

COUNTY COUNCIL – 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care

1. Section 75 Agreement - Update 2017

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

Under Section 75 of the National Health Services Act 2006, the Council has an existing and long-standing agreement with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, to pool resources and deliver shared objectives. In order to build on this shared work Cabinet considered a report proposing two pooled budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19, bringing resources together to make a real difference to the people of Oxfordshire and to meet the national Better Care Fund requirements:

a) A pool for Adults with Care and Support Needs that would bring together the previous mental health and learning disability pools together with resources that support people living with acquired brain injury and autism.

b) A Better Care Fund pool that would bring together elements of the former Older People's and Physical Disability Pooled Budgets. This will be structured around three key elements – care homes, community resilience and hospital avoidance, prevention and carer support.

Cabinet approved the outline proposed pooled budget arrangements with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, including the creation of the two pooled budgets for Adults with Care and Support Needs and for the Better Care Fund.

Cabinet Member: Environment

2. City Centre Transport Improvements and Experimental Queen Street Closure

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

Cabinet had before them a report summarising the results of the formal public consultation on the proposed experimental Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit buses, taxis and private hire vehicles from Queen Street, Oxford and amendments to permanent Traffic Regulation Orders on the surrounding network and other associated proposals. The report sought approval on moving the project forward to achieve the desired delivery date of October 2017 to coincide with the opening of the re-developed Westgate.

Cabinet approved the proposal for an experimental TRO restricting bus, taxi and private hire access to Queen Street as advertised, subject to approval by the Secretary of State for Transport and other associated proposals. Cabinet instructed officers to develop a monitoring framework for the experimental

closure of Queen Street and to continue to develop options for city centre bus routeing.

3. Minerals and Waste Local Plan, Part 1 (Core Strategy)

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

The County Council has a statutory duty to prepare a new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, to provide an effective planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and management of waste in the county, consistent with environmental, social and economic needs, to replace the existing Minerals and Waste Local Plan which was adopted in 1996. Following an extensive statutory process Cabinet considered a report on the outcomes and agreed to RECOMMEND to Council to adopt the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy.

N.B. The report is included elsewhere on the Council agenda.

4. East West Rail Western Section Phase 2: Public Consultation

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

East West Rail is a strategic national rail infrastructure proposal to reopen and upgrade the rail corridor connecting Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge, extending on to Ipswich and Norwich. It is split into three distinct sections covering Oxford to Bedford and Milton Keynes to Princes Risborough (Western); Bedford to Cambridge (Central) and Cambridge to Norwich and Ipswich (Eastern). The report considered by Cabinet was primarily concerned with the Western Section, which included the EWR route in Oxfordshire and it set out the proposed Oxfordshire County Council response to the Network Rail consultation on the proposals. The report also covered the proposed status and approach to the London Road Level Crossing, which while not within the scope of this stage of the project was closely linked to the future development of East West Rail.

Cabinet reconfirmed the Council's strong support for the East West Rail scheme set out in the consultation proposals, as a strategic investment priority and agreed the response to be submitted to the consultation.

Cabinet Member: Finance

5. 2017/18 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report - May 2017

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

The report was the first in a series of financial monitoring reports for 2017/18 and focused on the delivery of the 2017/18 budget based on projections at the end of May 2017. Part 1 set out the projections for revenue; part 2 included the forecast position for reserves and balances and part 3 set out the Capital Programme monitoring and update.

Cabinet approved virements, approved the use of £6.3m improved Better Care Fund ring-fenced grant funding with money for: improving flow, market

resilience, strategic review of home support and additional capacity. Cabinet noted the Treasury Management lending list, approved the updated Capital Programme and the associated changes, approved the capital funding for the A4155 Henley Road (Flowing Springs) embankment repair works and delegated authority to officers to contractually commit to the construction of the Faringdon Community College two form entry expansion project.

6. Treasury Management 2016/17 Outturn

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2016/17 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year. Cabinet noted the report and RECOMMENDED Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2016/17.

N.B. The report is included elsewhere on the Council agenda.

Cabinet Member: Local Communities

7. Transition Fund for Community Initiatives for Open Access Children's Services

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

In February 2016 the council agreed to set aside £1m for creating a 'one off' fund to provide pump priming to support open access children's services. It was agreed that a cross party group of county councillors would consider maximum benefit of this fund and bring proposals back to Cabinet for decision.

In considering the third round of bids against the criteria in June Cabinet deferred a number of bids for further investigation. Cabinet considered a report outlining the work undertaken. Cabinet approved the funding for the St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton bid and deferred the decisions until September Cabinet for the following items:

- a. Aspire & The Nature Effect (Florence Park Children's Centre)(Transition Fund bid
- b. Aflah Nursery (Florence Park Children's Centre) (asset transfer request)

Cabinet Member: Public Health & Education

8. The Future of Chiltern Edge School

(Cabinet, 18 July 2017)

Chiltern Edge School had been placed in Special Measures following an Ofsted rating of 'Inadequate' and the Council had undertaken an extensive consultation exercise about the future of Chiltern Edge School in order to inform what action(s) the council should take to ensure that the priority to

ensure that good educational opportunities are available to local families is met.

Cabinet considered a report that summarised the responses received and provided an update on developments since the consultation was launched on the 27 April 2017. Cabinet agreed not to proceed at this time with the publication of a statutory notice proposing the closure of Chiltern Edge School; to commission, an external review of the progress made by October 2017 towards addressing the weaknesses identified by Ofsted and the construction of an in-year balanced budget and to consider a further report at its November meeting.

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September 2017