

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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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	Councillors Gray, Harrod, Lindsay-Gale, Reeves.	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 15 October 2019 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Minutes agreed subject to the following amendment in bold italics: Page 11, paragraph 3 – First sentence to be amended to read: Responding to a question from Councillor David Bartholomew, Cabinet member for Finance, Councillor Phillips confirmed her view that the report structure was improving.	SW
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex.	All
5. Petitions and Public Address	Item 6 – Councillor Laura Price, Item 7 – Councillor Richard Webber Item 9 - Marc Thompson, local resident Councillor Susanna Pressel Councillor Glynis Phillips	

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	Item 11 Councillor John Sanders	
<p>6. Delegation of Enforcement Powers to City/District Councils</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/155 <i>Contact:</i> Richard Webb, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services and Community Safety Tel: 01865 815791</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) approve the delegation of specific powers from the county council to the city and district councils in relation to enforcement of the legal requirements concerning domestic Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs).</p> <p>(b) approve the delegation of specific powers from the county council to the city and district councils in relation to the enforcement of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) in commercial properties; and</p> <p>(c) authorise the Director of Community Safety and Chief Fire Officer, acting in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, to enter the necessary agreements to implement this delegation.</p>	Recommendations agreed.	CDC (R. Webb)
<p>7. Statutory Notice to Close Culham Parochial CE Primary School</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Education & Cultural Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/095 <i>Contact:</i> Joanne Booker, School Organisation Officer Tel: 07393 001258</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed closure of Culham</p>	Recommendation agreed	DCS (J. Booker/A. Milward)

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Parochial Church of England Primary School.		
<p>8. Community Asset Transfer Policy</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Transformation</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2019/160</i> <i>Contact: Claire Phillips, Asset & Investment Team Manager Tel: 07785 453260/Karen Lister, Head of Estates & Strategy Tel: 07875 441940</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to adopt the revised Community Asset Transfer Policy.</p>	Recommendation agreed.	CDC (C. Phillips)
<p>9. Business Management & Monitoring Report - September 2019</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2019/088</i> <i>Contact: Steven Fairhurst Jones, Corporate Performance & Risk Manager Tel: 07932 318890/Ian Dyson, Assistant Director of Finance Tel: 07393 001250</i></p> <p>The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report and consider any matters for future attention by the Committee.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p> <p>Responding to a comment from Councillor Pressel Councillor Hudspeth undertook to provide information on the distribution across the City and Districts of the pot hole fund.</p>	CE (B. Threadgold/S. Jones)
<p>10. Treasury Management Mid-Term Review (2019/20)</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2019/087</i> <i>Contact: Donna Ross, Principal Finance Manager – Treasury Pension Tel: (01865) 323976</i></p>		

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<p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the report, and</p> <p>(b) recommend Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2019/20.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DF (D. Ross)</p>
<p>11. Oxfordshire Local Aggregates Assessment 2019</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2019/190 <i>Contact:</i> Kevin Broughton, Principal Minerals Officer Tel: 07979 704458</p> <p>The CABINET is RECOMMENDED to, subject to consideration of any advice from the South East England Aggregate Working Party,</p> <p>(a) approve the inclusion of the provision level figures in paragraph 30 of the report in the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2019 for use as the basis for provision for mineral working in the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and for calculating the Oxfordshire landbank; and</p> <p>(b) authorise the Director for Planning and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to finalise the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2019 and to publish it on the Council website.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed that officers look at whether it is possible to provide a simple illustration linked to housing, road or other developments that would demonstrate what the figures represented.</p>	<p>CDC (K. Broughton)</p>
<p>12. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> All <i>Contact Officer:</i> Sue Whitehead, <i>Committee Services Manager Tel:</i> 07393</p>		

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<p>001213</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

1. Question from Councillor Richard Webber to Councillor Lindsay-Gale

“Some Service families moving into Oxfordshire mid-year are experiencing difficulties in finding school places. As all but one of the secondary schools in Oxfordshire are academies and control their own in-year admissions policies will the Cabinet Member agree to write to the Secretary of State for Education asking for control of in-year admissions.”

Answer

Oxfordshire is fully committed to supporting Service families and it is deeply concerning that some Service families have experienced difficulties in finding a school place for their children. However, problems associated with in-year admissions are not confined to Service families.

Currently all mainstream state funded schools are required to take part in the coordinated admissions system for the main entry points for primary and infant schools, junior schools and transfer from primary to secondary school. It would be sensible to require studio schools and university technical colleges to be take part in a coordination of admissions scheme for the main point of entry. Local authorities are responsible for coordinating admissions and in Oxfordshire the scheme has worked well with a high proportion of children receiving first preference schools.

Most schools in Oxfordshire are part of the in-year admissions scheme but it would be helpful if all schools were required to take part in a coordinated admissions scheme for in-year applicants. In-year schemes should have timescales that apply to all local authorities and all admission authorities.

Therefore, I would be happy to write to the Secretary of State to ask for changes to the School Admissions Code 2014 to ensure that all admissions to mainstream schools are included in coordinated admissions arrangements for which local authorities are responsible. Primary legislation may be necessary to enable changes of this kind and I would support such a step to achieve a more efficient and fairer system.

There are arrangements in place to identify schools for hard to place children, but they can involve long delays due to the need to ask the Secretary of State to direct admission. This is against the interests of these vulnerable children and it would be helpful if local authorities responsible for coordination of admissions also had the legal right to direct admission when no school is willing to offer a child a school place. Therefore, I am also willing to write to the Secretary of State to request changes to primary legislation that would invest local authorities with the power to direct admission of hard to place children.