

**COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2011**

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 13 SEPTEMBER 2011

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- **9.58 am – The Civic Party will process into the Council Chamber;**
- **A Briefing session on Public Health will be held for all Members of the Council following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.**

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1.	1	30 mins	10:00	Minutes Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2011 (CC1).	S Brighthouse
2.	2			Apologies for Absence	Cllr Altaf-Khan Cllr Godden Cllr Sarah Hutchinson
3.	2			Declarations of Interest	Cllr Patrick – Agenda Item 13
4.	2			Official Communications The Chairman reports as follows:	

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				(i) Fire Fighter's Charity; (ii) British Woodcarvers' Association; (iii) Repatriation Flag Handover Ceremony; (iv) Open Doors 10/11 September 2011; (v) Chairman's & Vice-Chairman's Events; (vi) Response from Royal Norwegian Embassy.	
5.	2			Appointments (a) to appoint: (i) Councillor Sarah Hutchinson in place of Councillor Val Smith on Children's Services Scrutiny Committee; (ii) Councillor Val Smith in place of Councillor John Sanders on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee; (b) To make any other	(M) (SEC)

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				<p>changes in membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mitchell, has given formal notice of the following additions and clarifications (shown in bold below) to the Cabinet Member portfolios indicated to take effect from 26 August 2011:</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Transport: Strategic transport planning; implementation of schemes for transport; highways; traffic and parking; flooding - lead local Flood Authority role and engineering/technical matters; road safety; public passenger transport and access to the countryside.</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure: Strategic planning</p>	

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				within Oxfordshire; minerals strategy; waste management; environmental management; flooding - Planning Authority/planning policy role ; clean and green; climate change; archaeology; South Oxfordshire District Council liaison and South Oxfordshire Local Strategic Partnership.	
6.	2	10 mins	10.30	Petitions and Public Address	<u>Petition</u> Mr Alfred Fullah - Oxford Hill Witney Zebra Crossing <u>Public Address</u> Ms Katherine Wedell for Agenda Item 18
7.	2	-	10.40	Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	None.

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8.	2	15 mins	10.40	2011/12 – Requests For Virements & Changes to the Annual Treasury Management Strategy & Annual Investment Strategy	(M) Couchman (SEC) Mitchell S Darke S Brighthouse
9.	2	20 mins	10.55	Treasury Management 2010/11 Outturn	(M) Couchman (SEC) Mitchell S Mathew S Armitage

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10.	3	45 mins	11.15	Report of the Cabinet Deputy Leader (David Robertson) Adult Services (Arash Fatemian) Children Young People & Families (Louise Chapman) Finance & Property (Jim Couchman) Growth & Infrastructure (Lorraine Lindsay-Gale) Police & Policy Co-ordination (Kieron Mallon) Schools Improvement (Melinda Tilley) Transport (Rodney Rose)	Hannaby (4), Stevens (4) Tanner (5) Waine (9), Armitage (6,8,9), Purse (11,12), Tanner (11,12) Fooks (14), Stevens (14) Darke (18)

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11.	3	40 mins	12.00	Partnership Working in Oxfordshire	(M) Mitchell (SEC) Robertson S Goddard S Armitage S Smith S Patrick S Fooks S D Turner S Purse S Hannaby S Pressel

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12.	5	30 mins	12.40	Questions with Notice from Members of the Council (1) Godden to Chapman (2) Tanner to Lindsay-Gale (3) Tanner to Lindsay-Gale (4) Tanner to Rose (5) Mathew to Rose (6) Mathew to Rose (7) Pressel to Chapman (8) Pressel to Chapman (9) Pressel to Mallon (10) Waine to Chapman (11) Hutchinson to Chapman (12) L Sanders to Mitchell (13) L Sanders to Rose (14) L Sanders to Fatemian	See Annex 3
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13.	4	30 mins	2.00	Motion From Councillor Jean Fooks	(M) Fooks (SEC) Armitage (AM) Pressel (SEC) Brighthouse S Mallon S Hayward S Patrick S R Smith
14.	5	40 mins	2.30	Motion From Councillor Richard Stevens	(M) Stevens (SEC) Pressel S Fatemian S Mitchell S Hudspeth S Skolar S Handley S Hannaby S Patrick S R Smith S Skolar

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15.	5	-	-	Motion From Councillor John Sanders	TO BE WITHDRAWN
16.	5	20 mins	3.10	Motion From Councillor John Tanner	(M) Tanner (SEC) Sanders S Lindsay-Gale S Hudspeth S Hayward S Purse S Hannaby S Armitage S Fooks

