

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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p><b>1. Minutes</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 (<b>CC1</b>) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 were approved and signed subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>Removing Councillor Rooke from the list of those present;                      Minute 71/16 – correct ‘Maggie’ to read ‘Maggie’s’;                      Minute 75/16 – add in “members requested a report on the activities of the Oxfordshire Skills Board”.</p>	<p>CLO (D. Miller)</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence</b></p>	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gearing, Langridge and Smith.</p>	<p>CLO (A. Newman)</p>
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest -</b></p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p><b>4. Official Communications</b></p>	<p>The Chairman reported as follows:</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Chairman’s Dinner had raised just over £2,000 for charity. He thanked members for their generosity and support.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had received a complimentary letter from the High Sheriff congratulating the Council and its staff on its delivery of diverse services particularly in relation</p>	<p>All Staff</p>

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	<p>to children.</p> <p>Council observed a minute's silence to honour the Memory of former County Councillor Queenie Hamilton and former County Councillor Dr Alan Bryden.</p>	
<p><b>5. Appointments</b></p> <p>Members are asked to note that Councillor Hudspeth had given notice of the following changes to portfolio responsibilities Council Procedure Rules Part 4.2 Para 1.2.4, to take effect from Tuesday 8 November:</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families to be renamed as Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services with the main areas of responsibility being Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services.</p> <p>New Cabinet Post: Cabinet Member for Education with responsibility for Education - Councillor Harrod</p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p> <p>Members are asked to agree the following appointment:</p> <p>Councillor Sandy Lovatt in place of Councillor Steve Harrod on the Performance Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>Members noted that Councillor Hudspeth had given notice of the following changes to portfolio responsibilities Council Procedure Rules Part 4.2 Para 1.2.4, to take effect from Tuesday 8 November:</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families to be renamed as Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services with the main areas of responsibility being Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services.</p> <p>New Cabinet Post: Cabinet Member for Education with responsibility for Education - Councillor Harrod</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (nem con) to agree the following appointment:</p> <p>Councillor Sandy Lovatt in place of Councillor Steve Harrod on the Performance Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>CLO (S. Whitehead/ Ali Bartlett)</p>
<p><b>6. Petitions and Public Address</b></p>	<p>Council received the following Petition and Public Address:</p> <p>Petition</p> <p>A Petition of 400 signatures from</p>	<p>DEE (J.</p>

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	<p>Sutton Courtenay residents requesting that the County Council carry out Environmental and Cumulative impact assessments on all current and future planning applications to ensure that cumulative impact considerations are fully addressed by officers and the planning committee.</p> <p>Public Address</p> <p>Mr Larry Sanders spoke in support of He urged the Council to do everything in its power to protect the National Health Service.</p> <p>Dr Ken Williamson spoke in support of Agenda Item 15 (Motion from Councillor Glynis Phillips). He urged the Council to reject Oxfordshire's Transformation Plan and to call of the Secretary of State for the funding to be resolved. He stressed the need for a full public consultation on this matter.</p>	Larkcom)
<p><b>7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public</b></p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p><b>8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</b></p>	<p>17 Questions with notice were asked. Details of where questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers (where asked) are set out in Annex 1 to the Minutes.</p> <p>In relation to question 10 (Question from Councillor Gill Sanders to Councillor Lindsay-Gale), Councillor Lindsay-Gale gave an undertaking to keep Councillor Gill Sanders informed in relation to the outcome of any negotiations on this issue.</p> <p>In relation to question 12 (Question</p>	<p>Cllr Lindsay-Gale DEE (J. Larkcom)</p> <p>Cllr Nimmo</p>

