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Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 21 December 2010 at 2.00 pm

County Hall, Oxford, OX11ND

ADDENDA

3. Minutes

Councillor Fook has submitted the following correction:

Minute 130/10 Establishment Review.

The first sentence should read

Cllr Fooks, Opposition Deputy Leader, commented that it was particularly important to see how things were progressing at the current time, *as the recent staff survey showed that large numbers of staff did not feel valued.*

4. Questions from County Councillors (Pages 1 - 10)

Attached.

5. Petitions and Public Address (Pages 11 12)

6. Financial Monitoring - December 2010

Recommendations corrected:

74. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) *note the report and approve the virement requests as set out in annex 2a;*
- (b) *approve the creation of the New Dimensions reserve as set out in paragraph 43, and the transfer to reserves set out in paragraphs 42 and 43;*

- (c) *note the schemes released from the capital moratorium under the delegated authority of the Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer as set out in paragraph 71 to 73 and Annex 7.*

7. Service & Resource Planning Report for 2011/12 - 2015/16 (December 2010)
(Pages 13- 20)

Supplementary report attached

14. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 21 22)

Supplementary schedule attached.

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ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Members:

1.Cllr Tanner to Cllr Hudseph

Does the portfolio holder agree that closing half of Oxfordshire's recycling centres will make it more difficult for residents to recycle, risks increasing fly-tipping and will increase car journeys across the county. Will he look again at keeping the popular Redbridge recycling centre, in Oxford, open to the public, as well as to trade customers. Where does he suggest residents of Bicester, Chipping Norton and Faringdon should take their waste in future?

Answer:

The phased withdrawal (over the next 3- 4 years) of waste recycling centres is possible due to the new collection services introduced across Oxfordshire.

Services at the kerbside have expanded greatly in the last year and fewer people need to visit the sites, reducing the number of trips and associated CO2 emissions. The waste collection authorities have done a tremendous job in expanded recycling services, supported by "no side waste" policies to stimulate behavioural change in the way that residents manage their waste. In addition, the work that the Oxfordshire waste partnership has done on home composting, waste reduction and re-use has seen many people utilising the community action groups, swap shops, making use of free-cycle and donating goods to charity.

The proposal to close some sites is supported by a contribution to district councils to expand and reassess bulky waste charges. There are two authorities working with the county on reuse of bulky items under a trial at present. The services at the kerbside will be regular and economically attractive, meaning that the householder will find it more attractive and cost effective to utilise the services (already passing their home), reducing CO2 emissions and knowing that their goods are following a systematic waste management process.

As for fly-tipping, residents are aware of the law and those currently legally depositing rubbish at the sites are unlikely to turn into law breaking fly-tippers, especially with the choice of services on offer at the kerbside. The proposal is also supported by a contribution to enforcement and education to mitigate any risk.

Redbridge is not fit for purpose and is in need of major investment to upgrade the road infrastructure, concrete and drainage. The Kidlington site will be closer for all those residents in the north of Oxford and will have a reuse shop to maintain the theme of the waste hierarchy, gaining value from commodities rather than labour intensive recycling. It would be very expensive to keep both sites open in the current economic climate and therefore the Kidlington

site will be the primary Oxford City facility. Residents from Bicester, Chipping Norton and Faringdon will all have a facility within their local authority area, making consistent services across the whole of Oxfordshire.

Combined with the above will be the Energy from Waste facility at Ardley, which will generate electricity for 22,000 homes. This will avoid landfill tax and LATs penalties, provide an income stream for the tax payers. To produce a similar quantity of electricity 120 wind turbines would have to be built creating a blot on the landscape of Oxfordshire."

2 Cllr Darke to Cllr Mitchell

"Can the Leader tell us the number of redundancy notices already issued to County Council staff prior to Christmas 2010 and the expected number by the end of this financial year? What is the scale of other redundancy notices relating to indirectly-employed workers involved in County Council-led activities that have been issued already and the number expected to be issued by 1 April 2011? Will he also confirm the overall and anticipated cost to the council of redundancy settlements?"

Answer:

67 employees have been served redundancy notices since 1 April 2010. The total cost of redundancy pay for these redundancies is £1.4 million.

The council is in the process of agreeing a budget for the forthcoming financial year whereby some services are currently proposed to undergo significant transformation. It would be inappropriate to comment on potential future redundancies at this time. Given this, it is not possible to outline any potential costs.

We do not hold information on the number of redundancy notices issued by other organisations and we would not be able to comment on any proposed redundancies for such organisations.

3 Cllr Hutchinson to Cllr Mitchell

How has the Big Debate influenced the council's proposed budget, how much did the Big Debate cost (including the Big Debate t-shirts), and why nowhere in the summary of the debates is there mention of the very many people who expressed fundamental scepticism about the need for these cuts to be made, both locally and nationally?

Answer:

"We gained some insight into the values different members of the public place on different County Council services but the overwhelming viewpoint was for different individuals to seek to protect different services and there was little consistency either within each Group or across it.

