

## CABINET

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 July 2011 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 4.40 pm

### **Present:**

#### **Voting Members:**

Councillor Keith R. Mitchell CBE – in the Chair  
Councillor David Robertson (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor Arash Fatemian  
Councillor Louise Chapman  
Councillor Jim Couchman  
Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale  
Councillor Kieron Mallon  
Councillor Mrs J. Heathcoat  
Councillor Melinda Tilley  
Councillor Rodney Rose

#### **Other Members in Attendance:**

Councillor Hilary-Biles (Agenda Item 8)  
Councillor Brighthouse (Agenda Item 8)  
Councillor Fooks, (Agenda Items 8 and 14)  
Councillor Purse, (Agenda Items 8, 9 and 10)  
Councillors Hannaby (Agenda Item 8)  
Councillor Patrick, (Agenda Items 8 and 13)  
Councillor Mathew, (Agenda Item 8 and 9)  
Councillor Goddard (Agenda Item 11)  
Councillor Altaf-Khan (Agenda Item 15)

### **Officers:**

#### Whole of meeting

Joanna Simons, Chief Executive  
Sue Whitehead, Chief Executive's Office

#### Part of Meeting Item

Item	Officer
6	Tim Chapple, Corporate Finance
7	Kathy Wilcox, Corporate Finance
8	Alexandra Bailey and Claire Phillips, Performance Review
9	Martin Tugwell, Deputy Director (Growth and Infrastructure); Peter Day, Sustainable Development
10	Martin Tugwell, Deputy Director (Growth and Infrastructure); Peter Day, Sustainable Development
12	Andrew Pau and Mark Watson, Waste Management
13	David Groves, Transport Strategy & Development Control
14	Barbara Chillman, Commissioning, Partnerships & Quality Assurance
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*The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting, and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

#### **84/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Agenda Item. 2)

Councillor Judith Heathcoat declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8 relating to the Big Society Fund by reason of being a member of the Trustees of FAZE (Faringdon) and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

#### **85/11 MINUTES**

(Agenda Item. 3)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2011 were approved and signed.

#### **86/11 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

(Agenda Item. 4)

Councillor John Goddard had given notice of the following question to the Cabinet Member for Transport:

"In view of the surplus in the on-street parking account in respect of Oxford City Residents' Parking Zones, will the Cabinet consider returning some portion of this money to residents who have been over-charged?"

Councillor Rose replied:

No.

Supplementary question: Councillor Goddard asked whether the Cabinet Member felt it was worthwhile to explain to residents why charges that should be cost neutral were not. Councillor Rose replied that this matter had been fully discussed elsewhere and that there was a net loss on the parking account. He added that the majority of yellow line enforcement was within Oxford City. He suggested that the City Council could take the provision on and also commented that having had the loss drawn to his attention he would need to review permit charges.

Councillor Zoe Patrick had given notice of the following question to the Cabinet Member for Transport:

"Is it correct that there is a policy not to spray weeds on pavements and gutters? If so, what is the projected additional cost to the council in having to replace pavements which deteriorate? (For example the new pavement between Stadhampton and Chiselhampton). Will the Cabinet consider adopting a more flexible policy which allows spraying in some areas by agreement with parish and town councils? "

Councillor Rose replied:

"The decision was taken that the £2.3m needed to spray the weeds across the county was not cost effective. The clearing of noxious weeds is still undertaken and we work closely with the Royal Horse Society and assist their volunteers who pull the ragwort by providing bags and collecting waste.

Members will recall that we set up an Area Stewardship Maintenance Fund this year to provide local members with the flexibility to allocate some funds in their Locality to issues that they agree are of importance to the community. If weed spraying is considered to be a priority then Councillors within each locality can consider whether this is something they would wish to fund.

You make particular reference to the new pavement between Stadhampton and Chiselhampton. Before any new surface is laid the area is weed treated which should stop weed growth for at least two years, and is covered by an indemnity. If weed growth returns within this period the work would have to be redone at no cost to the council."

