## ...Decisions...Decisions



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 (<a href="https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>.)

The decisions take effect at the time and date specified, unless before that time written notice is given in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules requiring the decision to be called in for review by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

If you have a query please contact Colm Ó Caomhánaigh (Tel: 07393 001096; E-Mail: colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED	DECISIONS	ACTION	
1. Apologies for Absence	None	DLG (A Newman)	
2. Declarations of Interest	None	DLG (A Newman)	
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 15 November 2022 (CA3a) and 29 November 2022 (CA3b) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2022 were approved and signed with one amendment:  Item 146/22, third paragraph, insert "held" after "Councillor Miller had"  The minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2022 were approved and signed with one amendment:  Item 157/22, on Agenda Page 21, in recommendation (a), insert "as agreed by Cabinet" after "any scrutiny recommendations".  Matters Arising: Regarding the deferral of the decision on Appointments from the meeting on 29 November 2022, following further discussions on the matter, Cabinet agreed the recommendations that had been proposed at that meeting in the agenda and addenda.  a) designate Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford University Hospitals NHS	DLG (C O Caomhánai gh)	

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	Outside Bodies;	
	b) appoint governors to both bodies as listed in the Annex.	
	Annex: "Appoint Councillor Tim Bearder as governor to Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and governor to Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust."	
4. Questions from County Councillors	See Annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	14 Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Process Mandy Rigault	
6. Reports from Scrutiny Committees	Cabinet received the scrutiny reports and will formally respond in due course.	DLG (T Hudson)
Cabinet will receive two scrutiny reports:		
From the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the Local Transport & Connectivity Plan		
From the Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the Consultation Budget Proposals		
7. Financial Monitoring Update October 2022		
Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2022/217 Contact: Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy, 07788 302163		
Report by Director of Finance (CA7).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations approved.	DF (K Wilcox)
a) note the report and annexes		

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<ul> <li>b) agree the virements in Annex B-2a</li> <li>c) note the virements in Annex B-2b</li> <li>d) agree the use of a further £1.0m</li> <li>from the COVID-19 reserve to offset pressures in Children's Services.</li> </ul>		
8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report - October 2022		
Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2022/094 Contact: Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy, 07788 302163  Report by Director of Finance (CA8).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendations approved with one	DF (K
OCC Capital Programme	amendment to recommendation 2: insert "Deputy" before "Leader".	Wilcox)
<ol> <li>Approve the latest capital monitoring position for 2022/23 (Annex 1) and the associated updated capital programme at Annex 2, incorporating the changes set out in this report</li> <li>Note the approval made under delegated authority of the Leader of the Council for:         <ol> <li>New Heyford Primary School (paragraph 26)</li> <li>Heyford Park School Expansion (paragraph 28)</li> </ol> </li> <li>To note:         <ol> <li>increase of £0.360m to the Active Travel Programme (Tranche 2) funded from the Budget Priorities Reserve (paragraph 34)</li> <li>the inclusion of the Department for Transport (DfT) grant of £32.8m into the capital programme following the Cabinet Report on 18 October 2022 as funding towards</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		
the Zero Emission Bus Regional Area (paragraph 37).  e) progress on the Structural		

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Maintenance 2022/23 Milestones (Annex 3): f) funding of £0.185m towards the Highway Tree Planting programme funded from the Budget Priorities Reserve (paragraph 52)	DECISIONS	ACTION
Re-profiling		
4. Agree the in-year re-profiling as identified in the report and (Annex 1 and 2)		
Funding		
5. Note the following grant funding updates and allocations:		
<ul> <li>a) Housing &amp; Growth Deal (paragraph 39)</li> <li>b) Children Homes (paragraph 66),</li> <li>c) Safer Roads (paragraphs 71),</li> </ul>		
9. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 2 - July to September 2022		
Cabinet Member: Corporate Services Forward Plan Ref: 2022/095 Contact: Karen Edwards, Director of Human Resources		
Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development & Resources (CA9).		
The Cabinet is recommended to note the report	Recommendation approved.	CDCODR (S Currell)
10. Annual Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report & Climate Action Programme - Biannual Update		
Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery		

