## ...Decisions...Decisions



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 (<a href="www.oxfordshire.gov.uk">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>.)

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If you have a query please contact Colm Ó Caomhánaigh (Tel: 07393 001096; E-Mail: colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED DECISIONS		ACTION	
1. Apologies for Absence	Councillor Bearder gave apologies for having to leave the meeting at 3pm.	DLG (A Newman)	
2. Declarations of Interest	None	DLG (A Newman)	
- guidance note opposite		,	
3. Minutes			
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh	
4. Questions from County Councillors	See Annex		
5. Petitions and Public Address	6 Scrutiny Reports – Citizens' Jury Alison Chisholm, University of Oxford  7 Capital Programme Monitoring Report Cllr Charlie Hicks  10 Parking Standards for New Developments City Cllr Emily Kerr Cllr Charlie Hicks Cllr lan Middleton Cllr Robin Bennett		

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6.	Reports from Scrutiny Committees		
	llowing reports are presented from y committees:	Cabinet noted the four reports and will respond formally.	DLG (T Hudson)
•	Report of the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Parking Standards for New Developments		
•	Reports of the Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee		
7.	Capital Programme Monitoring Report - August 2022	The following amendments were agreed:	DF (K Wilcox)
Forwa	et Member: Finance rd Plan Ref: 2022/066 ct: Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial gy	In Annex 1, Agenda Page 39, 6 <sup>th</sup> Principle: "Major Infrastructure schemes align to OXIS prioritisation"	
Repor	t by Director of Finance (CA7).	Append "and LTCP targets."	
The C	abinet is RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendation a):  "Endorse the capital prioritisation framework (Annex 1 as amended)"	
	Capital revised programme and isation	Recommendations b) to j) agreed as per report.	
a)	Endorse the capital prioritisation framework (Annex 1)		
b)	Approve the review of the OCC Capital Programme (paragraph 13)		
c)	Approve the latest capital monitoring position for 2022/23 (Annex 2) and the associated updated capital programme at Annex 3, incorporating the changes set out in this report		
d)	Note the approval made under delegated authority of the Leader		

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e)	of the Council for: i. Marlborough School (paragraph 24) Approve the updated budget requirements: i. Orion School (paragraph 22) ii. Banbury Library (paragraph 48)		
Re-p	Agree the re-profiling (Annex 2 and 3)		
Fund	ding		
g) h)	Agree the inclusion in the Capital Programme of the following grant funding updates and allocation:  i. Active Travel Phase 3 of £10.4m (Paragraph 57),  ii. Bus Service Implementation Plan of £8.7m (Paragraph 58)  To note the inclusion of £10m towards Oxford Station (OCC acting as the accountable body on behalf of the OxLEP) (paragraph 59)		
	re Oxfordshire Partnership's (FOP) sing and Growth Deal		
i)	Note the Housing and Growth Deal revised programme as approved by the Future Oxfordshire Partnership and note the implications for the Council's Capital Programme (paragraph 39)		
j)	Note the approval made under delegated authority of the Leader of the Council for schemes that are part funded by the Council and other funding sources including the housing and growth deal:		

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	<ul> <li>A40 Oxford North         (Northern Gateway)         Scheme (Paragraph 28),</li> <li>Science Transit Phase 2         (Eynsham Park and Ride)         (Paragraph 29)</li> <li>Benson Relief Road         (paragraph 34)</li> </ul>		
	Budget & Business Planning		
Cabine Forwar Contac	Report - 2023/24  et Member: Finance rd Plan Ref: 2022/048 ct: Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial gy, 07788302163		
Report	by Director of Finance (CA8).		
The Ca	abinet is RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendations agreed.	DF (K Wilcox)
ŕ	Endorse the report and note the assumptions that will form the starting point for the 2023/24 budget as well as updates since the Medium Term Financial Strategy was agreed in February 2022 that need to be considered;		
1	Approve the budget and business planning process for 2023/24; and		
	Approve a three-year period for the medium-term financial strategy to 2025/26 and ten-year period for the capital programme to 2032/33.		
	Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) Funding Agreements		
	et Members: Highway Management avel & Development Strategy		