Supplementary question: Councillor Patrick thanked the Cabinet Member for the information about the Stewardship Scheme and queried whether her understanding was correct that if it was applied for the funding would be given. The Cabinet Member replied that the Council was rolling out the scheme. The funding was split into localities and it was for local members to agree how the money was to be spent.

Councillor Jean Fooks had given notice of the following question to the Cabinet Members for Police & Policy Co-ordination and Safer & Stronger Communities:

" In the Big Society report, Agenda item 8, I see that recommendation c 'asks officers to work with community groups to enable them to take over buildings to facilitate continuity of provision as much as possible from 1 September. '

Please could the Cabinet member explain what is meant by this recommendation? There is no reference that I can find in the report to this recommendation, although it is of course something which community groups would welcome. Does it mean that existing youth workers will be able to help community groups to maintain youth provision through August and into September, before new staff are advertised for and taken on by community groups?"

Councillor Heathcoat replied:

Recommendation **(d)** is a reference to the work that has and will go on across the council to make sure that where we are ceasing to provide youth services and a big society solution has been agreed by Cabinet, we will work with community groups to help them, as far as possible, to be up and running by 1 September 2011.

Supplementary question: Councillor Fooks referred to the very short timescale and queried whether there could be an extension. Councillor Mallon replied that the Council would do everything it could up to 1 September and that he expected that the new provision would be up and running by then. He could not agree any extension.

Councillor Anne Purse had given notice of the following question to the Cabinet Member for Transport:

"A recent story in the media reported that there were proposals made at a recent scrutiny committee meeting that local parishes should pay for salt in the winter if they wanted it more. Please can you confirm whether, in places where salt bins have been purchased ( e.g. by Parish Councils or by the City Council in Oxford), the County Council will indeed continue to refill these bins for use on local roads as was the deal at the time the bins were bought ?"

Councillor Rose replied:

"Our policy is to fill grit bins at the beginning of the winter period and then to replenish them when required as long as this will not compromise winter activity on keeping the main routes open. As members will know there has been extreme pressure on our salt stocks over the last two winters which has meant we were unable to refill grit bins routinely. I am currently looking at a better way of managing this to ensure that communities have improved access to an adequate supply of salt over the winter."

Supplementary question: Councillor Purse queried whether it would be a good idea to give some publicity to the plan as she was aware that some Parish Councils were unsure of the position. The Cabinet Member replied that the intention was to finalise plans during August and to then communicate these to all parish Councils.

## **87/11 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda Item. 5)

A petition was submitted by Liz Leffman on the future of Dean Pit Waste Site at Chadlington. She highlighted the importance of the issue to local people and the need to retain a recycling facility in the area.

The following requests to address the meeting had been agreed:

Item 8 – Councillors speaking as local members-

**Annex 1**

Councillor Hilary-Biles, Glyme Hall

(pg10), Changing for the Better at The

Lido (pg 57 and Short Footpath Link (pg 59)

Councillor Brighthouse Wood Farm (pg20) and Thrive Barton (pg 47)

Councillor Fooks, Wolvercote Young People's Club bid (pg 22)

Councillor Purse, Wheatley Young

People's Centre (pg 25)

Councillors Hannaby, The Sweatbox (pg 28) and The Independent Advice Centre

Councillor Patrick, The Sweatbox (pg 28) and The Independent Advice Centre

Councillor Mathew, Bartholemew School, Eynsham (pg 30 and

Standlake Cycling Track (pg 89)

**Requests from public:**

Faz Kayani, Oxford Boxing Academy (pg.42)

Mr Michael Ryan, Northmoor Parish Council, The Stonehenge Project (pg 91)

Item 9 - Councillor Anne Purse as Shadow Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure

Councillor Charles Mathew

Item 10 - Councillor Anne Purse as Shadow Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure

Item 11 - Councillor Goddard as Shadow Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities Tim May, Deputy Chairman, Soldiers of Oxfordshire

Item 13 – Councillor Zoe Patrick

Item 14 – Councillor Jean Fooks as local member

Item 15 – Councillor Altaf-Khan

**88/11 TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2010/11 OUTTURN**

(Agenda Item. 6)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2010/11 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included debt and investment activity, Prudential Indicator outturn, changes in strategy, any breaches of approved strategy and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Property in introducing the report commented that the decision to take external borrowing ahead of the

external review had resulted in a considerable saving to the Council. He thanked the Treasury Management Team for all their work throughout the year, and commented that in taking a prudent course they had achieved a satisfactory result.

