

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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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2020 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2020 were approved and signed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	<p>Andrea Newman</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note</p> <p>Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>Councillor Emily Smith declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 17 by virtue of her position as Director of OxLEP;</p> <p>Councillor Jenny Hannaby declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 18 by virtue of her positions as Chairman of a Wantage Care Home and Chairman of Wantage Hospital League of Friends;</p> <p>Councillor Alison Rook declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 18 by virtue of her position as Director and Trustee of Vale House Alzheimer's Home;</p>	<p>Andrea Newman</p>
<p>4. Official Communications</p>	<p>Council paid tribute and held a minute's silence in Memory of former Leader of Council Keith Mitchell and former County Councillor Maureen</p>	<p>All staff to note.</p>

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	<p>Hastings.</p> <p>Council received an update from the Chairman on COVID19. It congratulated and paid tribute to staff and the community on their tremendous efforts and response during the Coronavirus pandemic.</p>	
<p>5. Appointments</p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p>6. Petitions and Public Address</p>	<p>Councillor received a public Address from Mr Ashley Smith on behalf of Windrush Against Sewage Pollution in support of the Motion by Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson.</p>	
<p>7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p>8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</p>	<p>34 questions with Notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers will be set out in the Annex to the minutes.</p> <p>In relation to Question 2, Councillor Heathcoat undertook to provide Councillor Emily Smith with a written answer clarifying whether over half of the money had been paid into the scheme has gone back to be Treasury and therefore had not been spent on training and education in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>In relation to question 6, Councillor Walker invited Councillor Webber to email him with any particular concerns regarding the linking up of reporting</p>	<p>Karen Edwards</p> <p>Cllr Webber</p>

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	<p>tools.</p> <p>In relation to question 7, Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to provide Councillor Hanna with a full written response, which had been omitted to her original question.</p> <p>In relation to question 10, Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to provide Councillor Buckley with a written response detailing what was going to happen to the additional grant from government to compensate for additional costs from Covid.</p> <p>In relation to Question 12, Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Emily Smith with a written answer to explain why Bicester and Whitney scored higher than Abingdon or any other market town, together with the lists of projects that missed out on inclusion in the Tranche 2 bid, to help Seek alternative funding.</p> <p>In relation to Question 18, Councillor Stratford undertook to provide Councillor Hannaby with a copy of the plans referred to in the answer, together with an explanation as to what monitoring would be taking place in relation supporting the vulnerable.</p> <p>In relation to Question 20, Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Phillips with a written answer detailing what the section 106 monies received from the Neilson site had been used on.</p> <p>In relation to Question 21, Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to provide Councillor Turnbull with a written answer detailing school attendance figures for the first week of September in Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>Kieris Mace</p> <p>Kieris Mace</p> <p>Jenny Larkcom</p> <p>Lorna Baxter</p> <p>Jenny Larkcom</p> <p>Kieris Mace</p>

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	<p>In relation to question 24, Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Sudbury with a written response detailing the projected emissions cuts in this decade and if they did not meet the 45% target, some detail about how and what the council and its partners were going to do to meet it.</p> <p>In relation to question 25, Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Pressel with a written answer to the question of when the Thames towpath was to be prioritised and by whom.</p> <p>In relation to Question 27, Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to ask the Regional Schools Commissioner to provide Councillor Pressel with the answer she required.</p> <p>In relation to Question 29, Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Fawcett with a written answer detailing whether there was any evidence to suggest that repainting the cycle lanes improved safety or encouraged more cycling.</p> <p>In relation to Question 31, Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Leffman with a written response detailing how much of the emitted carbon at Ardley was recycled and how much ended up in the atmosphere.</p> <p>In relation to Question 32, Counsellor Constance undertook to meet with Councillor Roberts, Councillor Liam Walker, Lee Turner and the new officer to discuss the matter further.</p> <p>In relation to Question 33, Councillor</p>	<p>Jenny Larkcom</p> <p>Jenny Larkcom</p> <p>Kieris Mace</p> <p>Jenny Larkcom</p> <p>Jenny Larkcom</p> <p>Jenny Larkcom</p> <p>Jenny</p>

