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1. Declarations of Interest	None	
<p>2. Questions from County Councillors</p> <p><i>Councillor John Howson</i></p> <p>What is the estimate of extra time required to travel from any point in North Oxford to Oxford Station using the diversion route that was in place during St Giles Fair?</p> <p><i>Supplementary question from Councillor Howson</i></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member consider continuing the experimental traffic regulation order on Walton Street in order to create a safer cycle route and if so I would be happy put in a written statement of such a proposal.</p> <p><i>Councillor Emily Smith</i></p> <p>There is growing concern in Abingdon about the lack of progress on the Lodge Hill southern slips. Residents and Parish Councils were told originally that a public</p>	<p><i>Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment</i></p> <p>Unfortunately it has not been able to provide an estimate as we do not have any base date to compare the extended travel with. The journey time also varies greatly depending on the time of day or the day of the week.</p> <p><i>Reply from the cabinet Member for Environment</i></p> <p>Yes I would be interested in seeing the detail of that proposal.</p> <p><i>Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment</i></p> <p>Unfortunately, the Lodge Hill slip road scheme has experienced delays, as Highways England (HE) has changed their approach to the delivery of this</p>	

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<p>consultation on the designs for the slips would be put out to public consultation in Spring 2019. The Vale District has now received two reserved matters planning applications for North Abingdon and North West Abingdon sites totalling 625 new homes, yet there is still no agreed design for the slips, let alone a contractor appointed to build them as required by the outline planning permission before some of the homes at North Abingdon are occupied.</p> <p>Can the cabinet member confirm that the slips are indeed delayed, the reason for this delay and what the current timetable is? What action is the cabinet member taking to avoided North Abingdon having 600 extra homes but no diamond junction at Lodge Hill?</p>	<p>scheme from that previously experienced. This will result in the original 'end of 2020' date not being met. HE are asking for much more detailed transport modelling. We also need to undertake ground investigation surveys on HE's road network and this requires their permission (which has now been granted). This back and forth with HE has all added significant delay to the programme. Due to the A34 being part of the Strategic Road Network, any new scheme must be approved by HE, and therefore OCC have to comply with all modelling (and other) requests. OCC and HE met on 5th September 2019 to discuss the latest modelling and OCC is expecting a formal response from HE over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Officers have taken the view that public consultation will only be held once HE agrees to the modelling of the scheme. Until that point, the scheme could change, which might then require re-consultation and unnecessary public frustration.</p> <p>Subject to agreement with HE the current programme for the scheme is set out (the table is set out at the end of this document):</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ground Investigation Surveys on A34</td> <td style="text-align: center;">M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultation (assuming HE confirm they are content with recent modelling)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detailed Design</td> <td style="text-align: center;">F</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Construction</td> <td style="text-align: center;">F</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Slips Opening</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		S	Ground Investigation Surveys on A34	M	Consultation (assuming HE confirm they are content with recent modelling)	M	Detailed Design	F	Construction	F	Slips Opening	-	
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	<p>OCC is trying to expedite delivery by undertaking Early Contractor Involvement (ECI), which involves a contractor in the early design and planning stage to identify efficiencies in the construction of the project. To further expedite delivery OCC has continued with land purchase at risk, prior to Highways England consenting to the scheme. All the land parcels to deliver this scheme have been identified and negotiations with land owners have been concluded, subject to legal documentation.</p> <p>In terms of new housing being built in the North Abingdon area before the new slip roads are open, this has always been a possibility and acknowledged in the granted outline planning permissions for the development sites in the area – including the North Abingdon (P17/V0050/O) and North West Abingdon' site (P17/V1336/O) to have housing before the slips are delivered.</p> <p>I am confident that my officers are doing all they can to get these slips delivered and are having regular meetings with HE to enable this to happen. The A34 is on the strategic highway network and ultimately, the scheme is in the hands of Highways England who will make the final decision. Officers will keep all parties informed when we make further progress with HE and how this will affect the programme.</p> <p><i>Additional response from the Cabinet Member</i></p> <p>Councillor Smith had been unable to</p>	