**RESOLVED:** to note the report, and to **RECOMMEND** Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2010/11.

## **89/11 2011/12 FINANCIAL MONITORING & BUSINESS STRATEGY DELIVERY REPORT - JULY 2011**

(Agenda Item. 7)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the financial monitoring and business strategy delivery position. The report covered the period to the end of May 2011. This showed a variation in the in – year Directorate forecast, including the Council elements of the Pooled Budgets, of +£1.310m, or +0.32% against a budget of £415.189m. The in-year forecast excluded an overspend of +£0.255m on services funded from Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) note the report;
- (b) approve the virement requests set out in Annex 2a;
- (c) approve the on-street parking charges for Oxford city for evenings and Sundays as set out in paragraph 64;
- (d) **RECOMMEND** that Council approve the allocation of £1.5m of additional grant funding to the Older Peoples Pooled Budget as set out in paragraph 38;
- (e) approve the updated Capital Programme as set out in Annex 10 and the associated changes to the programme in Annex 9c.

## **90/11 BIG SOCIETY FUND - JULY 2011**

(Agenda Item. 8)

Cabinet considered bids to the Big Society Fund from the first wave of applications.

The Chairman noted that Councillor Heathcoat having declared a prejudicial interest would exercise her right to speak to the meeting in line with the rights of members of the public but would then withdraw from the meeting and take no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Cabinet Member for Police & Policy Co-ordination introduced the report highlighting the work done by local councillors working with local people.

Local Councillors had assessed the bids in their geographic area and he commented that 55% of bids received had been for services to young people. He intended to wait to the end of the discussion before proposing the recommendations as it was important to listen to what was said.

Councillor Judith Heathcoat spoke in support of the FAZE Youth and Community Centre bid referring to the huge support from the local community and to a number of successful funding events. She referred to the involvement of Faringdon Town Council and the interest in using the facility from the local Scout Group and Tennis Club.

The Chairman indicated that he would be taking the speakers in three groups based on the 3 Annexes to allow discussion by the Cabinet Members at each stage.

Councillor Hibbert-Biles spoke in support of the Glyme Hall bid noting that without it there would be no youth provision in Chipping Norton. She commented that there were still a number of issues to be negotiated in the lease and she hoped that there would be flexibility. The recommendation was to support the bid and she expressed her thanks on behalf of the residents of Chipping Norton who would be delighted.

Councillor Brighthouse spoke in support of the Wood Farm Youth Work Training Project hoping that it would receive support as it was in an area of massive social deprivation. A successful bid would be underpinned by continued fund raising towards a professional youth worker and towards the maintenance of the building. The bid would enable the existing volunteers to increase their skills. She invited Cabinet Members to visit the project and Councillor Mallon replied that he would welcome the opportunity if invited.

Councillor Fooks spoke in support of the bid by Wolvercote Young People's Club noting that there were pockets of deprivation in the area. The local community had risen to the opportunity given them by the Fund process and she was sure that local support would be secured. The youth club was purpose built and the nearby Primary School was full and likely to expand. Councillor Fooks was impressed by the response from local people and commented that it had been hard work and there was some concern from them about how they could be ready by 1 September. Councillor Fooks thanked all the officers involved who were helpful in the bid preparation.

Councillor Purse commended the bid for the Wheatley Young People's Centre which would serve the wider area. She was aware that this bid was unusual but felt that it was important to know that there would still be a property for them to use. There was unanimous support for the proposals from the Parish Council and a strong commitment to youth service provision in Wheatley.