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	from Councillor Tanner to Councillor Nimmo Smith), Councillor Nimmo Smith gave an undertaking that if required he would, together with officers meet with the residents of Iffley Field and Isis in the new year	Smith DEE (J. Larkcom)
<p><b>9. Brunel Pension Grouping</b></p> <p>The report recommends the Council to approve the full business case for the establishment of the Brunel Pension Partnership.</p> <p><b>The Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the following resolution:</b></p> <p>In its capacity as the Administering Authority for the Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund, and having received and reviewed this report and the Business Case attached to it, the Council <b>HEREBY RESOLVES</b> to enter into investment pooling with respect to the Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund.</p> <p>Such Resolution is made on and subject to the following terms and conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>THAT</b> the Brunel Pension Partnership investment pool be developed, funded and implemented substantially in accordance with the terms and provisions described in the said Business Case, and more particularly that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a FCA regulated company to be named Brunel Pension Partnership Limited be established, and that the company be operated with all necessary and appropriate arrangements as to its ownership, structure, governance and services capability.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The recommendations were agreed by 56 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions.</p> <p><i>Note: Council paid tribute to the Pension Fund Committee and Pensions Teams for their excellent work.</i></p>	<p>CFO (S. Collins)</p> <p>Cllr Lilly</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a new supervisory body comprising representatives of the Council and all other participants in the Brunel Pension Partnership be established to ensure oversight of the Council's investment and participation in the Brunel Pension Partnership.</li> <li>• <b>THAT</b> the Pensions Committee be authorised and granted delegated powers to undertake such tasks as it thinks appropriate to progress implementation of investment pooling, and to take such decisions and do all other things deemed necessary in order to promote the interests of the Council with respect to pooling, which without limitation shall include agreeing and authorising any documentation, contracts, terms of reference, financial expenditure or investment that may be required consequential upon the Council's participation in the Brunel Pension Partnership.</li> <li>• <b>THAT</b> the Chief Finance Officer and Chief Legal Officer be similarly authorised and granted delegated powers to undertake such tasks as they think appropriate to progress implementation of investment pooling, and to take such decisions and do all things deemed necessary in order to support the Pensions Committee and to promote the interests of the Council with respect to pooling, which without limitation shall include informing and advising the Pensions Committee on the continued viability and suitability of investment pooling in light of any developments, financial or otherwise, in the period up to the establishment of the Brunel Pension Partnership.</li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>THAT</b> subject to the above, all such matters be carried out with the aim of achieving a target date for investment pooling of 1 April 2018, and otherwise subject to such intermediate steps and timescales as may be considered appropriate and necessary by the Pensions Committee.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>10. National Scheme for Auditor Appointments</b></p> <p>The report sets out the proposals for appointing an external auditor to the Council for the 2018/19 accounts and beyond, as the current arrangements only cover up to and including 2017/18 audits.</p> <p>The Audit and Governance Committee considered the proposals at its meeting on 9 November 2016 and supported the recommendation in the report, to accept the offer to "opt in" to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors.</p> <p><b><i>The Council is RECOMMENDED to accept Public Sector Audit Appointments' (PSAA) invitation to 'opt in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2018.</i></b></p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed (nem con)</p>	<p>CFO (I. Dyson) CLO (G. Watson)</p>
<p><b>11. Senior Management Review</b></p> <p>This report asks County Council to note progress made with the Senior Management Review and to approve the proposed recommendations including a new structure. County Council are asked to approve the re-designation of the post of County Director to Chief Executive. Views from County Council will be considered by Cabinet on the 20 December in advance of final decisions at that meeting. The report</p>		

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<p>references associated work carried out on the unitary debate as well as transformation of services and identifies potential savings to be gained from reductions in senior management posts.</p> <p><b>The County Council is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p>(a) <i>note the progress made to date on the Senior Management Review;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>endorse the Senior Management Review recommendations and proposed structure;</i></p> <p>(c) <i>agree in principle that the post of County Director should be made permanent and re-designated Chief Executive;</i></p> <p>(d) <i>notify the Proper Officer of the Council's intention to appoint Peter Clark as the Council's Chief Executive on a permanent basis with a view at its next meeting to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>receiving the outcome of the Proper Officer's consultation with members of the Cabinet on this proposal in accordance with Part 8.4(4) of the Council's Constitution;</i></li> <li>• <i>determining whether to proceed with the appointment;</i></li> </ul> <p>(e) <i>agree that pending those further decisions Peter Clark is appointed Interim Chief Executive.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed by 55 votes to 0, with 3 Abstentions.</p>	<p>Steve Munn</p>
<p><b>12. Treasury Management Mid Term Review (2016/17)</b></p> <p>The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2016/17 in compliance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecasts for interest receivable and</p>		