It was made clear that the purpose of the Big Debates was not to discuss the coalition government's proposals to address the underlying structural budget deficit. The purpose of the Big Debate was to identify relative priorities for County Council services and to capture any helpful ideas for achieving savings. A number of people did indeed tell us that they did not want cuts but no one suggested a realistic alternative. The summary of the Big Debate only reports the headline issues. A more detailed report has been shared with the group leaders. We were also told that the services people were most concerned about were those supporting the vulnerable - older people, children and those with disabilities. Our budget proposals reflect these views but all members will recognise that the scale of grant cuts inevitably means that there will be some impacts on services to the public despite our efforts to maximise cost reduction among back office functions and employee costs.

Over 1,000 people took part in the Big Debate. Much of the promotional activity was at no cost to the council and officers did their best to keep expenditure down, however there were inevitably some costs, particularly arising from the need to ensure appropriate and accessible venues for public meetings of such a size. The total cost was under £1,500, the most significant of which was spent on venue hire for the five public meetings. The media personalities who chaired the events gave their services at no cost. The cost was funded from the Council's Communications Budget.

I'm sure Group Leaders will make the detailed report available to those who wish to view it.

4 Cllr Stevens to Cllr Fatemian

The Report by the Director for Social & Community Services indicates that external providers already provide 72% of home support care in the County. It goes on to say that the intention is to transfer 1,800 service users on to personal budgets by March 2011, including all the current users of the Internal Home Support Service.

Will the Cabinet confirm:

- (a) the percentage of current users of the Internal Home Support Service who have been transferred to a personal budget to date (in the light of the target being 100% of such users by March 2011); and
- (b) in view of the fact that people do not have to have personal budgets if they do not want them, the arrangements the County Council has put in place for those service users currently receiving internal home support services who elect not to have personal budgets?"

Answer:

- (a) Only a few users of the internal Home Support Service have been transferred to Personal Budgets so far. A managerial decision was taken to put users of the internal service into the later stages of transition to Personal Budgets, so that they could be made aware of the proposed closure, and take decisions about use of Personal

Budget in the full knowledge that the service might be closed. If these Service Users do in fact have to change their Provider in 2011, the intention is that only one change has to be made, following the final decision of Cabinet in April 2011.

- (b) As Cllr Stevens should be aware, all eligible Service Users will be allocated a Personal Budget in 2011. The allocation of a Budget is not optional. Service Users do have a choice about how they use that Budget.

They can however, choose how that budget is spent. If they choose not to have a Direct Payment, they can ask the Council to undertake all the arranging and purchasing of their support, according to their own Support Plan. All current users of the internal Home Support Service will be allocated a Personal Budget after their re-assessment, and then offered a choice of how support is arranged.

If they do not wish to take an active role in arranging support, they will be offered a range of alternative Providers to meet their support needs within the budget available. Brokerage advice on the range of support options will be made available from Council staff or external Brokers. The details of how current internal service users will transition into new support arrangements will be refined during the consultation phase, and the plan will be implemented after the final Cabinet decision in April.”

5 Cllr Brighthouse to Cllr Waine

The government has said that it intends to protect education funding but it is becomingly increasingly clear that as a result of the cuts schools will find it very difficult to make ends meet. In particular, will the Cabinet Member confirm whether the pupil premium will compensate for the other funding which has been cut or will governing bodies need to make cuts in their budgets?

Answer:

The government has announced two year funding allocations for local authorities and one year allocations for our maintained schools. The DfE have confirmed they will continue with the current distribution method for funding local authorities.

They have announced that they are simplifying the historic funding system by mainstreaming relevant grants into the Dedicated Schools Grant. In Oxfordshire we know our overall allocation based on per-pupil distribution within the DSG is the same as last year.

Recognising the potential turbulence for schools, including that some schools may see their individual budget vary in cash terms due to pupil numbers or local distribution of funding, the government will be applying a national

protection arrangement for schools, in effect a minimum funding guarantee that no school will see a reduction compared with its 2010-11 budget (excluding sixth form funding) of more than 1.5% per pupil before the pupil premium is applied. We will be working with Schools Forum to look at how the allocations affect our schools.

We have made all Schools aware that the Pupil Premium allocations to Schools, which are designed to close the gaps between deprived pupils and their non deprived peers and also to support service children, will be determined by the School Census completed in January 2011. Children currently eligible for free school meals (FSM) (or service children) and logged as such by the census day will attract the pupil premium. It is vital that Schools ensure eligible pupils are counted and complete their census. We have given information on how our Food With Thought (FWT) team can support them in this and we are providing additional support from the Schools finance team to add capacity for this process. Any primary school who has Oxfordshire School Meals service will already know how to use the FWT team to check and count pupils eligible for FSM.

The announcements by the DfE should now allow Governing bodies to be considering their budget plans for next year, although we know that many governing bodies have already planned ahead given the national budget context. Our schools finance support team will be assisting any governing body that finds it difficult to set a balanced budget, in each of the three months leading up to April we will be meeting with Schools Forum to support them.