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17.	6			Motion From Councillor Anne Purse	(M) Purse (SEC) Fooks (AM) Robertson (SEC) Hayward S Waine S Lovatt S Patrick S Armitage S D Turner S R Smith S J Sanders
18.	6			Motion From Councillor Larry Sanders	(M) L Sanders (SEC) S Fatemian S Skolar S Heathcoat S Stevens

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19.	7			Motion From Councillor Larry Sanders	(M) L Sanders (SEC) (AM) D Turner (SEC) Patrick S Robertson S Mallon S R Smith S Armitage
20.	7			Motion From Councillor Larry Sanders	(M) L Sanders (SEC) S Robertson S Hayward S Fooks

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Agenda Item 13 – Motion from Councillor Jean Fooks - Amendment to be moved by Councillor Susanna Pressel

“Council notes that one of the main concerns that people have raised over both the hacking scandal and the August street riots is that a clear distance needs to be maintained between politicians and the police force.

Council further notes that the police and politicians can only work together effectively when the strategic and operational functions are kept separate. There needs to be a clear understanding of the different roles that police and politicians have to play in our society in which one sets strategy and one carries out the strategy. This is one of the chief objections to the idea of replacing police authorities with Elected Police Commissioners. Council believes that having one person, doing most of his or her work behind closed doors without local accountability, is not in the best interests of policing in Oxfordshire.

Council therefore requests that this issue be raised by the Local Authority representatives currently on the Police Authority, seeking their support in opposing these proposals and advocating the retention of democratically accountable local police boards with a reasonable proportion of directly elected members, to work closely with local government, which will provide important links into other local services as well as giving the transparency that is badly needed ***and requests that the Leader of the Council forwards this to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.***”

Agenda Item 17 – Motion from Councillor Anne Purse - Amendment to be moved by Councillor David Robertson

“This Council notes that:

The establishment of the East-West Rail project from Oxford going east towards Milton Keynes and ultimately Cambridge has long been considered both desirable and practically possible. Although it did not get funded in the last Regional round, there is now a window of opportunity which must be grasped;

The western section of the project is important to our adjoining counties in the South East, and on into the East Midlands, providing a step change in the transport links between a number of important economic clusters, including those in Oxfordshire, that are critical to the economic recovery locally and nationally;

The importance of the project is reflected in its outstanding benefit cost ratio (in the order of 6:1) reinforced by the business case that shows the new rail service will be profitable;

Local authorities along the route have long championed the scheme **and this administration has been one of its leading advocates**;

Council therefore resolves:

- (a) to write to the Secretary of State asking him to include the East-West rail project in the next High Level Output Specification to be published in 2013; and
- (b) to write to MPs along the route asking them to join the new All Party Parliamentary Group set up by Ian Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, and to actively promote the project in their constituencies.”

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. The time allowed for this agenda item will not exceed 30 minutes. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

Questions	Answers
<p>1. COUNCILLOR JANET GODDEN</p> <p>In the light of previous concerns as to whether the hubs would be up and running by 1 September because of the tight timescale imposed by the restructuring of the CEF directorate, please can you update Council on the services now being provided by the hubs and when you expect them to be fully operational, if they are not already? Are there areas of the county currently without any provision because youth workers have been withdrawn and no community replacement has yet been identified? The hub open days will be welcome but (at the time of the deadline for questions) the dates are not yet known.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LOUISE CHAPMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES</p> <p>The hubs became operational as planned on 1st September 2011 following a lot of hard work by officers and partners. The newly appointed teams have been involved in a planned induction and will begin their work with families transferring into the new service as well as accepting new referrals from the week beginning 12th September. The teams will, as promised, be running open access and targeted youth sessions in hubs and satellites at at least the same levels as before. It appears that some hubs have even planned to increase the offer. Considerable numbers of youth workers have been employed in every hub alongside a good professional mix from other services. The exact data of who has been appointed and from what professional backgrounds and who has become redundant will be available once the full process has been completed including employing displaced staff through the job finder service.</p> <p>With regard to other centres the picture is as follows;</p> <p><u>Big Society Projects at centres that previously received council funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweatbox at King Alfred's School's School in Wantage • Bartholomew School taking over the centre on its site. • The Glyme Hall Management Committee take on running of the new youth club and adult education centre in Chipping Norton. • A Children's Centre is taking over the Wheatley Young People's Centre and the parish council is bidding for funds to run a youth club at the site.