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<p>payable for the financial year.</p> <p>The Cabinet considered and endorsed the report at their Meeting on 22 November 2014.</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2016/17.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed (nem con)</p>	<p>CFO (L. Gosling)</p>
<p><b>13. Report of the Cabinet</b></p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 22 November 2016 (<b>CC13</b>).</p>	<p>The Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 5 (Oxford Workplace Parking Levy) (Question from Councillor Godden) Councillor Nimmo Smith gave an assurance that the impact of the Workplace Parking Levy on the suburbs, including Botley would be an integral part of the scheme.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 6 (Transition Fund for Community Initiatives for Open Access Children's Services) (Question from Councillor Fooks) Councillor Stratford gave an undertaking to hold a further meeting should there be any money left over.</p>	<p>Cllr Nimmo Smith DEE (J. Larkcom)</p> <p>Cllr Stratford CFO</p>
<p><b>14. Motion From Councillor Arash Fatemian</b></p> <p>"Council notes the recent media coverage and casework of Councillor's concerning the pressures on parking at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.</p> <p>Council finds the present situation unsatisfactory and is dismayed at the knock-on effect this is having on those who need to visit the John Radcliffe. Council further notes that these pressures have already been, and will be further exacerbated by the centralisation of services from local hospitals, such as maternity services from the Horton</p>	<p>With the consent of Council, Councillor Fatemian moved and Councillor Mallon seconded the following motion as amended by councillor Fatemian and Councillor Smith below in bold italics/strikethrough:</p> <p>"Council notes the recent media coverage and casework of Councillor's concerning the pressures on parking at the <del>John Radcliffe</del> <b>Principal Hospitals</b> in Oxford.</p>	



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<p>Hospital in Banbury to the John Radcliffe. As the transport authority, it is the wish of Oxfordshire County Council that no further services are centralised from any local hospitals across the county until such time as suitable measures have been put in place to mitigate the distressing parking circumstances.</p> <p>Council further calls on the Health Overview Scrutiny Committee and the Clinical Commissioning Group to take this into account in their deliberations and outcomes.”</p>	<p>Council finds the present situation unsatisfactory and is dismayed at the knock-on effect this is having on those who need to visit the <del>John Radcliffe</del> <b>principal hospitals</b>. Council further notes that these pressures have already been, and will be further exacerbated by the centralisation of services from local hospitals, such as maternity services from the Horton Hospital in Banbury to the John Radcliffe. As the transport authority, it is the wish of Oxfordshire County Council that no further services are centralised from any local hospitals across the county <del>until such time as suitable measures have been put in place to mitigate the distressing parking circumstances.</del></p> <p>Council further calls on the Health Overview Scrutiny Committee and the Clinical Commissioning Group to take this into account in their deliberations and outcomes.”</p> <p>The motion, as amended was carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Unanimously</p> <p>“Council notes the recent media coverage and casework of Councillor’s concerning the pressures on parking at the Principal Hospitals in Oxford.</p> <p>Council finds the present situation unsatisfactory and is dismayed at the knock-on effect this is having on those who need to visit the principal hospitals. Council further notes that these pressures have already been, and will be further exacerbated by the centralisation of services from local hospitals, such as maternity services from the Horton Hospital in Banbury to</p>	<p>Cllr Constance CLO (J. Dean)</p>

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<p><b>15. Motion From Councillor Glynis Phillips</b></p> <p>“Oxfordshire County Council is deeply concerned about the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). In particular we are concerned about the implications for Adult Social Care in the County, and for our infrastructure as Hospitals close and services are centralised. The Consultation with Oxfordshire has been derisory with the full plan not having been made public during the numerous meetings which have been held. This Council therefore asks the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Health asking him:</p> <p>(a) How the area was decided? BOB covers 14 Local Authorities with 5 having responsibility for Adult Social Care;</p> <p>(b) What consideration has been given to the implications of putting increased pressure on the fragile coalitions across this area as plans are delivered?</p> <p>(c) What evidence is there that this approach to delivering savings of the magnitude required will work? Particularly in relation to reduced activity and the need during transformation to run 2 systems.</p>	<p>The Amendment by Councillor David Williams as set out in Annex 1 to the Schedule of Business was lost by 52 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions.</p> <p>The Substantive motion was carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>HPS</p>

