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CABINET - TUESDAY, 22 JUNE 2021

<i>List published 23 June 2021 Decisions will (unless called in) become effective at 5.00pm on 30 June 2021</i>		
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	None	DLG (A Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note opposite	None	DLG (A Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2021 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Approved	DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Item 13 – Councillor Sally Povolotsky Item 14 – Councillor Sally Povolotsky	
6. COVID-19: Progress and Planning Update <i>Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2021/074 Contact: Robin Rogers, Programme Director COVID Response Tel: 07789 923206</i> Report by Chief Executive (CA6)		

<p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note:</p> <p>(a) the latest public health situation with regard to COVID-19, the management arrangements in place and the resource impact of the pandemic as set out in this report;</p> <p>(b) the joint Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council programme of activity underway that continues to respond and adapt to the pandemic as set out in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(c) the summary of COVID-19 service impact set out in Appendix 2;</p> <p>(d) the plans set out from paragraph 35 for recovery planning and for further understanding the lessons learnt for the organisation from the pandemic and agree that a programme of engagement with the Performance Scrutiny Committee, all council members and key partners should be developed in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chair of the Performance Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>Recommendations in the Additional Papers agreed</p>	<p>CDCOD (R Rogers)</p>
<p>7. Business Management & Monitoring Report - March 2021</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Cabinet Member for Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/001 <i>Contact:</i> Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes Tel: 07741 607452/Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director Customers & Organisational Development and Director of Finance (CA7).</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) <i>note this month's</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDCOD (L Tustian) / (DF H</p>

<p><i>business management and monitoring report;</i> (b) <i>note the annual review 2020/21;</i> (c) <i>note the virements set out in Annex C-2b;</i> (d) <i>note the summary of financial position for 2020/21 along with the year- end position on general balances and earmarked reserves as set out in Annex C;</i> (e) <i>approve the underspend £5.9m should be transferred to balances.</i></p>		Doney)
<p>8. Provisional Capital Outturn 2020/21</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2021/002 Contact: Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CA8).</p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the performance against the capital programme for 2020/21 as set out in the report.</i></p>	Recommendations agreed	DF Doney) (H
<p>9. Treasury Management 2020/21 Outturn</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2021/021 Contact: Tim Chapple, Treasury Manager Tel 07917 262935</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CA9).</p> <p><i>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report, and to RECOMMEND Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2020/21.</i></p>	Recommendations agreed	DF Chapple) (T
<p>10. Report on the Outcome of the LGA Peer Review of Libraries and Cultural Services</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Community Services & Safety Forward Plan Ref: 2021/055</i></p>		

<p>Contact: Lesli Good, Assistant Director, Cultural Services Tel: 07930 617798</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director of Customers and Organisational Development (CA10).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) consider the LGA Cultural Services Peer Review feedback report (Annex 1);</p> <p>(b) note the recommendations set out within the report;</p> <p>(c) agree the proposals set out at paragraph 10 for incorporating the report's recommendations into the service planning and Libraries and Heritage Strategy development process.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDC (Good) (L)</p>
<p>11. National Bus Strategy - Proposal for an Oxfordshire Enhanced Bus Partnership</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Highway Management <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2021/071 <i>Contact:</i> John Disley, Infrastructure Strategy & Policy Manager Tel: 07767 006742</p> <p>Report by Corporate Director for Environment and Place (CA11).</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) commit to establishing an Enhanced Partnership across Oxfordshire under the Bus Services Act 2017; and</p> <p>(b) give formal notice of the Council's intention to prepare an Enhanced Partnership and invite all local bus operators to confirm their intention to participate.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDC (Disley) (J)</p>
<p>12. Zero Emission Buses Regional Areas (ZEBRA) Schemes</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highway Management</p>		

<p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2021/077</i> <i>Contact: Joanne Fellows, Growth Manager</i> – Central Tel: 07990 368897</p> <p>Report by Assistant Director for Growth & Place (CA12).</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) <i>authorise officers to finalise and submit an Expression of Interest for the Government’s Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas funding initiative;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>agree a capital allocation of up to £6m in 2022/23 to provide additional council grant to bus operators, if operators can demonstrate this is required to make the scheme feasible.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDC (J Fellows)</p>
<p>13. Releasing Development Strategy in Didcot and Surrounding Villages in the Vicinity of HIF1 Schemes</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Highways Management</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2021/018</i> <i>Contact: Jason Sherwood, South Growth Manager Tel: 07795 684708/Cathy Champion, Infrastructure Locality Lead Tel: 07920 084256/Michael Deadman Transport Development Control Lead Officer Tel: 07767 608992</i></p> <p>Report by Assistant Director Growth & Place (CA13).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to implement a strategy to assist with the delivery of new development in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire districts to allow some growth to come forward in a controlled manner prior to HIF 1 funded infrastructure being open for public use based upon the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development site housing build programmes / trajectories / occupations being aligned with (or after) the delivery of HIF 1 which 	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDC (J Sherwood)</p>