- FAZE Faringdon Youth and Community Centre takes over the youth centre in the town.
- Wolvercote Young People's Club Charitable Trust is taking on the operation of the Wolvercote Young People's Club also covering Cutteslowe.
- Carterton Town Council is buying the Allandale Centre to co-locate services including youth provision.
- Wood Farm Youth Centre are providing youth services from their centre.
- Oxford Boxing Academy bid to purchase the Saxon Centre site

Other youth centres/schemes that received Big Society Funding

- Banbury Young Homeless Project charity will be running a young people's centre, in Grimsbury, Banbury.
- Littlemore Village Hall are starting a project to provide activities for young people.
- Uffington youth club are restarting the local youth club.

We have worked hard to ensure that all asset transfers and funding agreements were in place for the beginning of September to enable community projects to start. It is now over to communities to develop their projects and get these going. It is likely that some projects will need some time to get off the ground.

Of the 26 centres funded by OCC there are already solutions for 22 and plans are underway/bids in to support the other four.

Round two Big Society Fund

Bidding has now closed for the second round of the Big Society Fund. We have received bids from communities where there were county run young people's centres and from a couple of those which the council provided some levels of support in the past.

Locality working groups of councillors will be reviewing bids during September with Cabinet decision making on which bids to fund in October.

Hub open days

In order to hear exactly what is happening locally from the hubs, the open days will provide opportunities for information sharing, meeting teams and asking further questions.

The hub open days, to which all are welcome, are as follows:

Open days will run from 10.00 am-6.00 pm, with a short presentation being delivered through the course of each day at 11.00 am, 1.00 pm and 4.30 pm.

- Abingdon Hub, The Net, Stratton Way, Abingdon, OX14 3RG - 12 October 2011
- Didcot Hub, The Vibe Youth Centre, Park Road, Didcot, OX11 8QX - 21 September 2011
- East Oxford Hub, Union Street Centre for Young People, Union Street, East Oxford, OX4 1JP - 14 October 2011
- Littlemore Hub, Oxford Academy Campus, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6JZ - 19 October 2011
- Bicester Hub, The Courtyard Youth Arts Centre, Launton Road, Bicester, OX26 6DJ - 14 October 2011
- Banbury Hub, Banbury Youth Centre, Hilton Road, Banbury, OX16 0EJ - 5 October 2011

As the Witney Hub building works have been delayed and refurbishments are still underway, the service in Witney is running from other OCC buildings. A briefing meeting will be taking place on 12 October 2011, 5.00 pm-6.30 pm for all interested parties and will be held in at the Woodgreen offices of West Oxfordshire County Council. A full open day will take place early in the new year at the Witney hub as soon as the building works are completed.

<p>2. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>In the light of the County Council's commitment to recycling and to encouraging walking, will the Cabinet member allow pedestrians full access to the Redbridge Recycling Centre? Will she say how many accidents to pedestrians without cars have happened at Redbridge in the last 3 years? Does she recognise the nonsense of forcing residents who live close by the Redbridge centre to use their cars to get to it?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>The Council have a duty to ensure the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) are run in a safe and proper manner. We are obliged to implement reasonable and proportionate measures to prevent accidents from occurring when a hazard is identified. None of Oxfordshire's HWRCs are able to allow people walking access because they do not have pavements that provide access or dedicated walkways around the site and, as such, we are unable to guarantee the safety of visitors arriving on foot. The Redbridge HWRC has recently had several health and safety inspections and a key point fed back to site was that for pedestrian's own safety we cannot permit them to walk in as there is no designated footpath or safe walkway. Just because an activity has occurred in the past it does not mean it is safe to continue allowing it to happen!</p> <p>The OCC contractors record near misses and accidents and in this case there have been no reported incidents.</p> <p>Pedestrian access will be reviewed as part of the redevelopment of the site.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Will the Cabinet member publish the contract between the County Council and Viridor for the waste incinerator at Ardley and when will she do so?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>As I have previously advised, it is my intention that the residual waste treatment contract with Viridor Oxfordshire Ltd will be made available as soon as is reasonably practical. Members will appreciate that the contract is long and complex and that throughout the contract there is information that is commercially sensitive. As such there is a significant amount of careful and thorough work required to check that genuinely commercially sensitive information is not published.</p> <p>I can confirm that this work is underway. However, the focus of officers has rightly been on dealing with the consequences of the legal challenge to the grant of planning permission and the delay this is causing to implementing the contract. I hope to be able to publish the contract as soon as resources allow.</p>

