

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

### REPORT OF THE CABINET

#### ***Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader***

**1. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 4**  
(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)

Cabinet noted a report that provided details of performance for quarter four. The report is required so that the Cabinet can monitor the performance of the Council in key service areas and be assured that progress is being made to improve areas where performance is below the expected level.

#### ***Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families***

**2. Business Case for the Future of Hill End – Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford University**  
(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)

Cabinet considered and approved a report seeking confirmation that Oxfordshire County Council, in conjunction with Oxford University, will support the proposals for new governance and management arrangements at Hill End and in particular approved the proposal to establish a new charitable entity.

**3. Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking and Refugee Children – Transfer Scheme**  
(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)

Cabinet considered a report seeking a decision as to whether or not Oxfordshire County Council will commit to the new Government scheme which is a voluntary approach to sharing UASC more equally across the UK. Cabinet agreed to implement the Government proposal.

**4. Draft Action Plan in Response to Joint Targeted Area Inspection**  
(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)

In early March Ofsted, The Care Quality Commission, HMI Constabulary and HMI Probation undertook a joint inspection of the multi-agency response to child sexual exploitation, children missing from home, care or education and the front door to children's social care. This resulted in the publication of a detailed letter outlining the findings of the effectiveness of partnership working and the working of individual agencies in Oxfordshire.

The Director of Children's Services was required to submit a written statement of action to Ofsted by 15 August 2016, which was to be accompanied by the

detailed action plan that addressed the areas for improvement identified by the JTAI. Cabinet approved the written statement of action and action plan.

### ***Cabinet Member: Environment***

#### **5. Short Form Section 278 Highways Act 1980**

*(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)*

Cabinet considered and approved a report on the proposed approach for enabling small scale infrastructure to be built on the highway, associated with schemes supported by Town and Parish Councils and in certain circumstances where these small scale works are required by developers.

### ***Cabinet Member: Finance***

#### **6. Provisional 2015/16 Revenue and Capital Outturn**

*(Cabinet, 28 June 2016)*

Cabinet considered a report that set out the provisional revenue and capital outturn position for 2015/16 and showed how actual expenditure and income for the year compared to the budgeted position. Cabinet also considered a further explanatory note and updated Annex . The Council's draft Statement of Accounts for 2015/16 is required to be signed by the Chief Financial Officer by 30 June following which a period of public inspection will commence. The final Statement of Accounts will be submitted to the Audit and Governance Committee on 14 September 2016 following external audit and certification by the Chief Finance Officer.

Cabinet agreed in respect of the 2015/16 outturn to: note the provisional revenue and capital outturn for 2015/16 along with the year end position on balances and reserves; approve the debt write-off and virements; and to agree that where applicable the surplus on the On-Street Parking Account at the end of the 2015/16 financial year, be carried forward in the account to the 2016/17 financial year. Cabinet also agreed to recommend Council to approve virements requiring Council approval which were considered at your July meeting.

#### **7. Treasury Management 2015/16 Outturn**

*(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)*

Cabinet considered a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2015/16 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Cabinet noted the report and **RECOMMENDED** Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2015/16 and it is included elsewhere on this agenda

## **8. 2016/17 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report**

*(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)*

Cabinet had before them the first financial monitoring report for 2016/17 that focused on the delivery of the Directorate Business Strategies that were agreed as part of the Service and Resource Planning Process for 2016/17 – 2019/20. Parts 1 and 2 included projections for revenue, reserves and balances as at the end of May 2016. Capital Programme monitoring and update was included at Part 3.

Cabinet noted the report; approved the virement requests ; approved a foster care loan write-off; noted the Treasury Management lending list; approved the updated Capital Programme and the associated changes to the programme; approved the increase of £2.2m in the budget for the Great Western Park Primary School in Didcot; approved the contractual commitment for construction of the Access to Headington Project, with a total budget of £11.2m; and approved the contractual commitment for construction of the Harwell Link Road Project, with a total increased budget of £11.6m.

## **9. Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20**

*(Cabinet, 19 July 2016)*

The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) agreed by Council in February 2016 included a requirement for further savings for which proposals had not been identified of £10.4m in 2017/18 and £6.2m in 2018/19. A surplus position of £1.3m was included for 2019/20. Over the medium term to 2019/20 a total of £15.3m additional savings are required.

Given the need to make significant additional savings only became apparent following the publication of the Draft Local Government Finance Settlement late in December 2015 due to a change in the distribution of Revenue Support Grant, it would not have been prudent to propose further significant savings without proper financial planning and consultation. Therefore, recommendations for meeting the £15.3m further savings were proposed to be brought forward as part of a revised MTFP for 2017/18 – 2019/20 to Cabinet and then Council for approval before the autumn of 2016. Cabinet had before them the report setting out the proposed recommendations for meeting these further savings. Cabinet **RECOMMENDED** Council to approve the proposals and they are included elsewhere on this agenda

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Leader of the Council

September 2016