Councillor Hannaby, supported by Councillor Patrick, spoke in support of The Sweatbox. She commented that both Councillors had been involved in securing the bid. She stated that the bid was for a modest grant to replace what was a very long lived and successful youth centre. The Centre took youths from a wide area. She thanked officers for their help in the preparation of the business case and believed that the proposal was

sustainable and viable. There was commitment from the local community, the school and the Town Council. There was also support from the police, from the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) and the Rotary Round Table amongst others. Young people themselves were aware that they would need to fund raise.

Councillor Mathew, spoke in support of the bid from Bartholemew School and in view of recommendation (d) asked that access to the site be given as soon as possible as there was a 6 week building programme needed before opening.

Councillor Mallon thanked local members for their involvement and commented that the emerging co-location of buildings was positive as it cut down on overheads.

Councillor Chapman in responding to the individual comments welcomed the fruition of the Big Society Fund. During the budget setting process the Council had been criticised over the youth service provision but had now heard very eloquently how many would be kept open. She was sure that there would be other projects, both existing and new ones in future waves of the Big Society Fund. She thanked officers for their excellent work in bringing the bids forward. Councillor Jim Couchman referred to the Carterton youth provision. Councillor Robertson stated that the report and proposals were a vindication of the Big Society idea and he had been very impressed by the input from local councillors who had made difficult choices through the bid process.

Councillor Mallon explained that the intention of putting bids into Category 2 was to allow further work by the bidders so that some very good bids not be lost at this stage.

Mr Faz Kayani representing Oxford Boxing Academy spoke in support of the bid stressing that the Academy was not just about athletics but was about providing wider support in a family environment. The bid was not for funding but for a permanent venue. The Academy provided affordable training and was supported by the head teacher.

Responding to questions from Cabinet Members Mr Kayani replied that they could not pay the £500k valuation although they would be receiving some Sports Lottery funding. There might be scope for offering use of some of the facilities to other groups.

Councillor Brighthouse spoke in support of the Thrive Barton Community Mentoring Project bid commenting that the City Councillors did recommend it for funding although the locality group did not. There had been a pilot with a group of local people acting as mentors to young people on the brink of needing formal intervention. She recognised that Cabinet was likely to say that it must come back but it was a very important project in a very disadvantaged area and she hoped that it would be supported in the future.



Councillor Hannaby, supported by Councillor Patrick, spoke in support of bid by The Independent Advice Centre commenting that the Centre had provided an excellent transport system in the area over many years. She was not wholly satisfied with the officer report as she believed that it was a new project for day services. Day Services were not able to provide transport so this filled a real need. With a modest sum she believed that a client base could be secured. There were two transport reviews being undertaken but people needed help now.

Responding to a comment from Councillor Robertson that the question was over sustainability Councillor Hannaby indicated that the bid was for start up costs. They would be going out to engage volunteers.

Councillor Chapman indicated that she would be putting forward an amendment in relation to the Oxford Boxing Academy as she saw the merits in the boxing club and believed they had taken a sustainable approach. The 8 week cooling off period under the Asset Transfer Policy would allow time for any other interested group to come forward.

The following speakers addressed Cabinet in relation to projects in Annex 3:

Councillor Hibbert-Biles spoke in support of the Changing for the Better at The Lido and Short Footpath Link projects. She understood that the Fund was oversubscribed but commented that the Lido bid was supported by the Town Council and provided a facility for all the family. The Footsteps Project was also supported by the Town Council and had been part of a planning covenant. She believed it was a new project for Chipping Norton.

Councillor Mathew spoke in support of the bid for Standlake Cycling Track. He felt that it deserved support and referred to a letter dated 1 July 2011 that answered a number of the queries raised against the bid. The Leader commented that a great deal of correspondence had been received in relation to the bids and it was not practical to include it all in the report.

Mr Michael Ryan, Northmoor Parish Council, spoke in support of The Stonehenge Project and noted that the Prime Minister had sought assurance on monitoring. The Parish Council had put forward the bid and it would fulfil a written commitment and dispel misconceptions of local people. The role of enforcement lay with the County Council Monitoring & Enforcement Team and it was a heavy burden to fulfil. The Parish Council was familiar with the conditions and routing agreements.

