

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.)

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	None received.	
2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note below	There were none.	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.	DLG (C Reynolds)
4. Questions from County Councillors	See annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	<u>12 Business Management and Monitoring Report</u> Cllr Eddie Reeves <u>13 Capital Programme Approvals</u> Robin Tucker	

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<p>6. Appointments</p>	<p>Cabinet noted the following appointments:-</p> <p><u>Future Oxfordshire Partnership Infrastructure Advisory Group:</u> Councillor Judy Roberts as OCC representative. Councillor Andrew Gant as substitute.</p> <p><u>Schools Organisation Stakeholder Group</u> Councillor Andy Graham to fill a vacancy</p>	<p>DLG (A Newman)</p>
<p>7. Reports from Scrutiny Committees</p>	<p>There were no reports from Scrutiny Committees at this meeting.</p>	
<p>8. Care Homes Purchasing Framework</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2023/213</i> <i>Contact: Ian Bottomley, Lead Commissioner – Age Well, ian.bottomley@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report by Corporate Director: Adult Social Care (CA8).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Approve the new care home banding model and note the engagement of the market and partners in its development.</p> <p>b) Approve the implementation of an integrated purchasing framework with the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board and to implement the new Care Home Banding model.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CDASC (I Bottomley)</p>

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<p>c) Approve the revision of the s75 NHS 2006 agreement with the ICB to support implementation of the model and to delegate authority to agree further amendments to this agreement to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance</p>		
<p>9. Business Services Transformation Programme Business Refocus</p> <p><i>Cabinet Members:</i> Corporate Services and Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/168 <i>Contact:</i> Tim Spiers, Director of IT, Innovation, Digital and Transformation, tim.spiers@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (CA9).</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Approve the refocusing of the programme on the delivery of improvements to existing human resources, finance, payroll and procurement functions and processes.</p> <p>b) Approve that the programme does not progress the development of detailed requirements and a full business case to review delivery options for corporate support services and underpinning technology.</p> <p>c) Approve the repurposing £1.23m of the existing approved £1.57m programme funding to deliver the</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (T Spiers)</p>

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<p>refocused programme and return the remaining £345k to the Transformation Reserve</p>		
<p>10. Treasury Management Mid Term Review 2023/24</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/140 <i>Contact:</i> Tim Chapple, Treasury Manager, tim.chapple@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (CA10).</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the council's treasury management activity in the first half of 2023/24 and recommend Council to note council's treasury management activity in the first half of 2023/24.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (T Chapple)</p>
<p>11. Budget & Business Planning Report - 2024/25 - November 2023</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/316 <i>Contact:</i> Kathy Wilcox, Kathy.wilcox@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (CA11)</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) endorse the report and note the directorate pressures that will need to be considered as part of the Budget & Business Planning Process.</p> <p>b) endorse the approach to savings that will be developed further through the Budget & Business Planning Process.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (K Wilcox)</p>

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<p>12. Business Management & Monitoring Report - August/September 2023</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/141 <i>Contact:</i> Louise Tustian, Head of Insight and Corporate Programmes, louise.tustian@oxfordshire.gov.uk / Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy, kathy.wilcox@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Chief Executive / Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (CA12).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the report and annexes. b) approve the virements in Annex B2a. c) approve the write off of five Adult Social Care contribution debts totaling £0.142m. d) approve the Supplementary Estimate request of £0.2m to fund the deficit balance for a school converting to academy status during 2023/24. 	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (L Tustian/K Wilcox)</p>
<p>13. Capital Programme Approvals - November 2023</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2023/139 <i>Contact:</i> Natalie Crawford, Capital Programme Manager, natalie.crawford@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>		

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<p>Report by Director of Finance (CA13).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) approve £2.1m as a development budget to progress the design phase for the 'Didcot Northern Perimeter Road Scheme 3', a scheme already in the capital programme.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) approve the submission of a bid to Active Travel England for an indicative funding amount of £2.38m for several defined active travel schemes.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (N Crawford)</p>
<p>14. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Chris Reynolds,</i> Committee Officer chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include "updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting". Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at CA14. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.</p> <p>The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity to identify any further changes</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.</p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></p>		
<p>15. For information only: Cabinet responses to Scrutiny items</p>	Noted.	