6 Cllr Pressel to Cllr Heathcoat

“If the shocking proposals to close 20 libraries go ahead, when will we know what is happening to the various buildings and stock, what provision will be made for school groups who can't afford to travel greater distances to the nearest library, why is the Council simultaneously cutting the mobile libraries and above all why is the Council not protecting the libraries in our areas of deprivation?”

7 Cllr Malik to Cllr Couchman

“Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has recently said that Councils who have balances above 5% of their revenue expenditure should be digging into them to help with adapting to this new age of austerity. Will the Cabinet Member please confirm the level of balances that the Council holds, what that level is in relation to our revenue expenditure, and how the Cabinet intends to utilise those balances to mitigate some of the effects of these appalling cuts?”

Answer:

“The list of balances produced for every council following Mr Pickles announcement showed Oxfordshire's reserves position at 5.05 %, so is on the boundary of the category which the Minister was aiming at. The figures for Oxfordshire are:

Non schools reserves £41.835m

Revenue expenditure £828.125m

Reserves 5.0518%

These figures exclude expenditure and reserves relating to schools.

However, we do also review our reserves on an annual basis to ensure that the purpose for reserve is still valid, and that it is necessary to hold those reserves. The detail of the reserves are published in the statement of accounts, and are monitored on a regular basis through the monthly monitoring to Cabinet.

The reserves at 31 March 2010 totalled £60.764m (including schools) the major elements relate to:

Capital Reserve and Prudential Borrowing reserve	£16.6m	Planned
usage within the Capital programme of all funds		

Local Management of school and other schools reserves	£15.1m	A
balance of surplus and deficits, for which the usage determined by the schools who hold the reserve		

Budget reserve & Carry forward reserve	£7.1m	Planned
usage throughout the period of the MTFP		

Insurance Reserve	£6.0m	Held
against known and anticipated claims, a reduction in this reserve is already planned for £2.4m		

Efficiency Savings and Change Fund	£2.8m	Held to
manage investments, change management and handle costs of reductions in service		

Waste Management	£2.5m	Held
against planned expenditure to deliver the waste strategy		

On-Street Parking	£1.6m	Held to
manage the year on year cash flows		

Shared Services	£1.3m	Held to
manage the change in working - planned usage within MTFP		

Other reserves (less than £1m individually)	£7.8m	smaller
reserves under £1m, for a variety of reasons, all of which are reviewed regularly"		

8 Cllr Sanders to Cllr Rose

"Does the cabinet member for transport have any plans to extend controlled parking zones in the City? I ask this question because although I have been assured that there are no such plans, I was also assured that increases to CPZ charges would be limited to the RPI and this has not been the case, with CPZ charges increased by 25 percent."

Answer:

“Cllr Sanders will see from the budget proposals that we are not planning to carry out or review any such schemes as there is no funding available. However, if funding were to become available in the future this could be reconsidered depending on priorities at the time.”

9 Cllr Val Smith to Cllr Chapman

Have the Cabinet seriously thought through the consequences of changing the youth services?

My concern in the City is that the HUBs, unless staffed with experienced youth workers who are well used to managing the behaviour of troubled young people, will fail.

The provision of therapeutic help and rehabilitation is an important part of early intervention that the Council is keen to promote – this kind of provision needs to be delivered by experienced and professionally trained workers if they are to be successful and create a positive future for young people, their families and the families they will go on to have. Many young people not in training education or work will only connect with the help of trained youth workers

This work, along with that done in my division on sexual health, substance and alcohol misuse and teenage pregnancy, is vital. I feel, by diluting down to the hubs, we are at risk that these services will start to fail, with consequences that we cannot begin to imagine.

Answer:

Considerable thought based on local, national and international evidence and analysis of data and other information has gone into the re-shaping of a number of services to create the re-designed new early intervention service.

The new early intervention service will be delivered from 7 hubs and will be funded by joining together resources from youth, connexions, services supporting behaviour and mental health, attendance and engagement services, family and children’s early intervention service and the pre-court prevention team. Staff from **all of these disciplines** will be eligible to apply for the posts in the new early intervention teams. Given that all of these staff already have considerable expertise in working with children young people and families with multiple problems; the skill base of the workforce will be significant and relevant. Rather than a dilution, we see the hub teams as a strengthening of existing arrangements, ensuring that holistic approaches are possible, delivered by a team with multiple skills and experience, allocating the right resources to the needs of each child, young person and family as required.

The model being proposed has been developed by key managers across all of these services aligning with the research evidence on what works for children, young people and their families. We have had very positive early discussions with our partners who are looking forward to working with us in new ways to support young people should the proposal go ahead.