Responding to a question from Councillor Robertson Mr Ryan replied that with only 300 in the parish a precept would not generate enough funding to undertake the work.

Councillor Mallon moved the recommendations set out in the report and Councillor Chapman proposed that the Oxford Boxing Academy be included in the approved asset transfers subject to the usual 8 week cooling off period. Councillor Mallon accepted the amendment to the recommendations

subject to the Oxford Boxing Academy meeting the financial commitment at the existing value.

The Chairman summarised the position in relation to the bids: those in Annex 1 were agreed subject to the addition of the Oxford Boxing Academy as detailed above; those bids in Annex 2 required more work and those in Annex 3 were refused. He thanked Alexandra Bailey and Claire Phillips for the massive amount of work put into the bid process.

**RESOLVED:** to

- (a) approve those bids which meet the assessment criteria as set out in Annex 1;
- (b) approve asset transfers in accordance with the asset transfer policy with the exception of Wolvercote where the Council will continue to repair and maintain the property and with the addition of the inclusion of The Boxing Academy in the list of approved asset transfers subject to the usual 'cooling off' period and to the Oxford Boxing Academy meeting the financial commitment at the existing value;
- (c) waive the 'cooling off' for the following four time-critical community asset transfers:
  - Allandale, Carterton
  - Glyme Hall, Chipping Norton
  - Faze, Faringdon
  - Wolvercote;
- (d) ask officers to work with community groups to enable them to take over buildings to facilitate continuity of provision as much as possible from 1 September; and
- (e) ensure a grant funding agreement that meets legal requirements is in place for all successful projects.

**91/11 OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: PREFERRED MINERALS CORE STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION**

(Agenda Item. 9)

Cabinet considered a report summarising comments that had been received on the report by Atkins on Local Assessment of Aggregates Supply Requirements for Oxfordshire and setting out actions to address the key points raised. Cabinet agreed a draft (preferred) planning strategy for minerals, for public consultation. This included a vision and objectives for minerals, minerals policies and other core policies. It incorporated the aggregates supply figures and the strategy for the location of mineral workings agreed by Cabinet on 16 February 2011.

Councillor Anne Purse, Shadow Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure stated that she would like to see the areas of extraction in West Oxfordshire restored as far as possible to what was there before. She would like to see the open lowland wet meadow restored not just rushes and water. She also commented that the Strategy relied too heavily on gravel extracted from West Oxfordshire. There should be more efforts to extract gravel from other areas closer to the areas of need where growth was expected. It would have been better to have looked at a hybrid solution.

Councillor Mathew expressed reservations about the draft document as in his view it was not in the Council's interest for a single operator to dominate extraction in Oxfordshire. He referred to the figures for extraction in West Oxfordshire commenting that the need was in South Oxfordshire and the Thames was a barrier between extraction and need. The bridges were an obstacle. He suggested an additional paragraph relating to a hybrid solution that he would like to see included in the consultation document. He had circulated this wording to Cabinet Members prior to the meeting. He suggested that there was a perception of prejudice that they were in a position to address.

The Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure replied that two members of the Cabinet were from West Oxfordshire. The implication of prejudice was unfair. As the Cabinet Member she was unable to accept his suggested amendment. The issues raised had been discussed many times. There was a pressing need for clarity and certainty in the face of significant population growth leading to development. The figures had been reduced and the amount from secondary and recycled materials had been maximised.

Councillor Louise Chapman in speaking against the recommendations recognised the need for a policy and that there had been some changes made in the past. However she considered that the areas of growth should be taken into account and these were not in West Oxfordshire. Other strategies were aimed at minimising the distance of travel and the congestion on roads, particularly the A40. There was a need for consistency. She asked that the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure to identify other areas to minimise the distance travelled.

Councillor Lindsay-Gale replied that a new site at Cholsey had been added with good links to Didcot, and the Wantage and Grove area.

Councillor Fatemian in response to comments made by Councillor Mathew made it clear that neither he nor his family had any financial links in this matter.