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	Constance undertook to provide Councillor Roz Smith with a written answer detailing whether there was a remedial budget for the access to Headington works.	Larkcom
<p>9. Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 21 July 2020 and 18 August 2020 (CC9).</p>	Council received the report of the Cabinet.	
<p>10. Update report from the Leader of the Council following a meeting of Oxfordshire Local Authority leaders and the Chair of Oxfordshire LEP with Simon Clarke MP (Minister of state -Housing, Communities and Local Government) on the 7th September.</p>	The business included at Item 10 of the agenda had been added to update Members on the outcome of a meeting due to be held 7 September 2020 with the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government. That meeting had been postponed due to a clash of urgent parliamentary business and therefore there was no update to give. The Chairman therefore, in the interests of the efficiency of Council business, exercised his powers as Chairman under Article 1, paragraph 4.2 of the Constitution having consulted the Monitoring Officer to postpone the item until a meeting with the Minister had occurred.	
<p>11. Appointment of Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Following the appointment in May of Steve Jordan as the Interim Monitoring Officer it is necessary for the Council to make a permanent appointment to this statutory role. The report sets out the procedural requirements in making such an appointment.</p>	<p>Recommendations set in the Addenda.</p> <p>The Recommendations were agreed nem con.</p>	Karen Edwards

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<p>12. Revised Budget 2020/2021</p> <p>The Revised Budget 2020/21 Report to Cabinet on 18 August 2020 sets out the financial impact of the Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the additional funding that has been received from central government.</p> <p>Councils have a legal duty to balance their budgets each year and act to avoid the possibility that expenditure might exceed available income in any year. This means that Oxfordshire County Council, like other councils across the country, has no option but to take significant cost-saving measures to address this unavoidable funding shortfall. The report sets out the actions required to address the risk of overspend and reflects the additional costs incurred by the Council in the response phase.</p> <p>The revised budget will provide a balanced budget for 2020/21 that includes budgets to meet the additional costs of COVID-19 to enable effective budget management.</p> <p>Under the Council's Financial Regulations, Council approval is required for any virement greater than £1m that involves a major change in policy (as assessed by the Section 151 officer) requires Council approval. The virements required as part of the Revised Budget 2020/21 fall within this definition. However, the Revised Budget for 2020/21 does not change the calculation of the Council Tax Requirement or Basic Amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 approved by Council in February 2020 as required under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) approve the savings set out in Annex 1;</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed by 31 votes to 30.</p>	<p>Hannah Doney</p>

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(b) <i>approve the revised revenue budget for 2020/21 set out in Annex 2.</i>		
<p>13. Treasury Management 2019/20 Outturn</p> <p>The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2019/20 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.</p> <p><i>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2019/20.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed nem con.</p>	<p>Tim Chapple</p>
<p>14. Motion by Councillor Deborah Mcilveen</p> <p>"This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic [BAME] communities, and the significant contribution of BAME individuals to the frontline COVID-19 response; • The increase in hate crime towards people from BAME communities in Oxfordshire in recent years; • The impact of the Hostile Environment on the 'Windrush generation' and others who have the right to live in this country; • Structural racism is still an everyday reality for people from Black, Asian and other minority and refugee communities. 	<p>Motion Carried by 51 votes to 0, with 10 abstentions.</p>	<p>Karen Edwards/ Claire Taylor</p>

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<p>This Council also notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAME communities are underrepresented in Oxfordshire County Council’s workforce, and that the Council’s Equality Policy and Strategy 2018-22 identifies the need to address this; • Thousands of local people have expressed concerns about the existence of structural racism as part of the Black Lives Matters protests, vigils and events that have taken place in recent weeks across the county; • Communities across Oxfordshire are united by a desire to live happy, healthy and productive lives, and recognise that reducing inequalities helps all communities to thrive; • The County Council Equalities Strategy for employment, service delivery and participation is being updated and this is integral to renewal and recovery for Oxfordshire. <p>This Council therefore:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pledges to make Oxfordshire an Anti-racist County 2. Will work with and listen to people experiencing racism; 3. Develop and implement an anti-racist strategy for employment, service delivery and participation; and 4. Will work with local authorities, public bodies, employers, trade unions and community groups and any other stakeholders to achieve this.” 		

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<p>15. Motion by Councillor Tim Bearder</p> <p>“Council recognises the frustration and disappointment that residents in South Oxfordshire feel after their Local Plan was taken out of the district council’s hands and forced through to the Examination in Public by the Secretary of State following the May 2019 elections.</p> <p>Despite assurances from Mr Jenrick and the local MP, John Howell, that changes could be made during the Examination in Public, the Inspector has announced that he is minded to pass the plan largely as it is - even with STRAT13, which the County Council’s officers expressed concerns over in relation to transport impacts.</p> <p>Given the Secretary of State said in a recent interview that he wants to introduce changes to the planning system that allow local people to protect environmentally sensitive land like Green Belt, and SSSI to "hand it onto the next generation", this council calls on the leader to write to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government, to ask that he respects the outcome of any vote by SODC's elected Councillors on whether to adopt the plan.”</p>	<p>Motion lost by 34 votes to 25, with 2 abstentions.</p>	
<p>16. Motion by Councillor Nicholas Field Johnston</p> <p>“We need to end sewage pollution and make our rivers clean and fit for recreation once again. We have in this Country a "clean beach policy" - we now need a clean river policy (such as a Blue Flag approach for our rivers so that they can again become clean and healthy).”</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council to write to Oxfordshire MPs and the Secretary of</p>	<p>The amendment by Councillor Tim Bearder was lost by 33 votes to 28.</p> <p>The Substantive Motion was carried nem con.</p>	<p>Jason Russell</p>