<p><i>will require occupation thresholds / controls on development sites.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Development sites to provide agreed sustainable / active travel infrastructure at the beginning (early occupations) of development sites to reduce traffic impact on the highway network prior to HIF 1 delivery.</i> • <i>New services or enhancements to existing bus service arrangements being implemented at the beginning (early occupations) of development sites.</i> • <i>Local off-site and on-site highway works to be delivered at the early stages of development to lessen the direct impact of a development site on the highway network.</i> • <i>Travel Plans prepared and approved by the council's Travel Plan team with deliverable and monitored targets.</i> • <i>Strategic transport / highway contributions will be sought in accordance with Regulation 122 and the three Section 106 tests.</i> 		
<p>14. Housing Infrastructure Fund 1 - In Principle Use of Statutory Powers</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Highway Management Forward Plan Ref: 2021/052 Contact: Aron Wisdom, Programme Lead (HIF1) Tel: 07776 244856</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Growth and Economy (CA14).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) approve in principle the development of The Oxfordshire County Council (Access to Didcot Garden Town) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x]. Negotiations for private acquisition will be conducted in parallel to the compulsory purchase process. Powers of compulsory purchase will be used only as a matter of last resort, in order to bring forward the timely</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDC (A Wisdom)</p>

development of the Housing Infrastructure Fund 1 (HIF1) project. Formal authority for the making of The Oxfordshire County Council (Access to Didcot Garden Town) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] will be reported to Cabinet following the submission of a planning application for the scheme;

- (b) approve the preparation and service of statutory notices for the Requisition of Information pursuant to Section 16 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (as amended) to assist with determining the interests in the land required for the delivery of the scheme;**
- (c) approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (Access to Didcot Garden Town) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] in draft, together with a draft Order Map, draft Order Schedule, draft Statement of Reasons and all necessary land referencing activity in advance of seeking formal authority to make the Order;**
- (d) approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (Didcot to Culham Thames Bridge) Scheme 202[x] in accordance with section 106(3) of The Highways Act 1980 (as amended) in relation to a new road overbridge crossing of the River Thames, being a navigable waterway;**
- (e) approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF1) – A4130 Improvement) (Side Roads) Order 202[x] (or multiple Side Roads Orders as may be necessary), and The Oxfordshire County Council (Didcot Garden Town Highways Infrastructure – A4130 Improvement) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] to enable the stopping-up, diversion, amendment, improvement and creation of new lengths of highway**

or reclassification of existing highways. Please note that the final titles of the orders will be determined as the project progresses and will be updated in this report accordingly. This includes the stopping up of private means of access as necessary where the scheme design necessitates. Formal approval for the making of Side Roads Order(s) will be reported to Cabinet, and necessary approval sought, following the submission of a planning application for the scheme.

15. Housing Infrastructure Fund 2 - In Principle Use of Statutory Powers

Cabinet Member: Highway Management
Forward Plan Ref: 2021/053
Contact: Tom Shuttleworth, A40
 Programme Lead Tel: 07908 059132

Report by Director of Growth & Economy (CA15).

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) approve in principle the development of The Oxfordshire County Council (A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] in parallel with negotiations for private acquisition, with such powers of compulsory purchase used only as a matter of last resort, in order to bring forward the timely development of the A40 HIF2 Project. Formal authority for the making of The Oxfordshire County Council (A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] will be reported to Cabinet, and necessary approval sought, following public engagement on preferred options and submission of a planning application for the scheme;
- (b) approve the preparation and

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- service of statutory notices for the Requisition of Information pursuant to Section 16 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (as amended) to assist with determining the interests in the land required for the delivery of the scheme;
- (c) approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor) Compulsory Purchase Order 202[x] in draft , together with a draft Order Map, draft Order Schedule, draft Statement of Reasons and all necessary land referencing activity in advance of seeking formal authority to make the Order;
- (d) approve the preparation of The Oxfordshire County Council (HIF2 Smart Corridor – A40 Classified Road) Side Roads Order 202[x](or multiple Side Roads Orders as may be necessary) to enable the stopping-up, diversion, alteration, improvement and creation of new lengths of highway or reclassification of existing highways. This includes the stopping up of private means of access as necessary where the scheme design necessitates. Formal approval for the making of Side Roads Order(s) will be reported to Cabinet, and necessary approval sought, following public engagement on preferred options and submission of a planning application for the scheme;
- (e) subject to the confirmation that the required due diligence has been completed to manage programme and financial risk to the Council, authorise the Corporate Director Environment and Place, in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, Director of Finance, Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy and Cabinet Member for Finance to approve the amended Grant Determination Agreement (GDA);
- (f) subject to the satisfactory

