)

Cabinet considered the penultimate report in a series for the 2015/16 financial year. The final directorate variations will be set out in the Provisional Outturn Report to Cabinet in June 2016.

Cabinet noted the Treasury Management lending list; approved the transfer of £0.2m to the Efficiency Reserve and noted the changes to the Capital Programme.

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