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& Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2022/162 Contact: Rose Sutton, Principal Officer (Service Improvement), rose.sutton@oxfordshire.gov.uk  Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA10).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations approved.	CDEP (R
a) Approve the annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions report for 2021/2022 for publication on the County Council website, set out in Appendix 1.		Sutton)
b) Note the biannual update on the delivery of the Climate Action Programme agreed by Cabinet in May (Appendix 2).		
c) Note the success of the Carbon Literacy Training programme and ambition to achieve bronze accreditation by March 2023 and develop a business case to move to silver accreditation.		
11. Infrastructure Funding Statement		
Cabinet Member: Travel & Development Strategy Forward Plan Ref: 2022/106 Contact: Christine Stevenson, Planning Obligations Manager, 07825 052782  Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA11).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations approved.	CDEP (C
a) Consider the content of the Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021/22;		Stevenson)

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b) Approve the publication of the report onto the Oxfordshire County Council website.		
12. Report from Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman		
Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader (inc. Children, Education & Young People's Services) Forward Plan Ref: 2022/247 Contact: Deborah Bell, Head of Learner Engagement, deborah.bell@oxfordshire.gov.uk		
Report by Corporate Director for Children's Services (CA12).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of the report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGO) as in Annex 1 and to endorse the actions completed and undertaken in response by this council.	Recommendations approved.	CDCS (D Bell)
13. Local Government Association Communications Peer Review: feedback report		
Cabinet Member: Corporate Services Forward Plan Ref: 2022/186 Contact: Susannah Wintersgill, Director of Communications, Strategy and Insight, tel: 07554 103526		
Report by Corporate Director for Customers, Organisational Development & Resources (CA13).		
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report from the July 2022 LGA communications peer review, which is attached as Annex 1, and the council's actions taken in response to the	Recommendations approved.	CDCODR (S Wintersgill)

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recommendations in the report.		
14. Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Process  Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery & Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2022/111 Contact: Kevin Broughton, Minerals and Waste Local Plan Team Leader, 07979704458  Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA14).  The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:  a) Approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (Thirteenth Revision) December 2022 at Annex 1, in order to have effect from 1st January 2023.  b) Delegate any final detailed amendment and editing to the Corporate Director Environment and	Recommendations approved.	CDEP (K Broughton)
Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment.		
15. Forward Plan and Future Business		
Cabinet Member: All Contact Officer: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.	Noted.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)



## ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
1. COUNCILLOR SALLY POVOLOTSKY	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
In 2022 (from January), how many hours / days / permits were granted to Thames Water so far for "emergency work", and how many of these permits were classified as "emergency" in relation to leaks / broken network / households without water? How many of these permits resulted in enforcement measures and fines due to issues on the original permit issues, for example failure to "make good" the site they worked on in the Highway.	It is not possible to specifically identify only works in relation to leaks / broken network / households without water on our system. The most relevant category we have would be under "Utility repair and maintenance works". Works registered under "Immediate notices" are all those which need to start without delay so do not require prior notice. These have two categories: emergency (where there is imminent risk to people or property) and urgent (where there is no service but no imminent danger). The table below provides these figures for permits issued to Thames Water since January 2022.  In respect of enforcement data, we only hold data about enforcement measures in relation to all work types for Thames Water, not just those classed as immediate works. These are as follows:  • Total Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued – 410 (please note FPNs can be issued for a variety of reasons including breaches of permit conditions and noticing failures relating to permit information)  • Total Section 74 Notices (S74s) issued – 119 (please note leaks / broken network / households without water on our system)  • Total overrun days charged - 399  Table of permits issued to Thames Water since January 2022
	See below
2. COUNCILLOR SALLY POVOLOTSKY	COUNCILLOR PETE SUDBURY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY & ENVIRONMENT

#### Questions

### **Cabinet Member**

Project Leo has been a groundbreaking smart energy and hyper localised project alongside other countywide innovation. Can the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery & Environment please update us on high level lessons learnt, an all Member briefing and will this Council be accelerating this learning to benefit some of our poorest communities to transition energy decarbonisation and benefit those residents and communities?

Project LEO is due to complete at end of March 2023. Work is continuing apace, with ongoing market trials (assessing the potential for local flexibility services to balance energy supply and demand on the low voltage network), continuation of the smart and fair neighbourhood projects (led by project partners, the Low Carbon Hub, with six communities across Oxfordshire) and further development of the data and mapping workstreams. Learnings from across the project are being drawn together into a final report during December and will be widely shared once published (before end March 2023).