Following a vote by a show of hands it was:

**RESOLVED:** (by 9 votes to 1) to:

- (a) agree Annex 2 as the County Council's draft minerals planning strategy for the purposes of consultation subject to the following corrections:

Page 254, Paragraph 4.10, line 5:

Delete '15.75 million tonnes of crushed rock'; Insert '13.23 million tonnes of crushed rock';

Page 255, Figure 6:

In the third box:

Delete '15.75 million tonnes'; Insert '13.23 million tonnes';

Net requirement over plan period (mt): Delete '2.26'; Insert 'Nil'.

- (b) delegate authority to finalise the consultation document to the Deputy Director (Growth and Infrastructure) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure.

**92/11 OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: PREFERRED WASTE CORE STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION**

(Agenda Item. 10)

Cabinet considered a report on a draft (preferred) planning strategy for waste, for public consultation. This included a vision and objectives for waste; the need for additional waste facilities; options for meeting these requirements; a draft planning strategy for the location of new waste management facilities; policies for waste; and other core policies.

Councillor Purse, Shadow Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure expressed her pleasure that this matter had been deferred to allow consideration by Scrutiny. This was the first time this Strategy had come forward and although there were clear explanations as to why the sites were needed the policies would have far reaching effects so a great deal of consultation was needed. There was a need to ensure that the pressure to recycle commercial/industrial waste was maintained.

The Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure in introducing the report highlighted the need for new facilities to deal with the County's commercial waste streams. A number of options had been identified and the consultation was to seek views on a way forward.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) agree Annex 1 as the County Council's waste strategy options and draft waste planning strategy for the purpose of consultation subject to the following corrections:

Page 304, paragraph 4.40:

Delete whole paragraph and replace with:

'4.40 This requirement mainly arises after 2020, mainly due to the temporary nature of many existing facilities, and is primarily needed to serve the large towns of Bicester, Abingdon and Didcot and their surrounding areas. The reasonable options for provision of this capacity are:

- a) Concentration of additional provision at or close to Oxford.
- b) Additional provision at or close to large towns in:
  - Northern Oxfordshire (Bicester); and
  - Southern Oxfordshire (Abingdon; Didcot).
- c) Additional provision at or close to large and smaller towns in:
  - Northern Oxfordshire (Bicester); and
  - Southern Oxfordshire (Abingdon; Didcot; Faringdon; Henley; Thames).'

Page 307, paragraph 4.52, Policy W5, line 8:

Delete 'Oxford and' and 'Banbury'.

Page 313, paragraph 4.79, line 6:

Delete 'option a'; Insert 'option b)'.

- (b) delegate authority to finalise the consultation document to the Deputy Director (Growth and Infrastructure) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure.

## **93/11 SOLDIERS OF OXFORDSHIRE (SOFO) - DEVELOPMENT IN THE GROUNDS OF THE OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM**

(Agenda Item. 11)

Cabinet considered a report relating to a project by The Soldiers of Oxfordshire who were seeking to build a new museum within the grounds of The Oxfordshire Museum. The report sought final approval for the legal and property details, to be concluded, so that work may start on site in September.

Councillor Goddard welcomed the recommendations.

Mr Tim May, Deputy Chairman, Soldiers of Oxfordshire stated that there had been considerable progress since the last meeting in June. The SOFO Executive Board were seeking a period of stability after the building was completed and suggested a period of 5 years in which no change could be introduced. The exact period was not set but the Trustees needed to be able to give their sponsors some reassurance.

The Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities referred to the nature of local government finance that made such a guarantee impossible. However there was no question of the Council's commitment to the project.

She added that a huge amount of work had been undertaken by officers and she thanked them for their efforts. In moving the recommendations she stressed that they safeguarded both SOFO and the Council and underlined the Council's support.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) require the Council's Money Laundering Reporting Officer (the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer) to satisfy herself as to the appropriateness of the financial arrangements for SOFO and the bona fides of the donor
- (b) agree that should the Council no longer be able to provide and maintain The Oxfordshire Museum at any time during the 25 years following completion, to offer a lease of those premises, on terms to be agreed, to SOFO (or a new trust or similar body) in order that they have opportunity to consider running The Oxfordshire Museum independently, subject to the County Council's approval of a viable business case and its obligations.