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<p>State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to ask that HM Government takes urgent action to ban the dumping of raw and untreated sewage into our rivers and to support a clean river policy including the reintroduction of quality status in order to re-establish the high quality of water in our rivers.”</p>		
<p>17. Motion by Councillor Charles Mathew</p> <p>“The decision, last autumn now, by the Oxfordshire LEP to withdraw the funding from the Loop Farm project (Duke’s Cut to Loop Farm Roundabout), a long-promised relief road to the A40 round Oxford, undermines sensible solutions to the endless traffic jams on the A40 between Witney and Oxford roundabouts. Given that the use of public money should be productive.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to review the plans presently being offered and adopt a long-term strategy that will meet the public’s needs for the next twenty years at least and should include serious consideration of a rail link from Carterton, Witney and Eynsham to Oxford.”</p>	<p>The time being 4.05 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.</p>	
<p>18. Motion by Councillor Jane Hanna</p> <p>“Buckingham, Oxfordshire and West Integrated Care System (BOB) is an exemplar. A local pilot for an Oxfordshire Population Health and Care Needs Framework has stalled since February and during the NHS Level 4 and now 3 (Pandemic response) awaiting a decision by BOB under national instruction. It marks an early test case of the value placed on local communities across Oxfordshire by non-elected agencies.</p> <p>The pilot in OX12 targeted a population of over 27,000. The local community endured</p>	<p>The time being 4.05 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.</p>	

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<p>the loss of a GP practice, a vibrant community hospital, with no delivery of infrastructure needed for 1000 new houses. A further 50% increase in housing is planned. There have been many excess deaths in recent months disproportionately impacting care homes. A starting point for recovery would be a clear commitment to completing the population-based pilot with a plan acceptable locally. A successful completion of this pilot would ensure consideration of local communities by people making decisions who do not know our local communities, who are less effective in securing confidence, and are not accountable to the public.</p> <p>Council calls on the leader to influence a positive commitment now within BOB to the OX12 pilot. In addition, we request that he send an open letter to the Prime Minister, the Select Committees for Health and Social Care, Housing, Communities and Local Government to urge the vital importance of safeguarding local democracy and scrutiny as non-elected decision-makers implement policy across Oxfordshire.”</p>		
<p>19. Motion by Councillor Bob Johnston</p> <p>“Council asks the Cabinet Member for Environment that full consideration be given to cyclists and pedestrians when future schedules are drawn up for grass cutting and vegetation management.</p> <p>Along with vision splays, verges next to footpaths and cycle tracks must be given greater priority and cut earlier and more frequently than at present.</p> <p>Other flower-rich highway verges where these priorities do not apply must be cut only once a year at the end of October when insects and birds have finished breeding. This will both maximise the potential for the County’s wildlife to thrive</p>	<p>The time being 4.05 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.</p>	

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<p>and prevent footways and cycle tracks becoming unpleasant to use, especially in wet weather.”</p>		
<p>20. Motion by Councillor Liz Brighthouse</p> <p>“The impact of COVID 19 has exposed the enormous inequalities in our County and the senseless death of George Floyd followed by demonstrations across our County have highlighted the injustices and in equalities experienced by many. In particular, there have been calls for changes to the National Curriculum which reflects our past rather than our present or future needs.</p> <p>Until 1988 Oxfordshire, as the Local Education Authority was responsible for what was taught in Oxfordshire Schools. When that ended, the responsibility went to the Secretary of State for Education advised by a National Curriculum Council, this was revised by Labour. In 2010 Michael Gove, as Secretary of State for Education in the Coalition Government, abolished it completely and took power to himself advised by Dominic Cummings.</p> <p>Now is the time to consider whether this is the most inclusive or effective way of determining what our children learn. The CBI and the TUC think that the National Curriculum is inappropriate for the needs of industry and the life chances of future employees. We see cries from those demonstrating in the streets that it is not inclusive and diverse. Now is the time for change.</p> <p>This Council asks the Leader of the Council to seek support from the LGA and the CCN to lobby Central Government to bring forward proposals to devolve responsibility for the Curriculum to Local Government within a framework agreed by an Advisory Council made up of Local</p>	<p>The time being 4.05 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.</p>	

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Authorities CBI, TUC, Teachers, Faith Groups, EHRC.”		