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<p><i>Councillor Judy Roberts</i></p> <p>In 2015 Highways England was given £100m to improve air quality on its road network between 2015 and 2021, with £75m having to be spent before March 2020 on measures that cut air pollution. In May they had only spent £7.7mill of this. District Cllr Emily Smith and Parish Cllr Laura Jones (who also represent North Hinksey) are working with local schools, air quality experts and the Vale on applications to this fund that will help relieve air pollution around the A34 in Botley. Highways England have told them that cycle infrastructure that relieves air pollution in the Botley area could qualify for funding but any scheme would need to be ready to start before March 2020. Cllr Smith thought of the B4044 Community Path that was removed from the HIF bid and they notified the B4044 Community Path campaign group. This could be an alternative funding source for the Community Path from Eynsham to Botley if the county council are willing to submit an application and if action is taken very quickly. How can the Cabinet member support our efforts? “</p>	<p>attend but I would reiterate that officers continued to work hard to get this done but it was now in the hands of Highways England. OCC were committed to Growth deal housing needs and it was clear that the slip roads and housing developments were now both mismatched. Officers would continue to keep all parties who were involved informed.</p> <p><i>Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment</i></p> <p>Since the B4044 cycle scheme was removed from the HIF2 bid, officers have been working with Bike Safe to progress the design of the scheme ready for alternative funding opportunities. The brief for the options and feasibility stage has been agreed and officers are now discussing the work with Skanska who will undertake this stage of the scheme. This is expected to complete at the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Officers have been looking into whether the B4044 cycle scheme would be eligible for the Highways England Air Quality Funding. There was concern over whether the B4044 cycle link would be seen as too far from the A34 to qualify, but timing of the funding is the main issue. The completion timeframe for spending the funding is March 2020, but only the optioneering and feasibility design components of the B4044 cycle scheme will be completed by then.</p> <p>The scheme will continue to progress through this current stage which will</p>	

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<p><i>Supplementary Question from Councillor Roberts</i></p> <p>Could the County Council also consider a bid for provision of noise and air pollution barriers along part of A420 as provided along parts of the A34?</p>	<p>provide more certainty over the exact route to be taken, including any land issues, and a better estimate of costs. At the same time, officers and with the ongoing support of Bike Safe will continue to look for opportunities for funding the delivery of the cycle route.</p> <p><i>Response by the Cabinet Member for Environment</i></p> <p>Yes to the bid for barriers. The Leader of the Council was also lobbying the Government Minister with regard to the community path from Eynsham to Botley following its removal from the HIF bid.</p>	
<p>3. Petitions and Public Address</p>	<p>Item 4 – Access to Headington</p> <p>Derek Albiston – Resident Windmill Road Graham Smith – Cyclox County Councillor Roz Smith</p> <p>Item 8 – Greys Road, Henley-on-Thames</p> <p>Louise Dodd – Resident, Harcourt Close Armadeep Takhar – Local Businessman County & Town Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak</p> <p>Item 9 – Chalgrove, Monument Road</p> <p>Ann Pritchard – Chalgrove PC</p> <p>Item 12 – Radley, Kennington Road</p> <p>Carolyn Jessop – Resident, Kennington Road</p>	-

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	County Councillor Bob Johnston Item 14 – Horsemere lane, Cassington Hugh Thomas – Cassington PC County Councillor Charles Mathew	
<p>4. Oxford - Access to Headington - Further Consultation on Traffic Measures</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals as advertised.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Consideration to be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing a better position regarding parking on side roads • further consultation for off peak on street parking on Windmill Road • right hand arrow on lights at bottom of Headley Way 	DCO(AK)
<p>5. Oxford, Rymers Lane Junction with Littlehay Road & Cornwallis Road - Proposed Traffic Calming</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of a traffic calming raised junction table at the crossroads junction of Rymers Lane, Littlehay Road & Cornwallis Road in Florence Park (Oxford) as advertised.</p>	Approved	DCO(AK)
<p>6. Bodicote, White Post Road: Proposed Zebra Crossing and Toucan Crossing in place of Pelican Crossing</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised the proposed introduction of a zebra crossing (with a parallel cycle crossing) on White Post Road and</p>	Approved	DCO(AK)