The Directorate has set aside a fund to support further training and development for all staff involved in delivering our new early intervention service; to ensure that skills are transferred, new ways of working are embedded and multi-agency work is effectively supported. (See line 5 in annexe 1 and paragraph 7.4 in the business strategy)

10. Councillor Fooks to Councillor Mitchell

"The Leader appointed Cllr Fatemian as Cycling Champion some time ago. There have been concerns about the lack of quarterly reports from several of the champions and I regret that there is no report since July from the Cycling Champion. Given the enhanced recognition of the importance of cycling in LTP3, this is particularly worrying; what has he been doing in this role since July and should the role be given to another councillor, perhaps a non-cabinet member or even a member of the opposition, to ensure that cycling, which is of course of particular concern in the city of Oxford, is well championed? For instance, there was initial enthusiasm for the Bike Polite scheme; nothing has been heard about this since the elections in May. "

Answer:

I understand the Champion prepared a report for September 2010, sent it the cabinet member for comment but it seems not to have arrived or subsequently uploaded. With the pressures of the Big Debate, the budget cycle and the illness of our political assistant, the report has not been published. Here it is:

Cycling Champion's September Report

I continue to take an active engagement in cycling all over the county. During August, in my capacity as cycling champion I was involved in a series that the BBC did on television and radio on the numbers of people cycling into the City and the provision of facilities for cyclists.

In a private capacity though obviously linked to the role, I was also at the final stage of the Tour of Britain in early September and, more importantly, set an example because, unlike some other councillors, I will not cycle without a helmet and obey all traffic laws.

More recently I have been in communication with officers from E&E and the local group, Cyclox, over the plans for replacing the cycling lanes on the Old Abingdon Road once the work on raising/replacing Redbridge is complete and have also commented on the proposals from E&E for increased bicycle parking in the city – highlighting reasons for and against the different locations suggested.

I would add that Cllr Arash Fatemian is an active Tweeter and I am setting out some of his cycling tweets below:

Dec 8 Having a great day at work - just hope the weather holds long enough that the racing bike can negotiate the Oxford roads home tonight..

Dec 1 On the 1st day of Christmas I cycled into work - froze while doing so but felt good to be back on the bike again...

Nov 30 Due to a combination of being away, being ill and now the bad weather, I have hardly been on my bike at all during November #cyclingfail

Nov 15 My cycle in this a.m. included v.cold weather, roadworks, traffic, & fog - about to leave the office for the return journey - oh joy

Nov 10 Tried to be a polite and responsible cyclist earlier but only got abuse from the bus driver - surely that response encourages bad cycling??

Oct 17 Watching tour of Lombardy highlights & respect given the conditions, though just seen one of the world's best descenders come off his bike.

Oct 13 As @OxfordshireCC Cycling champion this site made me smile at the corner of St Aldates this morning... <http://twitpic.com/2xbucq>

Oct 6 Waterproofs came in handy today - Wet cycle in - wetter than it looked though not as much as I thought, thanks to @106jackfm for the tip...

Sep 20 Good luck to all those taking part in BikeBlenhemPalace at @BlenheimPalace today ... especially in this weather...

Sep 24 Frustrated by the weather...yesterday when cycling 20km [approx 12½ miles] to various meetings it was windy & rainy...on bus today & it's pleasant...

Sep 22 Mildly surprised that my beloved racing bike lasted 2 hours on the Cowley road tonight - Guessing Ox bike thief fraternity on a night off

Sep 11 Caught out by freak hailstorm on cycle to South Hinksey Surgery...Jeans no longer solid & desperately trying to dry out in surgery...

Sep 8 Schoolboy error - left cycle lights at home so forced to leave bike at county hall and now on bus home...

Aug 25 The 'strategic' decision to leave my waterproof trousers at home this morning led to an 'interesting' cycle home - soaked from waist down..

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ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

Petition

A group of young people from Cutteslowe and Wolvercote Youth Groups led by church youth worker Jon Holder and Councillor Fooks.

Public Address

The Leader of the Council has agreed the following requests to address the meeting:-

Item	Speaker
6 – Financial Monitoring	Councillor Alan Armitage, Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance & Property
7. Service & Resource Planning	Councillor Liz Brighthouse OBE, Local Member: Ms Jennifer Chaundy Mrs Tamar Thomas
8. – Internal Home Support Service	Cllr Hannaby; Shadow Cabinet Member for Adult Services;
10. – Botley Primary School	Cllr Janet Godden, Local member ; Ms Aherne, Chair of Governors of Botley Primary School; Ms Winter, Chair of Governors Elms Road Nursery School
11. – Performance management	Cllr. Jean Fooks (Opposition Deputy Leader)
12. – Support for members:	Cllr. Jean Fooks (Opposition Deputy Leader)
13. – ICT overspend:	Cllr. Jean Fooks (Opposition Deputy Leader)

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Division(s):N/A

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ADDENDA - BUSINESS STRATEGY & SERVICE AND RESOURCE PLANNING 2011/12 – 2015/16

**Report by Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) and
Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer**

Provisional Local Government Settlement

1. On Monday 13 December the Government announced the details of the provisional Local Government Finance settlement. Not all of the information is available yet and further announcements are still expected. The level of changes and the details provided has meant that it has taken longer for us to assess what it will mean for Oxfordshire.
2. Until the final settlement is received at the end of January 2011, there could still be further changes in funding. The consultation period on the settlement ends on 17 January 2011, and we will expect to receive the final version soon after that date. Should further changes be announced councillors will be notified at that time.