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Forward Plan Ref: 2022/156 Contact: Sasha Redhead, Project Manager, sasha.redhead@oxfordshire.gov.uk  Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA9).  Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place, in consultation with the Director for Law and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Highway Management to negotiate, finalise and enter into funding agreements with Oxford Bus Company (Go-Ahead) and Stagecoach to provide electric buses and charging infrastructure based on the funding milestones set out in this paper.	Recommendations agreed.	CDEP (S Redhead)
10. Parking Standards for New Developments	Amended recommendations were agreed as follows:	CDEP (J Sherwood)
Cabinet Member: Travel & Development Strategy Forward Plan Ref: 2022/105 Contact: Jason Sherwood, Growth Manager South & Vale, 07795 684708  Report by Director of Transport & Infrastructure (CA10).  The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to adopt and implement the revised 'Parking Standards for New Developments' as a formal supplementary document to the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP).	To adopt and implement the revised 'Parking Standards for New Developments' as amended in the Addenda as a formal supplementary document to the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP).  Councillors Enright, Gant and Sudbury to conduct a review with the relevant officers on issues raised by the scrutiny committee and bring back an update to a future Cabinet meeting before the end of this year.	
11. Street Lighting & Illuminated Assets Policy		
Cabinet Member: Highway Management		

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Forward Plan Ref: 2022/100 Contact: Sean Rooney, Head of Highway Operations, sean.rooney@oxfordshire.gov.uk Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA11).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations agreed.	CDEP (S Rooney)
(a) Support the new direction and approach for managing Street Lighting and Illuminated Assets to better reflect local requirements and aspirations of the governing administration in relation to a more sustainable and carbon considered approach.		
(b) Approve adoption of the update of the County Council's Street Lighting and Illuminated Assets Policy statement as attached at ANNEX A.		
12. Future highway maintenance delivery model - proposed approach		
Cabinet Member: Highway Management Forward Plan Ref: 2022/107 Contact: Phil Whitfield, Service Improvement Lead, 07986 819403		
Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA12).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations agreed.	CDEP (P Whitfield)
a) Approve the commencement of work for a new highway maintenance contract.		7
b) Endorse the proposed approach		

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and key stages as set out in this paper.		
13. Adult Social Care Reforms: Fair Cost of Care Exercise and Draft Market Sustainability Planning		
Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2022/128 Contact: Pippa Corner, Deputy Director Commissioning, pippa.corner@oxfordshire.gov.uk		
Report by Corporate Director for Adult Services (CA13).		
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the process undertaken so far, so that the project group can continue to work towards presenting the final analysis, findings, and report with the provisional market sustainability plan, using the cost of care exercise as a key input in identifying risks in the local market and spend report, ready for submission to DHSC on 12 October 2022. The final market sustainability plan will be submitted in February 2023.	Recommendations agreed.	CDASC (P Corner)
14. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021-22		
Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2022/109 Contact: Steven Turner, Strategic Partnerships Manager, 01865 328993		
Report by Corporate Director for Adult Services (CA14).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of the report and its conclusions.	Recommendations agreed.	CDASC (S Turner)
15. Oxfordshire Safeguarding		

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Children Board Annual Report 2021-22			
Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader, including Children, Education & Young People's Services Forward Plan Ref: 2022/110 Contact: Tan Lea, Strategic Partnerships Safeguarding Manager, tan.lea@oxfordshire.gov.uk			
Report by Corporate Director for Children's Services (CA15).			
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the annual report of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board senior safeguarding partners and to consider the key messages.	Recommendations agreed.	CDCS (T Lea)	
Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2022/138 Contact: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer, 07393 001096	Noted, and that paragraph 3 should refer to "2022" not "2021".	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)	
Report by Director of Law & Governance (CA16).			
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the executive decisions taken under delegated powers, set out in paragraph 4.			
17. Forward Plan and Future Business	Noted as updated in Addenda 2.	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)	
Cabinet Member: All Contact Officer: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096			
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.			

#### ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

#### Questions

#### 1. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON

Will he explain the present situation with regard to funding the Woodstock Road corridor study that was the subject of consultation in the autumn of 2021?

#### **Supplementary**

The Table in Annex 4 shows that the original £12m for the Woodstock Road has been reduced from £4m. I am grateful that he has been able to recover something for this important scheme. However, I note that the Oxpens Bridge has now been allocated £8m instead of £6m and that will carry far less cycle traffic than the Woodstock Road currently does and I would ask if he would consider with his colleagues whether that £2m could be recovered for the Woodstock Road. Similarly, there was a feasibility study for the Banbury Road and therefore I think it is questionable whether £2.37m are necessary for that feasibility study and I would ask if that money could be put into the Woodstock Road so that there is a real possibility that the scheme which was consulted upon 12 months ago can now go to final detailed drawings. We know from the experience of the Botley Road that any work on the Banbury Road is not going to see the light of day for a very long time and with the uncertainly in construction costs, it would be better to use that money to see one project on the Woodstock Road completed.