<p>4. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Will the Cabinet member accept my thanks for the long-overdue improvements being made to Iffley Road in Oxford? Will he explain why he has refused to bring forward the date for the desperately needed pedestrian crossing at Percy Street? Does he recognise that delaying the crossing will result in inconvenience and danger for children and parents at the split-site SS Mary & John primary school for yet another academic year?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT</p> <p>Yes, I accept Cllr Tanner's thanks.</p> <p>As Cllr Tanner is aware from my response to him at Cabinet Member Decisions in March, we had considered the possibility of bringing forward the construction of the zebra crossing, which was scheduled to be built in Phase 2 in Summer 2012. The problem was that it would have required a temporary facility to be built, including works that would have had to be removed and replaced during Phase 2, all at extra cost.</p> <p>However, the good news is that the Phase 1 works have been progressing well and will enable us to bring work on the crossing forward. The programme for Phase 1 has been restructured to maximise effective occupation of the carriageway and these works are now expected to be completed this calendar year instead of March 2012. The next phase of works from Henley Street to Percy Street are programmed to commence early in January 2012 and complete in May 2012, ahead of the projected timescale that was stated at the start of the project.</p>
<p>5. COUNCILLOR CHARLES MATHEW</p> <p>What is the per square metre cost of tarmacing from scratch (both road and footpath if different)?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT</p> <p>It is very difficult to give any answer with any degree of accuracy. Each location will have unique characteristics and will require individual design and costing.</p> <p>Works under the new OCC contract are costed using first principles of plant, labour and materials and not using a schedule of rates. However, there are some general construction indices available and the typical construction cost of a single two lane bituminous construction in a rural location is approx £325 per square metre, this excludes design, junctions and structures (bridges) and any specific requirements (i.e. ecology or other mitigation requirements). Footways would have a range of £25 to £75 per square metre.</p>

<p>6. COUNCILLOR CHARLES MATHEW</p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member for Transport consider the recent reimposition of parking charges on a Sunday before say 11am will have an effect on congregations attending church services in Central Oxford?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT</p> <p>Yes of course it will have an effect.</p> <p>As you will recognise, the reintroduction of Sunday and evening on-street charges in Central Oxford is regrettable but the current financial climate has left us little choice but to reintroduce these charges to help protect essential services. The original proposal was to bring Sunday charging in from 8am (as was the case from 1997 until December 2005) but as a result of the responses to the consultation process - particularly from church leaders and members of the congregations - I decided to relax the proposal so that the charges start at 10am. This means that those attending early morning services will not be charged at all, and those who arrive before 10am to take part in services at more family-friendly times will pay less than had been proposed.</p> <p>To introduce relaxations for Sunday church services would also discriminate against other religions whose services take place on Fridays and Saturdays, whom could justifiably claim that they should be afforded the same considerations.</p>
<p>7. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>How many professional youth workers were there in Oxfordshire last year and how many will there be by the end of next year?"</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LOUISE CHAPMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES</p> <p>At 30 September 2010 there were 35.4 f/t/e professional youth workers i.e staff who held the national community and youth work qualification either at foundation degree, degree or post graduate level working as youth workers or area youth workers or youth managers. At September 1st 2011 there are 29.5 f/t/e professional youth workers</p>

<p>8. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>The government used to fund careers advice for schools, but this funding has suddenly been stopped. How will young people now get the advice that they need from someone who knows them?"</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LOUISE CHAPMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council have maintained a contract with Connexions Thames Valley providing information, advice and guidance (IAG) in all state secondary schools in the county. Connexions personal advisors are available to make contact with young people 13+, build and maintain relationships as appropriate to need. The contract provides IAG at three levels:</p> <p>Minimum: Young people who require information, advice, guidance and review of career, learning, employment and/or personal development choices.</p> <p>Supported: Young people who are at risk of disengaging and require in depth guidance and help.</p> <p>Intensive: Young people with multiple problems requiring intensive, sustained support. These young people may be identified by CAF processes. They may also receive additional support through the Early Intervention hubs.</p> <p>Young people who have left school can also receive IAG through the webchat service if they need minimum support, or if additional or intensive support is required through an Early Intervention Hub or voluntary sector contractor (contracted by OCC to provide an 'Additional NEET response' to target groups of most vulnerable NEET young people).</p>
<p>9. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>The police in Oxfordshire have done a fantastic job over the past 10 years reducing crime substantially. Neighbourhood Policing has also been a huge success (at least in the City). In view of this would the portfolio holder</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR KIERON MALLON, CABINET MEMBER FOR POLICE & POLICY CO-ORDINATION</p> <p>No.</p>