#### 3. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON

# COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT

Residents in my Division have expressed scepticism about the new paperless Residents' Parking Scheme. Could the Cabinet member please provide data from the first weeks of the new paperless scheme to reassure them that the technology has been a useful investment in saving both time and money?

As with all new systems the new Residents' Parking Scheme has taken time to bed-in. However, now that this has happened officers report there has been a reduction in the number of chaser calls and emails for permits which would previously have been posted. The system does not currently allow for this to be quantified. Positive feedback has also been received from customers over the 'phone thanking officers, saying how much easier the new system is, and that they look forward to visitors permits moving over to the new system.

Full realisation of the scheme will come when virtual visitor permits are delivered. Having a wholly virtual permit scheme will give residents full control of their permits, allowing for self-service. This will remove the waiting times residents face at present due to manual processing of permits.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY**

#### **RESPONSE**

In relation to enforcement of non-compliant parking in residents' parking zones by those who are not permitted to be there, what are the Key Performance Indicators for that and whether this I am happy to take that question away and find out how the scheme is performing in that respect and let you know.

Cabinet Member
COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
The recent withdrawal of the HIF2 CPO process was as a result of the serious financial pressures we and others face as a result of the highest inflation for decades. We are still committed to delivering the project and officers will be returning to cabinet in the new year with revised plans for the continuation of the project. I agree that it is important that the revised scheme does indeed retain all the best aspects of the previous proposals, and we will be working hard to ensure this is the case. We will take the opportunity to make sure local members are engaged in this process as soon as we have some draft plans to share, as well as take the opportunity to do further appropriate public engagement throughout the process of scheme design and delivery.
RESPONSE It is very much our aim to involve all stakeholders and expert groups one of whom is Cyclox. Obviously the bus companies are another and we would hope to make sure that, as far as possible, local councillors are kept informed and involved.
COUNCILLOR CALUM MILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE
Thank you, Cllr Middleton, for your question. As you know from our conversations about this proposal, the cabinet is committed to making sure that decision-making about this proposal from Oxford United FC is conducted in an open and transparent way, informed by the views of residents. This has led the county council to take a number of steps:  • We requested an engagement exercise be undertaken in

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	local residents and which has shaped Cabinet's approach to discussions with the club;
	<ul> <li>Taking account of those views, we requested that the club focus on a smaller area of land (known as 'the Triangle') within the area they had original proposed;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>We set out very clearly at the start of this month the intention to bring officers' recommendations to Cabinet for a decision to be taken in a public meeting on 24 January 2023;</li> </ul>
	We have asked the club to publish the information that they provided to the County Council so that the parish councils, sports clubs and members of the public interested in this proposal can review those.
	I am in close touch with the two relevant parish councils (Kidlington, and Gosford and Water Eaton), of which I know you are a member, and will meet with them to have their input before the Cabinet meeting. The public Cabinet meeting on 24 January is the next stage in decision-making. If Cabinet decides to take forward negotiations with the club, there will still be a considerable way to go before any sale or lease is agreed, with opportunities for further input from residents, parishes and other parties at each stage.
SUPPLEMENTARY It's good to hear that there is still going to be scope for continuing input from residents and local stakeholders into any decision on this matter but for the avoidance of doubt could Councillor Miller confirm that any decision taken by Cabinet in January to allow officers to enter into discussions with the club will not constitute	RESPONSE I am happy to confirm that the decision that will be put to Cabinet on 24 January will not be a final one relating to lease or sale. I anticipate that officers will make recommendations to Cabinet on 24 January and if Cabinet decides to proceed that they will set out a timetable for those negotiations and in that situation Cabinet would retain oversight of the negotiations with regular reporting back.
an in-principle agreement to lease or sell any land at Stratfield Brake but will rather be an exploratory process which will inform any later	

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decision taken on the disposal of such land along with input from local stakeholders and residents?	

## Table of permits issued to Thames Water since January 2022 (Question 1)

Work Type	Number of permits	Proposed working days	Proposed calendar days	Actual calendar days
All work types	6472	18401	23680	23603
Immediate noti	ces - all			
Total	3304	10022	13172	13511
Urgent	2786	8741	11521	11825
Emergency	518	1281	1651	1686
Immediate noti	 ce (activity type -	Utility repair & mainten	lance works)	
Total	3209	9786	12858	13193
Urgent	2735	8592	11325	11625
Emergency	474	1194	1533	1568