Revenue Funding

3. The council has been planning to make savings totalling £119m over the 4 year period of the spending review to 2014/15. This sum is made up of a combination of anticipated grant reductions of £67.2m and savings of £52.04m which were built into the current Medium Term Financial Plan. The anticipated grant reductions were revised from £100m to £67.2m following the Spending Review in October 2010 and reported to Cabinet in November 2010. The full table is below:

	2011/12 £m	2012/13 £m	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m	TOTAL £M
Total Target Savings	58.65	34.82	13.92	11.86	119.25
Current MTFP Savings	24.94	22.65	2.78	1.67	52.04
Further Grant Reduction	33.71	12.17	11.14	10.19	67.22
Provisional Settlement	33.69	12.11	-	-	

4. The settlement has provided provisional figures for years 2011/12 and 2012/13. The grant reductions for those years are £33.69m in 2011/12 and £12.11m. These are both very slightly (£0.02m and £0.06m respectively) less than the estimate. On this basis, it is therefore proposed that the targets for the two further years are maintained at the levels set out above.

5. Whilst the figures are very close to the target, there are differences in the assumptions made on formula grant and specific grants, and there is also a further funding gap, which will need to be met, for the shortfall in funding of concessionary fares.
6. The planning assumption for concessionary fares was that there would be sufficient funding provided for this transfer of function, so it had a neutral impact, increasing both expenditure and grant. However, the actual funding now identified is £4.0m less than the anticipated expenditure based upon what the district councils are currently spending. This gap will need to be added to the target savings for 2011/12.
7. The new Formula Grant funding model has simplified the number of grants we will receive, with many grants moved to formula grant, and others combined into an Early Intervention specific grant. There are also two further specific grants; the transfer of a previous income source from the PCT into a specific grant called Learning Disability and Health Reform; and also a new function specific grant for Lead Flood Authority.
8. A number of Specific grants have transferred into Formula Grant (£34.414m). These have been added to the 2010/11 Formula Grant total (£106.321m), along with further grant for the function changes such as concessionary fares (£4.974m). However, both a floor adjustment factor of 14.3% and then a Tailored Distribution factor (to passport funding to support those authorities who were most reliant of formula grant) have then been applied. The Formula Grant figure for 2011/12 is £121.822m, which is a loss of £18.916m before adding the concessionary fares, after which becomes a total shortfall of £23.89m.
9. The total of specific grants has reduced by £14.773m. Of this the new Early Intervention grant is £4.740m less than the total grants which we received in 2010/11. Further CYPF grants (from DfE and Home Office) appear to have ceased totalling £9.258m. However, it could be that some of these have yet to be notified. Other directorate grants totalling £1.226m also appear to have ceased.
10. The Learning Disabilities and Health Reform grant has increased by £0.451m to £19.224m compared to the income received in 2010/11 from the PCT. The other grant, £0.158m for Lead Flood Authority is a new function and neither the grant nor the expenditure were included in original planning assumptions.
11. Attached at Annex 1 is a schedule of grants for 2010/11 and the provisional position for 2011/12.
12. Another example of funding for which we are still awaiting information is the New Homes Bonus. The grant status of this isn't yet clear either, although it is assumed to be a specific grant. It is still the subject of consultation and is expected to be announced in the New Year.

Schools Funding

13. School Standards Grant, School Development Grant, and Standards Fund Grants have all been incorporated into the enlarged Dedicated Schools Grant without any loss of funding except for the Extended Schools Start Up funds, which have been removed as expected.
14. DfE have confirmed that the new per pupil value will be applied to OCC anticipated growth in primary pupil numbers and to the extra hours arising from increasing the entitlement for 3 year olds from 12.5 hours to 15 hours per week.
15. Funding from YPLA for schools sixth forms is estimated to reduce sharply due to the cessation of a previous protection mechanism which means that school sixth forms will in future be funded in the same way as FE colleges. This will be a reduction in funding for sixth forms, although it is not expected that the detail will be announced until January or later.
16. The Pupil Premium has been set at £430, and will be based on those eligible for free school meals, (not on take up of free school meals).
17. Overall the projected Dedicated Schools Grant for 2011/12 will be around £417.350m compared to £411.120m for 2010/11; this is a 1.5% increase.
18. Due to the increased size of the total Dedicated Schools Grant there should have been an increase in the amount which can be retained in centrally retained element, estimated to be £0.496m. However, around £0.430m will now be top sliced for academies funding resulting from changes in methodology for calculating their share of centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant.