<p>agree that it would be unnecessarily disruptive and a sad waste of money to bring in elected police commissioners, especially while simultaneously cutting the police budget by a whopping 20%?</p>	
<p>10. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WAINE</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member give her support to the Barnardo's campaign to cut children free from sexual exploitation and ensure that the County Director for Children, Education & Families takes all appropriate steps to tackle the risk of this abuse to Oxfordshire children."</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LOUISE CHAPMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES</p> <p>I certainly give my support to the Barnado's campaign.</p> <p>The Director for Children, Education & Families has attached high priority to the risk of child sexual exploitation in Oxfordshire and has been extremely proactive in ensuring that this serious form of child abuse is addressed across all child care agencies.</p> <p>Under the auspices of the Oxfordshire Children's Safeguarding Board (OSCB), the CEF Directorate has established a multi agency group to consider this aspect of safeguarding. Close partnership working between the police and children's social care is in place to ensure a speedy response to all suspected cases of child sexual exploitation (CSE).</p> <p>The focus of our multi-agency OSCB group is to ensure that services/interventions are coordinated and that agencies work effectively together to: identify children likely to be vulnerable to sexual exploitation and intervene early to prevent this happening, support 'victims' in ways that will help them become survivors and give them the possible chance of leading successful lives, provide support to families and achieve successful prosecutions of perpetrators.</p> <p>In addition, the group is putting in place a process for capturing and recording data relating to known or suspected cases of sexual exploitation. This will help establish a baseline from which the extent of child sexual exploitation within Oxfordshire can be monitored.</p>

	<p>If further information around the steps being taken to tackle child sexual exploitation in Oxfordshire is required, the Director would be very pleased to provide this.</p>
<p>11. COUNCILLOR SARAH HUTCHINSON</p> <p>Youth workers, through building strong relationships with the young people they work with, can often spot small changes in behaviour that can indicate that they are having problems, in particular that they are experiencing domestic abuse. What measures are in place, following the restructuring of the youth service, to ensure that such children and young people, including those no longer in education are offered support before their problems escalate?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LOUISE CHAPMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES</p> <p>In the redesign of services for children, young people and families we have been very mindful of the role of youth workers in building sustained relationships with young people and have included in the new Early Intervention Service opportunities for this work to continue as part of the new Early Intervention Hub programme. Every new Early Intervention Hub will be offering open access youth provision for young people enabling relationships to be built and any issues picked up as early as possible. We are continuing the same level of youth provision in the hub areas as previously existed. In relation your Cowley/Littlemore division we will be providing youth provision in Rose Hill young people's centre and are also supporting the development of youth provision offered through the voluntary and community sector in Littlemore through the Oxfordshire County Council Big Society Fund. Vulnerable young people identified within the youth provision, through partner links and directly by our Hub workers will be offered more intensive support. The linkage between the youth provision and support services will therefore be strengthened and young people will experience this as a more holistic service. In addition and specifically we will be ensuring that the role of the Domestic Abuse Champions is built into the hubs.</p>
<p>12. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>The process of reducing the usefulness of the County Council continues apace:</p> <p>a) How many posts have been removed since the process began?</p> <p>b) What will the total cost of removing</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR KEITH MITCHELL, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I resent the implication in your opening sentence. Those of us who are responsible for running this Council are doing all that we can to meet the necessary cuts in public spending as part of restoring the country's finances after ten years of Labour's budget deficit and to ensure the council offers the best quality services possible within the reduced financial envelope and I reject the tenor of your opening sentence.</p>

