

Divisions- N/A

COUNTY COUNCIL – 23 MARCH 2021

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council

1. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 1 - April - June 2020

(Cabinet, 23 February 2021)

Cabinet noted a report that provided an update on key HR activities during Quarter 3 (1 October – 31 December 2020) along with a refreshed workforce profile and absence data including COVID related absence data.

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care & Public Health

2. Recommissioning Services to Support Homeless Adults and Adults at Risk of Homelessness in Oxfordshire

(Cabinet, 23 February 2021)

Cabinet considered and approved a report setting out how the partnership of six Oxfordshire councils and the Clinical Commissioning Group intended to recommission services to support people who were homeless or at risk of homelessness including rough sleepers.

Cabinet Member: Education & Cultural Services

3. Funding for Special Schools

(Cabinet, 19 January 2021)

Cabinet considered a report which set out the background to how SEND (High Needs) top-up funding currently operated for special schools in Oxfordshire and how, with Cabinet's approval, a transfer of Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs funding would help support an increase in top-up funding in line with that agreed in September for mainstream schools, in order to better meet the needs of children in these schools. Cabinet approved a one-off increase in top-up funding as proposed.

Cabinet Member: Environment

4. Oxfordshire Strategic Vision

(Cabinet, 15 December 2020)

Cabinet considered a report that introduced a first draft of a Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire as proposed by Oxfordshire Growth Board.

5. A40 Science Transit 2 Funding and Full Business Case Submission

(Cabinet, 15 December 2020)

In July 2014 the Science Transit 2 (ST2) project was awarded a provisional allocation of £35 million from Governments Local Growth Fund, subject to:

- i. the submission of an acceptable Full Business Case being submitted to the Department for Transport (hereafter referred to as DfT).
- ii. a minimum of £5 million matching local contribution.

The A40 Science Transit scheme was entered into the capital programme through a decision of Cabinet on 21st July 2015 that outlined the scheme and the longer-term strategy for the A40.

Cabinet had before them a report that set out progress to date and sought approval to the next steps, including agreeing the preferred option to accelerate the delivery of the Park & Ride element of the project, additional development costs and authority to officers to submit a Full Business Case to Department for Transport for funding approval.

6. Local Transport and Connectivity Plan – Vision and Objectives Document

(Cabinet, 19 January 2021)

Cabinet endorsed and approved for public consultation the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.

7. Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Scheme (11th Edition)

(Cabinet, 19 January 2021)

Cabinet approved the Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Scheme (11th edition)

Green Homes Grant, Local Authority Delivery Fund 1B

(Cabinet, 19 January 2021)

In support of the council's climate action and healthy place shaping agenda as well as national commitments to a green recovery, Cabinet noted the submission of a funding application in relation to the Green Homes Grant and delegated authority to officers to complete legal agreements in the event of a successful application.

Cabinet Member: Finance

8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report – October 2020

(Cabinet, 15 December 2020)

Cabinet had before them a report that set out the latest monitoring position for 2020/21 capital programme based on activity to the end of October 2020 and that provided an update on latest ten-year capital programme to 2029/30.

Cabinet noted the inclusion of a contribution to Active Travel Programme from OxLEP; approved a revised budget provision for the A40 Oxford North (Northern Gateway) scheme; agreed the inclusion of the new NE Didcot Primary School and delegated to officers authority to agree Heads of Terms with the Department for Education in relation to the funding for the new Grove Airfield Secondary School.

Cabinet Member: All Cabinet Members

9. Business Management & Monitoring Report

(Cabinet, 15 December 2021, 19 January and 23 February 202)

Cabinet noted a series of reports that set out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities for 2020/21 up to December 2020

The reports contained three annexes:

- Annex A gave the current performance against targets and summarised progress towards overall outcomes set out in our Corporate Plan.
- Annex B set out the Leadership Risk Register which had been developed as part of the Council's work to strengthen risk and opportunities management.
- Annex C gave a financial update

In December Cabinet approved COVID expenditure and income virements.

In February Cabinet approved a virement relating to the Rough Sleeping, Drugs and Alcohol Grant Scheme and approved bad debt write-offs. They also noted the allocations of the Contain Outbreaks management Fund.

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