Capital Funding

19. The position for capital is better than anticipated in the last report to Cabinet. We have been notified of additional funding, however the funding streams have been notified for differing numbers of years, and we have had to make estimates in order to reflect the capital programme planning period through to 2015/16. The following additional funding is now estimated:

	Additional funding £m	Basis of estimate
Highways	7.657	2 yrs actuals; 2 yrs provisional and 1 yrs estimate
Schools	5.756	1 yr actual and 4 years estimate
Other blocks – health	2.400	2 years only
Capital Maintenance Grant *	11.500	1 year only, but may be provided in future on similar basis

*note – the capital maintenance grant is from the Department for Education and replaces the Schools devolved Formula Grant, for which £7.65m had previously been expected to go to schools.

20. We are still awaiting guidance from the DfE on the capital Maintenance grant, although it is expected to be required for building improvements and refurbishments.

Conclusion

21. Whilst there is a considerable amount of detail within settlement and a significant number of changes in funding streams, the latest position shows very little difference between the targets we had been working towards and this provisional settlement with the exception of the shortfall of funding of £4m for concessionary fares.

RECOMMENDATION

22. **The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:**
- (a) that the provisional settlement be noted and representation is made to the Secretary of State over the Concessionary Fare;**
 - (b) that a further target of £4.0m be added to 2011/12 due to the shortfall in funding on concessionary fares; and**
 - (c) the current savings targets be maintained for 2013/14 and 2014/15.**

SUE SCANE
Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer

Background papers: Service & Resource Planning 2011/12 to 2015/16 and the Council's Business Strategy – Cabinet 20 July 2010; and 21 September 2010.

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16 December 2010

Specific Grants - Position post Draft Local Government Finance Settlement at 17 December 2010

Directorate	Issued by	2010/11	2010/11	2011/12	Comments	2011/12	2011/12	status
		Original £000	Revised £000	Plan £000		Settlement £000	Compared to 2010/11 £000	
<u>Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)</u>								
Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	DFE	333,376	331,561	331,561	Excls Oxford Academy			
Early Years - Free Entitlement for 3-4 Yr Olds	DFE	4,290	4,290	4,290				
School Development Grant	DFE	17,019	17,019	17,019				
School Standards	DFE	18,196	18,231	18,231				
Standards Fund								
One to One Tuition		2,750	2,750	2,750	Due to end in 2010/11			
Targeted Support for Primary and Secondary Strategy		3,026	3,680	3,680	Due to end in 2010/12			
Extended Schools - Subsidy		1,288	1,288	1,288				
Extended Schools - Sustainability		1,981	1,981	1,981				
Ethnic Minority Achievement		640	640	640				
Total Dedicated Schools Grant		382,566	381,440	381,440		386,803	4,237	
Young People's Learning Agency	YPLA	28,796	29,680	29,680		28,099	-697	
Pupil Premium (New)	DFE	0	0	0		2,448	2,448	
Total Dedicated Schools Grant		411,362	411,120	411,120		417,350	5,988	actual
<u>Children, Young People & Families</u>								
<u>Early Intervention Grant</u>								
Sure Start General	DFE	14,845	14,845	14,845				
Two Year old Offer Early Learning and Childcar	DFE	329	329	329				
Mental Health in Schools - NOT ON SAP		150	150	150				
Disabled Children Short Break Services (Aiming High)	DFE	2,037	2,037	2,037				
Think Family	DFE	238	238	238				
Contact Point	DFE	140	70	0	Cut in 2010/11			
Youth Opportunity Fund	DFE	347	347	347				
Youth Justice Board	DFE	1,129	1,129	1,129				
DCSF - Family Intervention project	DFE	246	246	246				
DCSF - Play Pathfinder	DFE	192	0	0				
Children's Social Care Workforce	DFE	138	105	105	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Children's Fund	DFE	869	660	660	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Connexions	DFE	4,658	3,540	3,540	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Positive Activities for Young People	DFE	397	302	302	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Young People Substance Mis-Use & Partnersh	HO/DFE	187	160	160	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Teenage Pregnancy	DFE	160	122	122	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Child Trust Fund	DFE	7	5	5	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Total Early Intervention Grant		26,069	24,285	24,215		21,329	-4,740	actual
<u>Other Unknown Grants</u>								
Diploma Development Fund	DFE	15	15	15				
Oxfordshire Education Business Partnership	DFE	322	322	0				
Playing for Success - NOT ON SAP	DFE	80	80	80				
School Support Staff training and qualifications	DFE	105	105	105				
Standards Fund (Music Service)	DFE	739	739	739				
School Travel Advisers Grant	DFE	92	70	70	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Former Standards Fund:								
School Development Grant - LA element	DFE	1,835	1,395	1,395	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Extended Schools Start Up costs	DFE	655	498	498	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
School Improvement Partners	DFE	289	220	220	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Education Health Partnerships	DFE	120	91	91	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Choice Advisers	DFE	37	28	28	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
School Intervention	DFE	188	143	143	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Flexible 14-19 Partnership Funding	DFE	160	122	122	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Extended Rights to Free Travel	DFE	479	364	364	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Sustainable Travel	DFE	52	40	40	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Secondary National Strategy - Behaviour & A	DFE	183	139		Ends in 2010/11			
Secondary National Strategy - Central Co-ord	DFE	267	203		Ends in 2010/11			
Primary National Strategy - Central Co-ordina	DFE	320	243		Ends in 2010/11			
Designated Teacher Funding	DFE	44	33	33	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Total DfE grants		5,982	4,849	3,942		0	-5,982	actual