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<p>What will happen if it doesn't?</p> <p>(d) Why the NHS workforce, the public and politicians have not been involved in shaping the plan?</p> <p>(e) Given that local government, in relation to Adult Social Care has unrivalled insight into how services can be transformed. Why is the process so NHS centric?</p>		
<p><b>16. Motion From Councillor Bob Johnston</b></p> <p>"This Council believes that the decision of the Railway Minister to "shelve" the electrification of the Didcot Parkway to Oxford railway line, possibly until 2024, is short sighted. It will amongst other things condemn Oxfordshire residents to use elderly and polluting diesels for most of the journeys between Oxford, Didcot, Reading and London or having to change at Didcot. The Decision will make many of the rail objectives as set out in LTP4 difficult if not impossible to achieve. New bespoke electric rolling stock currently being built could be left in store. Council therefore resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to:-</p> <p>(a) Lobby by all possible means the Department for Transport in general and the Rail Minister in particular to get this decision reviewed;</p> <p>(b) approach the Growth board to see if there is funding which might be unlocked to advance the project to an earlier and more acceptable timetable."</p>	<p>Agreed (nem con)</p>	<p>Cllr Nimmo Smith DEE (J. Larkcom)</p>
<p><b>17. Motion From Councillor Mark Cherry</b></p> <p>"This Council calls on the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council to give urgent consideration of the Bankside link road and for this to be prioritised in the Banbury area</p>	<p>It being after 3.00 pm Motions 17, 18, 19 and 20 were considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1</p>	

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<p>strategy in LTP4.</p> <p>.</p> <p>This road is needed urgently if the town is to avoid total gridlock on its roads. Oxfordshire is a net contributor to the National Economy and the North of the County continues to grow with the construction of 8000 houses and the construction of HS2. Therefore more businesses and more vehicles are inevitable. This issue has been talked about for over 30 years and it is now time for action."</p>		
<p><b>18. Motion From Councillor Sam Coates</b></p> <p>"Oxfordshire County Council recognises that new housing developments suggested by the Strategic Housing Market Assessment will lead to the generation of substantial increases in traffic throughout Oxfordshire. This has been further compounded by obvious additions such as the new Oxford Westgate development</p> <p>In consequence, the County Council calls on the Cabinet to collaborate with Oxfordshire's District Councils, the City of Oxford, the Local Economic Partnership, landowners such as Oxford University and developers in commissioning a transport impact assessment for the current range of housing proposals for the whole of Oxfordshire covering the period up to 2031. The study to focus on Oxford City and the likely congestion in the various market Towns resulting from new housing developments.</p> <p>The County Council's case for more resources for cycling, walking, bus and rail investments may be considerably enhanced by such an Assessment,</p>	<p>It being after 3.00 pm Motions 17, 18, 19 and 20 were considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1</p>	

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<p>given the scale of possible traffic impacts likely to result from planned new housing.”</p>		
<p><b>19. Motion From Councillor Sam Coates</b></p> <p>“Given that an increasing number of services are becoming ever more reliant on voluntary efforts and partnerships with charities the County Council should undertake a 'capacity survey' of charities and volunteers which may be engaged in the support of a wide variety of County services in the future.</p> <p>The intention of the review would be to determine which services may be sustained via voluntary efforts, and where costs and the need for specialist workers make services unsustainable with third sector partners.”</p>	<p>It being after 3.00 pm Motions 17, 18, 19 and 20 were considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1</p>	
<p><b>20. Motion From Councillor John Howson</b></p> <p>“Across Oxfordshire small primary schools serve an important purpose in creating an education system where the school is firmly located within its community. Children can walk or cycle to school and these school form a vital hub for many communities.</p> <p>This Council wishes to ensure that any proposed new funding formula for schools devised by the government does not destroy schools with fewer than 250 pupils unintentionally as a result of making them financially unviable. This would be the case if the sole method of funding were to be based upon a fixed sum per pupil with no grant towards the cost of the overheads of the school. One head teacher association has calculated that a third of primary schools in Oxfordshire might be at</p>	<p>It being after 3.00 pm Motions 17, 18, 19 and 20 were considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1</p>	

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<p>risk from such a formula. These schools have been part of the education scene in Oxfordshire for more than 150 years.</p> <p>This Council asks the Cabinet Member for Education to write to the Secretary of State for Education to ascertain that the proposed consultation on the new formula will not lead to the wholesale closure of small schools, especially as any increase in transport costs would fall on the council tax payers of Oxfordshire.”</p>		