**94/11 CONTRACT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCILS IN SOUTHERN OXFORDSHIRE**

(Agenda Item. 12)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the details of the procurement process for a new contract for the disposal and/or treatment of waste in the south of the county and the outcomes of the tender evaluation.

The Chairman referred to Annexes 1-3 which contained exempt information and indicated that if Cabinet were able to discuss without direct reference to the information contained within them the discussion would remain in public.

The Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure referred to the need for a new contract to ensure service provision continued. Three tenders had been received and the robust evaluation had identified a clear winner.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) note the outcome of the evaluation which is that Tender 2 is the leading bid for Lots 1 and 2; and
- (b) endorse the award of the contract to Tenderer 2.

N.B. Following the decision Cabinet was advised that Tenderer 2 is WRG at Sutton Courtenay

## **95/11 POLICY ON RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROVISION FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

(Agenda Item. 13)

Cabinet considered a report setting out the results of public consultation carried out from 28th March to 8th May 2011 and adopted the policy on parking standards for new residential developments.

It was noted that the Cabinet Member for Transport was the relevant portfolio holder and not the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure as notified on the agenda. Councillor Zoe Patrick, Opposition Leader asked that in future the correct Cabinet Member be identified on the agenda as it made planning very difficult. Councillor Patrick commented that the consultation was welcome but that she could not see her response. She had completed it online and was worried that it and others had been lost. With reference to the proposals she stated that there was not enough parking. Grove was a congested area and rural developments relied on their cars. Also of concern was the reduction in rural public transport.

The Cabinet Member for Transport introduced the report referring to the background to the consultation.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) adopt the parking standards for new residential developments as set out in Annex 3 to this report;
- (b) agree that the Deputy Director Highways and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport can make editorial changes prior to publishing, and keep the document up to date in response to other policy changes.

## **96/11 CUTTESLOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

(Agenda Item. 14)

Cabinet considered a report on a proposal to expand permanently Cutteslowe Primary School to two forms of entry.

Councillor Jean Fooks, speaking as a local member supported strongly the recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the publication of a statutory notice for the expansion of Cutteslowe Primary School, Oxford.

## **97/11 NEW MARSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

(Agenda Item. 15)

Cabinet considered a report setting out a proposal to expand permanently the New Marston Primary School to two forms of entry.

Councillor Altaf-Khan, Shadow Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement, referred to two letters from the Primary School about local developments and wanted to update. He felt that there was a need to look at the road infrastructure. He was surprised that planning permission had been agreed and that the County Council made no comment. The proposals were now amended for 58 flats opposite the School. He was concerned that a lot of children would attend from outside the area causing congestion . He commented that the numbers of parents from outside the area would lead to difficulties with the parents not being seen by the School as often as they should.

Responding to a question from Councillor Robertson Councillor Altaf-Khan stated that he was not against the proposal but that the issues he raised needed consideration.

Councillor Rose clarified the role of the County highways team who were only consultees in the City Council planning process.

The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement responded that the points raised would be considered during the consultation period. The question of traffic would be considered as part of the feasibility.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the proposals.

**98/11 BADGEMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HENLEY**

(Agenda Item. 16)

Cabinet considered a report on the outcome of consultation, on proposals to expand Badgemore Primary School from 0.5 form entry to 1 form entry on a permanent basis from September 2012.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the proposals.

**99/11 WOODSTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

(Agenda Item. 17)

Cabinet considered a proposal to increase the school admission number (at F1 entry) from 30 to 45 at Woodstock Primary School.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the publication of a statutory notice for the expansion of Woodstock CE Primary School, Oxford.



**100/11 FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS**

(Agenda Item. 18)

The Cabinet considered a list of items for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet together with changes and additions set out in the schedule of addenda.

**RESOLVED:** to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.

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Date of signing 2011

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