Specific Grants - Position post Draft Local Government Finance Settlement at 17 December 2010

Directorate	Issued by	2010/11 Original £000	2010/11 Revised £000	2011/12 Plan £000	Comments	2011/12 Settlement £000	2011/12 Compared to 2010/11 £000	status
Children, Young People & Families								
Other Unknown Grants ctd								
Disabled Children's Access to Childcare - Pathfinder	CLG	902	902	902	CLG grants combined into Supporting People		-902	
Asylum Seekers	HO	1,604	1,604	1,604			-1,604	
Workforce Modernisation & Development	HO	92	92	92			-92	
Leaving Care, Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers	HO	429	429	429			-429	
Probation (Home Office)	HO	99	99	99			-99	
Huntercombe Young Offenders Institution	HO	150	150	150			-150	
Thames Valley Police	TVP	145	145	145	Local arrangements	145	0	
Oxford PCT Partnership Funding	PCT	15	15	15	Local arrangements	15	0	
Total Other grants		9,418	8,285	7,378		160	-9,258	estimate
Total CYPF grants excluding DSG		35,487	32,570	31,593		21,489	-13,998	
Social & Community Services								
New Grant								
Learning Disabilities Grant		18,773	18,773	18,773	Received as contribution from PCT in 2010/11	19,224	451	actual
Other Unknown Grants								
Skills Funding Agency - Adult Education Workstep	SFA	3,652	3,652	3,652		3,652	0	estimate
Information Advice Guidance	DWP	276	276	276			-276	
National Dementia Strategy	DoH	12	12	12			-12	
	DoH	39	39	39			-39	
		3,979	3,979	3,979		3,652	-327	estimate
Total S&CS		22,752	22,752	22,752		22,876	124	
Environment & Economy								
New Grant								
Lead Flood Authority (New Function)		158	158	158	2010/11 figures shown to be consistent	158	0	actual
Other Unknown Grants								
Countryside Agency	DEFRA	235	235	235			-235	estimate
Total E&E		393	393	393		158	-235	
Community Safety								
Area Based Grant								
Stronger Safer Communities Fund	HO	652	600	600	Reduced by 8% in 2010/11		-652	estimate
Total Community Safety		652	600	600		0	-652	
Corporate Core								
Area Based Grant:								
Community Call for Action	HO	12	11	11	Reduced by 8% in 2010/11		-12	estimate
Total Corporate Core		12	11	11		0	-12	
Non Directorate Grant								
New Grant								
Council Tax Freeze Grant				7,064		7,064	7,064	actual
TOTAL ALL GRANTS		470,658	467,446	466,468		468,937	-1,721	
TOTAL ALL GRANTS - excl DSG		59,296	56,326	62,412		51,587	-7,709	
TOTAL ALL GRANTS - excl DSG & CT Freeze		59,296	56,326	55,348	Variation to go in model	44,523	-14,773	

Specific Grants - Position post Draft Local Government Finance Settlement at 17 December 2010

Directorate	Issued by	2010/11	2010/11	2011/12	Comments	2011/12	2011/12	status
		Original £000	Revised £000	Plan £000		Settlement £000	Compared to 2010/11 £000	
Grants transferred into RSG								
CYPF								
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Grant	DoH	778	778	778	Into RSG			
Carers Grant (Children)	DoH	481	481	481	Into RSG			
Care Matters White Paper	DFE	403	306	306	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Child Death Review Processes	DFE	58	44	44	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
Learning & Skills Council - Special Purpose Grant	DFE	404	307	307	Reduced by 24% in 2010/11			
		2,124	1,916	1,916				
SCS								
AIDS & HIV Training	DoH	187	187	187	Into RSG			
Minor Repairs and Adaptations "Handyperson"	DoH	185	185	185				
Social Care Reform Grant	DoH	2,295	2,295	0	Cut but Into RSG			
LD Campus Closure	DoH	47	47	0	Cut but Into RSG			
Adult Stroke Services	DoH	213	213	0	Cut but into RSG			
Area Based Grant:								
Carers Grant	DoH	1,922	1,922	1,922	Into RSG			
Mental Capacity Advocacy Service	DoH	273	273	273	Into RSG			
Mental Health Grant	DoH	1,296	1,296	1,296	Into RSG			
Preserved Rights	DoH	2,693	2,693	2,693	Into RSG			
Learning Disabilities Development Fund	DoH	368	368	368	Into RSG			
Supporting People	CLG	16,167	16,167	16,167	Into RSG			
Local Involvement Networks	DoH	223	223	223	Into RSG			
Supporting People Administration	CLG	320	0	0	Cut in 2010/11			
		26,189	25,869	23,314				
E&E								
Area Based Grant:								
Animal Health & Welfare								
Rural Bus Services Grant	DFT	1,676	1,676	1,676				
Road Safety Partnerships	DFT	1,145	836	836	Reduced by 27% in 2010/11			
Detrunking of Non-Core Routes	DFT	1,746	1,746	1,746	Into RSG			
Economic Assessment Duty	CLG	65	65	65	Into RSG			
		4,632	4,323	4,323				
CS/SS								
Area Based Grant:								
Animal Health & welfare				112				
New Burdens Grant	CLG	116	116	116				
Adult Social Care Workforce (transferred from S&CS to Shared Services)	DoH	1,356	1,356	1,356	Into RSG			
		1,472	1,472	1,584				
Total Grants Transferring into RSG		34,417	33,580	31,025				
TOTAL ALL GRANTS 2010/11		505,075	501,026	497,494		468,937	-36,138	
TOTAL ALL GRANTS 2010/11 - excl DSG		93,713	89,906	86,374		51,587	-42,126	