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<p>conversion of an existing pelican crossing to a toucan crossing (a signalled crossing for the use of pedestrians and pedal cyclists) together with the conversion of parts of existing footways to shared use footway/cycle track to link the crossings for cyclists.</p>		
<p>7. Banbury - Bloxham: A361 Banbury Road Proposed Shared Use Cycle Track</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the conversion of the existing footway link on the western side of the A361 Banbury Road, between the junction with Chipperfield Park Road and Banbury (a distance of approximately 2.5km) to a shared use pedestrian & cycle track and conversion of the existing pelican crossing on the A361 Banbury Road at Bloxham approximately 65 metres north of the Chipperfield Park Road junction to a toucan crossing (a crossing that can be used by pedestrians and cyclists) as advertised.</p>	Approved	DCO(AK)
<p>8. Henley-on-Thames, Greys Road: Proposed Zebra Crossing</p> <p><i>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of a zebra crossing on Greys Road, Henley-on-Thames between its junctions with Greys Hill and The Close as advertised.</i></p>	Approved	DCO(AK)

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<p>9. Chalgrove, Monument Road - Proposed Zebra Crossings</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of zebra crossings on Monument Road, Chalgrove as advertised.</p>	Approved	DCO(AK)
<p>10. South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Area: Various Locations for New Disabled Persons Parking Places</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places on Gainsborough Green (Abingdon), Kynaston Road (Didcot) as advertised but defer approval of the proposal for Duke Street (Henley-on-Thames) to allow for further consideration of this site.</p>	Approved Note also that those application not objected to would be implemented	DCO(AK)
<p>11. East Hanney, Steventon Road - Proposed Traffic Calming Measures and Bus Stop Clearway</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of a traffic calming build-out incorporating a speed cushion and bus stop clearway on the Steventon Road, East Hanney as advertised.</p>	Approved noting that the objection from the Parish Council had been fully considered in the report and that the measures proposed reflected current county policy.	DCO(AK)

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<p>12. Radley/Kennington: Kennington Road - Proposed Traffic Calming Measures and Signalled Pedestrian Crossing</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of the traffic calming measures and puffin crossing on Kennington Road, Radley as advertised.</p>	Approved	DCO(AK)
<p>13. Witney, Highworth Place: Proposed Waiting Restrictions</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed waiting restrictions on both sides of Highworth Place, Witney including at its southern junction with The Croft; the existing restrictions at the northern junction with the Croft to be retained.</p>	Approved	DCO(AK)
<p>14. Cassington, Horsemere Lane - Proposed Prohibition of Motor and Horse Drawn Vehicles, Revocation of One-Way Order and Weight Limit and Reversion of Status to Restricted Bridleway</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed prohibition of motor and horse drawn vehicles, the revocation of the existing one-way restriction and weight limit and change of status to restricted byway at Horsemere Lane Cassington as advertised.</p>	Deferred to enable proposal to be linked in with proposals for park & ride and bus lane on the A40.	DCO(AK)

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<p>15. Heathrow Airport Expansion Consultation</p> <p>The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed consultation response on the Heathrow Airport Expansion, as set out in Paragraph (9) of the report CMDE15.</p>	Approved	DPP(JD/ DP)									
<p>16. EXEMPT ITEMS</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED that the public be excluded for the duration of item 17 in the Agenda since it is likely that if they were present during that item there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and specified in relation to that item in the Agenda and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of that case, the public interest in maintain the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>	Approved	-									
<p>17. Procurement Exemption - Community Action Groups</p> <p>The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to approve the procurement exemption for the Community Action Group Project Oxfordshire (Limited)</p>	Approved	DPP(RB)									
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