<p>these posts be, including redundancy payments, early retirement payments and other costs?</p> <p>c) Since the purpose of the decimation of local government is to reduce the Government's debt, by how much has the debt declined (or increased) since the present Government came to office?</p>	<p>(a) The establishment has been reduced by 660 FTE between 1 March 2010 and 30 June 2011 (11%). Actual staff employed have been reduced by 541 FTE between 1 March 2010 and 30 June 2011 (10.25%). Senior management numbers have been reduced by 45% since June 2010 (the launch of the Business Strategy). This reduction in senior management numbers gives annual cost savings (salary and on-costs) associated with reduction in numbers from 158 to 82 of £2.75 million</p> <p>(b) The number of redundancies between 1 March 2010 and 30 June 2011 (excluding schools) is 127 with an estimated cost of £2.8 million. We have allocated £9.1 million overall as estimated redundancy and pension costs in our 2010/11 finance report.</p> <p>(c) The purpose of the coalition government's spending cuts is to eliminate the ongoing structural deficit in the national finances and to stop adding to the nation's national debt, thus preserving this country from the fate or potential fate of Ireland, Greece and Spain to mention only three. The structural fiscal deficit is reducing in line with coalition policy. In 2009/10, it was £107 billion pa; in 2010/11 it was £102 billion pa and, by 2014/15, is planned to be zero. The national debt mountain is still growing while this structural deficit exists but it is growing at a slower rate. In October 2009, it was £0.9 trillion; at July 2011 it was £1.18 trillion.</p> <p>Although you did not express any concern about the way in which we have handled the painful process of down sizing, you might be interested to know that our approach at all times has been to remove management posts and costs to protect essential services where at all possible. In addition, we have bolstered our support to displaced staff through our Career Transitions Service - the focus on redeployment wherever possible has enabled us to reduce our agency costs significantly - in Q1 2011/12 we reduced agency costs by £310,238 (39%).</p>
<p>13. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>The Cabinet seems to have reversed its decision to charge for parking at the Park and Rides, and instead will return three of</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT</p> <p>The County Council had to return the Park & Ride sites to the City Council as the City Council had invoked their right to terminate the agreement, and gave OCC twelve months Notice in September 2010. Notwithstanding this, the County were</p>

<p>the car parks to Oxford City Council and continue to subsidise parking at the other two car parks. In the run-up to the Budget setting meeting in February the Green Group discussed the potential income from an average charge of £2 a day at the Park and Rides. We estimated that there would be an average net income per year of more than £1.8 million per year for the five car parks; the appropriate official in Highways and Transport confirmed that our proposal had “the potential to achieve the income targets suggested”.</p> <p>This suggests that the Council has decided to forego a substantial income despite its difficult financial situation. Could the Cabinet Member say how he intends to make up for this loss of income?</p>	<p>subsidising all of the Park & Ride sites at a cost of over £1million which the County’s budget proposals were seeking to offset. The return of the sites to the City Council has saved the County in the region of £845k through the removal of the subsidy of the operation and compensation of loss of income to the City. The County therefore is able to meet its budget requirements by charging only for longer stay parking (i.e. London and Airport bound parking).</p>
<p>14. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>Under certain circumstances the NHS is required to pay the full cost of the domiciliary or residential care of a person with disabilities which would otherwise be paid for by the individual or the County Council. Such payments are often referred to as fully funded NHS Continuing Care. Oxfordshire NHS is attempting to reduce the amount of such payments for which it will accept responsibility.</p> <p>- Has there been such a reduction in the period since April 1, 2010? If there has been a reduction, what is the approximate amount?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ARASH FATEMIAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES</p> <p>There has been an overall reduction of PCT spending on Continuing Care of £4m which is a 25% reduction on 2009/10 figures. This figure ties in with the number of people receiving Continuing Health Care over that period.</p> <p>In terms of impact on Social and Community Services it is difficult to accurately quantify as we manage our placements and therefore our budgets through a quota system. However where this may be impacting is in waiting lists for those who are managed within this system both in the community and also in acute and sub-acute care. It also impacts on those who have to pay for their personal care.</p> <p>We are in comparison to other PCTs a low spender on Continuing Care – however the reduction in spend over the last two years has been higher than that seen in other PCTs.</p>

- Has this had an effect on the expenditure of the County Council? If so, what is the approximate amount?

262 people received Continuing Healthcare payments from Oxfordshire PCT in the last quarter of 2010/11 or 4.3 people per 10,000 population. This compares with a figure of 7.5 for the South Central Health Authority and 10.5 for the country as a whole. The rate in Oxfordshire PCT is the 6th lowest in the country out of 151 PCTs.

In the last two years the number of people receiving payments in Oxfordshire has dropped by more than 50%. In South Central SHA area there was a corresponding drop on 25%, but nationally the figure rose by 19%.

As Cllr Sanders is aware, Adult Services Scrutiny Committee has agreed to look at this issue further at its next meeting. I welcome that.

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