Total Loss of Grant :				
Total specific grants -raw	93,713		excl CT freeze grant	44,523 -49,190
Formula Grant - raw	106,321			121,822 15,501
Total Grants	200,034		Loss in grant	-33,689
Total specific grants - adj for transfer to RSG	59,296		excl CT freeze grant	44,523 -14,773
Formula Grant - adj for transfer to RSG	140,738			121,822 -18,916
Total Grants	200,034		Loss in grant	-33,689

Adjustments to reconcile 2010/11 budget:

Sch Development Grant - direct to schs	-3,872
Personal Care at Home	2,481
YPLA	41,327
Grants not on SAP	-235
Lead Flood Authority - New Function	-158
LD contribution in 2010/11	-18,773
Per budget book 2010/11	525,845

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ITEM 14 – FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Members are asked to note the following changes to the Forward Plan:

Amendments to items in the present Plan

Portfolio	Topic (Ref)/Decision	Present Timing	Change
<i>Adult Services</i> Cabinet	Proposal to Discontinue the Service and Maintenance Contract for Stairlifts etc (Ref: 2010/191) To seek approval to discontinue the service and maintenance contract for stairlifts, step lifts and through floor lifts following consultation with service users.	21 December 2010	Moved to 25 January 2011
<i>Schools Improvements</i> Cabinet	Expansion of Sandhills Primary School (Ref: 2010/021) To consider the expansion of Sandhills Primary School and approve issues of statutory notice if objections received.	25 January 2011	Item deleted
<i>Transport</i> Cabinet Member	Henley: Proposed Stopping Up at Bell Street (Ref: 2010/148) To consider proposals to stop-up following public consultation.	24 January 2011	Moved to 24 March 2011

Forward Plan January – April 2010

Please note there is an error on page 23 of the Forward Plan January – April 2011. Heading missing. Should read as follows:

Cabinet Member for Transport - 6 January 2011

- **Chipping Norton: A44 London Road - Pelican Crossing** 2010/175
Mike Wasley, Senior Engineer Tel: (01865) 810464
- **Bampton Weight Limit** 2010/207
Peter Ronald, Area Traffic Engineer Tel: (01235) 466139

Cabinet Member for Transport – 10 February 2011

- **Oxford, Headington Quarry CPZ - Minor Amendments** 2010/127
David Tole, Leader, Traffic Regulation Orders Tel: (01865) 815942

- **Oxford, North Oxford CPZ - Minor Amendments** 2010/120
David Tole, Leader, Traffic Regulation Orders Tel: (01865) 815942
- **Cherwell District Parking, Waiting and Loading Restrictions - Consolidation Order** 2008/043
David Tole, Leader, Traffic Regulation Orders Tel: (01865) 815942
- **Oxford, Summertown CPZ - Minor Amendments** 2010/129
David Tole, Leader, Traffic Regulation Orders Tel: (01865) 815942
- **Disabled Persons Parking Places - Oxford & West Oxfordshire** 2010/130
David Tole, Leader, Traffic Regulation Orders Tel: (01865) 815942
- **Oxford - The Slade, Cycle and Pedestrian Improvements** 2010/180
Joy White, Senior Transport Planner Tel: (01865) 815882
- **Additional Parking Restrictions in Littlemore to Support Route 16 Bus Services** 2010/208
Matt Bromley, Development Assistant Tel: (01865) 815531
- **Highway Safety Inspections Policy** 2010/209
Kevin Haines, Group Manager, Policy & Asset Management Tel: (01865) 815687
- **Additional Parking Restrictions in Greater Leys to Support Route 12 Bus Service** 2010/214
Kerry Emberson, RTI Data and Contracts Officer, Public Transport Development Tel: (01865) 810420