

COUNTY COUNCIL – 14 DECEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery & Environment

1. Climate Action Programme Update and Annual Greenhouse Gas Report 2020/21

(Cabinet, 16 November 2021)

Cabinet considered the Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2020/2021 report which was an annual report on the Council's operational greenhouse gas emissions and progress towards the target of net zero by 2030. The report covered the financial year 2020-2021 and the period of greatest operational COVID impact.

Cabinet approved publication of the Greenhouse Gas Report on the Council's website.

2. Sustainable Warmth Fund (SWF)

(Cabinet, 16 November 2021)

Cabinet considered a report which informed Members that OCC had applied to central Government for a grant of £3.37m from the Sustainable Warmth Fund. This money would provide energy-saving home retrofit measures for those most in need and unable to pay.

Cabinet endorsed the submission of the funding bid and approved delegated authority to the Corporate Director Environment and Place in consultation with S151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and Environment to review and conclude legal agreements should the application be successful.

3. Local Aggregates Assessment 2020 and 2021

(Cabinet, 16 November 2021)

Cabinet was provided with a report which informed Members that under the National Planning Policy Framework, July 2021 (NPPF), mineral planning authorities should prepare an annual Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA).

The latest LAA for Oxfordshire was produced in 2019. In 2020 the Aggregates Survey for the 2019 information was the responsibility of British Geological Survey, the results of which were published in August 2021. Hence there had been a delay in producing the LAA for 2020.

Cabinet approved the Local Aggregates Assessments for 2020 and 2021 and authorised the Corporate Director Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and Environment to make any revisions and publish the assessments on the Council website.

Cabinet Member: Finance

4. Treasury Management Mid-Term Review

(Cabinet, 16 November 2021)

Cabinet had before it a report setting out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2021/22 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Cabinet endorsed the report and recommended that Council also endorse it.

Cabinet Member: Travel and Development Strategy

5. A4095/B4100 Banbury Road Roundabout - Preferred Options and In Principle Use of Statutory Powers

(Cabinet, 16 November 2021)

Cabinet considered a report which sought approval to progress with a junction capacity and sustainable transport improvements project at the A4095 / B4100 Banbury Road roundabout in Bicester.

Cabinet approved the design option and the progression into Design and Procurement Stage 2 of the project. Approval was also given in principle for the use of Statutory Powers. If a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) is required to deliver the project, further approval would be sought from Cabinet.

6. Banbury Regeneration - Tramway Road Improvements In Principle use of Statutory Powers

(Cabinet, 16 November 2021)

Cabinet was provided with a report which provided details on the Banbury Regeneration - Tramway Road Improvements. The proposals would deliver a new bus and taxi link past the railway station and into the town centre, as well as a new access to Network Rail West Car Park and improvements to pedestrian access.

Cabinet approved the updated design layout and the progression of the layout into Design and Procurement Stage 2 of the project. Approval was also given in principle for the use of Statutory Powers and the preparation of any necessary Side Roads Orders. Further approval would be sought from Cabinet for any CPO or Side Roads Orders.

Cabinet Member: All Cabinet Members

7. Business Management & Monitoring Report

(Cabinet, 16 November 2021)

Cabinet considered reports setting out Oxfordshire County Council's progress towards Corporate Plan priorities for 2021/22 during September 2021.

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The report updated Cabinet on the delivery of the 21 OCC and joint priority actions set by the Climate Action Programme Board for 2021/22 and the Including Everyone action plan. However, as these were joint reports of OCC and Cherwell District Council, they were not included in the formal recommendation for OCC Cabinet to note.

Cabinet approved the other reports as well as a list of virements set out in an Annex.

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Leader of the Council

December 2021