

COUNTY COUNCIL – 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

1. Business Management & Monitoring Report – April 2019

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Joint Responsibility with the Cabinet Member for Finance

Cabinet considered a report on Oxfordshire County Council's progress towards Corporate Plan priorities that provided an update on the delivery of the Medium-Term Financial Plan at the end of May 2019.

Cabinet noted the contents of the report and approved virements including the creation of income and expenditure budgets relating to the un-ringfenced Mockingbird Grant within Children's Services, a staffing restructure virement within Community Operations, and the creation of expenditure and recharge income budget relating to an iBCF (improved Better Care Fund) allocation to workforce projects within Joint Commissioning.

2. Senior Joint Leadership Roles – Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet noted the proposal to appoint two senior joint posts so as to facilitate further joint working with OCC and CDC and to ask the Joint Shared Service & Personnel Committee to convene as soon as practicable to proceed with the recruitment and appointment of the most suitable candidate.

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care

3. Outcomes from the Review of the Innovation and Sustainability Grants

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet considered a report following a review of the Innovation and Sustainability Funds process and timeline for future grant funding takes place prior to future rounds of bidding. Cabinet approved the recommendations for the future process.

Cabinet Member: Children & Family Services

4. Family Safeguarding Plus Social Care Model

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet considered a report that detailed the Family Safeguarding Plus (FSP) model and set out a business case supporting implementation in Oxfordshire. The report included examination of the key features and benefits of the model alongside the costs of implementing it. It also explored how FSP would contribute to the wider transformation of children's services.

Cabinet supported the implementation of the Family Safeguarding Plus (FSP) model as part of Children's Service transformation programme

5. Strategy & Plans to Re-design Oxfordshire's Fostering 'Offer' to become the Provider of Choice

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet considered a report proposing options for a new strategy and plan developed to ensure Oxfordshire County Council become the fostering provider of choice for new and existing foster carers in order to improve outcomes for our Looked After Children. The proposals were developed following extensive research from national fora, co-production with foster carers and validation with other 'Good' local authorities.

The Cabinet approved the Outlined Strategy and service improvement plan at Option 3 of the report.

6. Joint Housing & Homelessness Strategy for Vulnerable Young People & Families & Re-Commissioning the Young People's Supported Housing Pathway

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet adopted the Joint Housing and Homelessness Strategy for Vulnerable Young People and Families. Cabinet also considered a report on the outcomes of a review of the Young People's Supported Housing Pathway and agreed to support the re-commissioning of Young People's Supported Housing Services with District Councils, with the County Council as the lead commissioner.

Cabinet Member: Education & Cultural Services

7. SEND Home to School Transport Cabinet Advisory Group

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet approved the recommendations of the SEND Home to School Transport Cabinet Advisory Group.

Cabinet Member: Environment**8. Bus Access to Queen Street, Oxford**

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet considered a report outlining the results of monitoring the operation of Queen Street since the reopening of Westgate and approved a recommendation not to progress a scheme to remove any more buses from Queen Street.

Cabinet Member: Finance**9. Provisional Revenue Outturn Report 2018/19**

(Cabinet, 18 June 2019)

Cabinet considered a report that provided commentary on the provisional revenue outturn position for 2018/19 prior to the formal closure of the accounts.

Cabinet noted the provisional revenue outturn for 2018/19 along with the year-end position on general balances and earmarked reserves; approve the transfer of over and under spends to general balances; agreed the carry forward of the eligible surplus on the On-Street Parking Account; approved the transfer of the £0.4m underspend relating to the replacement for the Oxfordshire Strategic Model to the Budget Priorities Reserve for use in 2019/20 and approved the revised 2019/20 Earmarked Reserve forecast.

10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report – May 2019

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet noted the first capital programme update and monitoring report for the year that focussed on the delivery of the 2019/20 capital programme based on projections at the end of May 2019 and new inclusions within the overall ten-year capital programme.

In particular Cabinet approved: the updated Capital Programme; the basic need programme up to September 2020; the School Structural Maintenance Programme for 2019/20; the revised budget provision for the replacement and expansion of Northfield School; the inclusion of the Watlington Relief Road project in the Capital programme and the revised budget provision for the Eastern Arc, Access to Headington scheme. Cabinet also noted the approvals made under delegated authority of the Leader of the Council for the revised budget provision of towards the Barton Park new primary School, and release of budget provision towards the replacement of the Data Centre Infrastructure.

11. Treasury Management 2018/19 Outturn

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

Cabinet considered a report which set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2018/19 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report was the second for the financial year 2018/19 and sets out the position as at 31 March 2019. Cabinet RECOMMENDED Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2018/19.

N.B. The report is included elsewhere on the Council agenda for consideration by full Council.

Cabinet Member: Local Communities

12. Transition Fund for Open Access Children's Services: Underspend Bidding Round Recommendations

(Cabinet, 16 July 2019)

In February 2016, the Council agreed to set aside £1m for creating a 'one off' fund to provide pump priming to support the provision of open access children's services.

Following 7 bidding rounds, an outstanding sum of £218,889 was identified. A final bidding round invited those organisations previously in receipt of Transition funding to apply to the fund for schemes to support their long-term sustainability.

Cabinet approved the recommendations of the working group that had considered the applications against the agreed criteria outlined in the guidance notes. 23 bids were agreed (some in part) at a total cost of £198,268.70. Cabinet further agreed that the remaining funds be used to provide a training and support package to all groups delivering open access children's services.

Cabinet Member: Transformation

13. Investment Strategy

(Cabinet, 16 July 2018)

Cabinet commented on and endorsed the draft strategy ahead of final consideration by Council in September 2019.

N.B. The report is included elsewhere on the Council agenda for consideration by full Council.