<p>completion of recommendation (e) approve the additional £4.745m Housing Infrastructure Fund grant for an overall budget provision of £106.756m for the A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor project within the capital programme, subject to the implementation of the Grant Determination Agreement with Homes England.</p>		
<p>16. Delivery of Supported Living Units Through Investment in the Resonance Supported Homes Fund</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2021/069 Contact: Gillian Douglas, Assistant Director Housing & Social Care Commissioning Tel: 07503 259834</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director – Adults & Housing (CA16).</p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve an investment of £5.0m by the County Council in the Resonance Supported Homes Fund for the delivery of supported living accommodation units for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDAHS (G Douglas)</p>
<p>17. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 4 - January-March 2021</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Corporate Services Forward Plan Ref: 2020/177 Contact: Sarah Currell, HR Manager – Business Systems Tel: 07867 467793</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Human Resources (CA17).</p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CDCOD (S Currell)</p>
<p>18. Appointments 2020/21</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2020/176</i></p>		

<p>Contact: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096</p> <p>Report by Director of Law & Governance (CA18).</p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree the appointments to the bodies set out in the Annex to this report.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)</p>
<p>19. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All Contact Officer: Ali Bartlett, Democratic Support Officer Tel: 07741 607515</i></p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></p>	<p>Noted as set out in the report and addenda</p>	<p>COC/AB</p>

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Answers
<p>1. COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW</p> <p>The Third Reading Bridge – which would extend the A329(M) into Oxfordshire – is an environmentally damaging proposal driven by Berkshire authorities and is contrary to all our climate change objectives.</p> <p>In 2019 I brought a motion to Full Council stating that should it be built, it should be restricted to public transport, cyclists and pedestrians – it was passed overwhelmingly.</p> <p>Since then, there have been many developments. Of particular interest is Reading Borough Council's desire to link this bridge to an equally environmentally damaging 'North Reading Orbital' which, despite its name, would be located entirely in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>What is the current status of the joint statement by the Cross Thames Travel Group that was due to be issued last January but was put on hold because of an admirably robust objection from the SODC Leader Sue Cooper, and what is the status of the Outline Business Case funding bid which ground to a halt because of Sue's objection?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</p> <p>This project has paused due to a number of reasons but mainly due to feedback from the DfT on details within the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC). The DfT wish to see updated transport data and also a refresh of the original SOBC. An update of the SOBC is expected to be quite costly and will not be funded by the DfT. Therefore there is a need to identify funding locally and this has not been forthcoming. The DfT is also keen that any future bids/SOBC which will be submitted have the support of all of the authorities affected. Further work on the SOBC would give the authorities the opportunity to continue to work together to look in detail at the options being assessed.</p> <p>Now local elections have happened officers can see if Members would like to discuss this issue again with the view of getting further updates on the project and also have another Cross Thames Officers working Group.</p>

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<p>Supplementary</p> <p>Councillor Bartholomew thanked the Cabinet Member for the response. He asked if Oxfordshire County Council will join South Oxfordshire District Council in stating that it will not support the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) Update unless a car-based bridge solution is removed and that it, if the bridge is built, it should be limited to buses, cyclists and pedestrians and therefore comply with our climate change objectives.</p>	<p>Councillor Enright confirmed that the thrust of Councillor Bartholomew's points was very much in line with the approach being taken by this Cabinet in putting active travel first – walking and cycling – with public transport as an important component. However, he would need to consult with officers before committing to a position on the bridge.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR JUDY ROBERTS</p> <p>Can Cllr Bearder assure me that changing the speed limit to 20 mph for the whole of the Botley Road Corridor Scheme from the City 20 mph zone to the Eynsham Road junction with West Way will go out to consultation before phase 6 is started?</p> <p>Can Cllr Bearder agree that a bus service between Oxford and Newbury, preferably using green technology, will be evaluated as part of the evolving Bus Strategy?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT</p> <p><i>Yes, this will go out to consultation.</i></p> <p><i>In regard to the bus service between Oxford and Newbury. A roundtable event, hosted by the MP for Newbury, was held on 15 June to discuss the potential for a bus service between Newbury and Oxford. This was attended by Cllr Roberts, officers from Oxfordshire and West Berkshire Councils, and representatives from bus operators and the Berkshire LEP.</i></p> <p><i>Following the event, officers are investigating the possibility of undertaking a joint feasibility study into the potential costs and revenues associated with such a service and are awaiting a response from West Berkshire as to whether they are willing to contribute. In addition, the Council has secured Section 106 funds from Harwell Campus to provide such a link which could be supplemented by funds through the forthcoming Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP).</i></p> <p><i>Over the summer both councils will be considering options for our respective BSIPs and there was broad agreement at the roundtable</i></p>

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	<p><i>that this would be a potential candidate for inclusion, possibly as a jointly-funded project.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the potential for future hydrogen operation of services in the Didcot area was discussed at the roundtable, the significant associated costs mean that this could only be done on a depot basis and not for individual routes, and battery electric buses would be unsuitable for the range and terrain. Therefore diesel buses will need to be used, at least for an initial period.</i></p>