#### **Cabinet Member**

# COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT

I would refer Cllr Howson to agenda item 7 (Annex 4):

Agenda Document for Cabinet, 18/10/2022 14:00 (oxfordshire.gov.uk)

#### Response

You will of course be aware of the funding background to the schemes that you've referred to - they form part of the Homes for Infrastructure strand of the Growth Deal which was discussed at some length by the Future Oxfordshire Partnership at its most recent meeting following pressure on the schemes due to inflation. I am happy to take those points you make about the need for enhanced active travel infrastructure in the North Oxford area and discuss with officers alongside those other discussions. I would certainly echo what you say. The need is real on one of the principle corridors into our city which does not have a joined up cycle lane. The provision is on and off the pavement, in and out of the road, does not join up with crossings and does not even reach the primary school which is on the road. Whatever project we bring forward has got to address those things, particularly with increased pressures coming from large scale development to the north. I am very happy to work with the local Members to achieve those benefits as soon as we can.

#### **Questions**

#### 2. COUNCILLOR SUSSANA PRESSEL

I strongly support the traffic filters in principle, and I'd like to thank all members of Cabinet for the enormous amount of work you are putting in on this issue and many others.

Everyone in my division certainly agrees that something MUST be done urgently about congestion, pollution and accidents in Botley Road, Frideswide Square and Thames Street. The city centre seems to be gridlocked at most peak hours and every weekend, because of cars queuing for the car parks. However, the residents all think that the current proposals will *increase* traffic in these streets. Even our officers admit that this is the case! If *all the traffic* to the Westgate car park and to Worcester Street car park has to come along Botley Road, with no traffic filter to stop them, conditions will be even worse than they are now, which would be intolerable.

I have come up with several ways of reducing the traffic and I hope you will bear them in mind. Firstly, you could move the Thames Street filter slightly and send the traffic for the Westgate car park along Abingdon Road instead. That has the advantage that traffic from that direction has plenty of space to queue, without blocking other traffic. Secondly, you could decide not to give 100 free permits to residents in Botley, North Hinksey and Cumnor. Why on earth would we want to encourage people from outside the City to drive into town, past a large park and ride facility?! Thirdly, you could make charges at Seacourt Park and Ride even cheaper and advertise this clearly to all traffic

#### **Cabinet Member**

# COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT AND COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The consultation for the traffic filters concluded on 13 Oct. This was extended by 10 days due to the late Queen Elizabeth's mourning period. Officers are now collating and analysing the results of that consultation to report to Cabinet on November 2022. Any proposed changes to the scheme as a result of the consultation, including those related to residents' permits, will be reported to Cabinet.

Officers responded to Cllr Pressel on 9 September explaining the rationale for the location of traffic filters but specifically the filter on Thames Street. There are far ranging reasons but in summary:

- Better opportunities for bus, cycle and pedestrian infrastructure on the Botley Road as well as general traffic
- Botley Road is shortest route to the city centre with existing bus lanes
- The need for safe places for prohibited traffic to turn around
- By having filters on Thames Street and Hythe Bridge Street, this will remove much of the non-city centre bound traffic from key areas such as Frideswide Square which is hoped will result in smoother traffic flow through this and surrounding junctions

The traffic model we are using to test the likely impacts of the traffic filter proposals has predicted an increase in traffic levels on Botley Road west of the junction with Seacourt Park

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approaching from the west. Fourthly, you could have a sign before the park and ride telling motorists how long they are likely to queue for the car parks. Fifthly, you could arrange for the City Council to raise the prices in their city centre car parks, so that you can put pressure on the Westgate to raise their parking charges still further.  Will you please adopt at least some of these suggestions — or come up with better ways of reducing traffic in Botley Road - so that residents in my division will know that you are heeding their anger and despair?	and Ride by around an average 10% across a typical weekday, whereas on Hythe Bridge Street traffic is forecast to reduce by around an average 50% across a typical weekday. On the inner section of Botley Road at Osney Bridge, weekday flows are expected to reduce by 4% but it is acknowledged there is a risk of increases in traffic at certain times of the day as a result of the traffic filters.  Should the trial be approved at Cabinet on 29 November, officers could develop and implement a detailed plan for managing Botley Road traffic with the traffic filters in place, and in particular this would include the monitoring of traffic flows and air quality around Westgate and on Botley Road to identify any particular concerns. The expansion of Seacourt Park and Ride, and very recent introduction of a combined parking and bus ticket, at the same time as an increase in Westgate car parking charges should even now encourage more people and groups travelling to the city centre to use Park and Ride services.  Officers would investigate what could form part of a comprehensive signage strategy to support the introduction of the traffic filters including variable message signage at key points on the network informing motorists of traffic conditions.
3. COUNCILLOR SUSSANA PRESSEL	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT AND COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
If the trial scheme for traffic filters goes ahead and if congestion, pollution and accidents do not reduce sufficiently in Botley Road, Frideswide Square and Thames Street as a result, what will you do?	The results of monitoring will be used to assess the need for changes to the scheme if it is not achieving the scheme objectives.