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ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p>1. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</p> <p>A few months ago electric, conduit polls were installed at the following bus shelter locations:- Chepstow Gardens Towards Bradley Arcade (340003156CNR) Bradley Arcade Towards Banbury Town Centre (340001388OPP)</p> <p>Will the cabinet member for highways management inform myself as local councillor for Banbury Ruscote when the real time ready display will be installed on the two polls and be operational please.?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT</p> <p>I have been informed that the displays have been installed last week.</p>

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<p data-bbox="174 209 696 236">2. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS</p> <p data-bbox="125 284 958 651">It is welcome to see that Council are applying for more funding from Active Travel England. Please can Cabinet the Cabinet Member outline the process that has been undertaken by Cabinet Members and/or Officers to-date to choose the schemes in the bid ATF4 Extended Opportunity bid? Does the Council have a ready-made prioritised pipeline of active travel schemes that can be allocated for bids when opportunities arise from Central Government, and if so, what is the status of this active travel pipeline of schemes, and how can councillors scrutinise this pipeline?</p>	<p data-bbox="999 209 1850 276">COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT</p> <p data-bbox="999 360 1944 464">The original Active travel 4 bid submitted by OCC in February 2023 was unsuccessful in securing funding against competitive bids from other councils.</p> <p data-bbox="999 512 1944 651">However, since the original submission ATE have extended the bid opportunity to those councils that were unsuccessful in the original bid and for those schemes that were within the original indicative allowance.</p> <p data-bbox="999 699 1944 802">The deadline for this submission is the 27th November 2023, with a decision due January 2024. Successful bids should expect funding in March 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="999 850 1850 911">The guidelines from ATE for the Active travel 4 extension are similar to the original AT4 principles.</p> <p data-bbox="999 959 1944 1062">ATE have stated that the indicative available funding for OCC is set at £2,384,163 and is for those schemes that were included within the original indicative allocations for Oxford.</p> <p data-bbox="999 1110 1944 1171">This means that the schemes that are applicable for resubmission have been set by ATE based on the original submission as :-</p> <ul data-bbox="1048 1219 1906 1444" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1048 1219 1906 1273">• Abingdon National cycle network 5 (NCN5) Missing Link – ATE ref01052 <li data-bbox="1048 1281 1906 1342">• Provision of secure cycle parking to support staff travels to Oxfordshire Hospitals – ATE Ref 01053 <li data-bbox="1048 1350 1675 1377">• School Streets Programme – ATE Ref 01054 <li data-bbox="1048 1385 1872 1412">• Witney – Madley Park Path improvements – ATE Ref 01055 <li data-bbox="1048 1420 1704 1444">• Oxford Parks Road Quietway – ATE Ref 01056

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	<p>A series of meetings have been taken with ATE to discuss why the original bid submissions may have been unsuccessful, and to ascertain what information, changes or additions may be necessary to the schemes for the re-submission.</p> <p>Based on these conversations, the scheme owners within OCC have been working up the necessary information, changes or additions required by ATE. With a target of Wednesday 22nd November to have all the necessary information available.</p> <p>The proposed scheme list was discussed at the Pipeline Board Monday 13th November.</p> <p>The now prioritised list does not include Oxford Parks road Road Quietway. This is due to two reasons. Firstly, the delivery timescales not being acceptable before the installation of the Traffic filter trial, and that the trial may necessitate some scheme modification. Secondly that the requirement derived from the ATE conversations necessitate some design work and modification to the scheme that would have increased costs over the available threshold. Whilst match funding could possibly accommodate the cost increase, it was felt the delivery issue would best be solved after the traffic filter installation and any redesign could then accommodate any behavioural changes required within the scheme. This scheme could be picked up as a priority in subsequent AT5 bids</p> <p>The funding originally allocated to parks road scheme will be utilised by the school streets programme, with additional entranceways, or potentially another school street under consideration.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="996 209 1928 384">The Prioritised list is scheduled for further discussion at the Active travel Board on the 21st November for final submission decision. The Strategic Capital Programme board (SCB) agreed on 5th October that as this was a re-submission there is no need to re-submit to SCB.</p> <p data-bbox="996 432 1944 536">The schemes therefore that are to be submitted in the bid with their current anticipated costs (pending ratification next week) are therefore as follows :-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="996 576 1968 852"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="996 576 1845 619">Scheme Name</th> <th data-bbox="1845 576 1968 619">Costs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="996 619 1845 655">Abingdon National cycle Network 5 (NCN5) Missing link</td> <td data-bbox="1845 619 1968 655">£ 1,401</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="996 655 1845 730">Provision of secure cycle parking to support staff travel to Oxfordshire Hospitals</td> <td data-bbox="1845 655 1968 730">£ 100,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="996 730 1845 772">School streets Programme</td> <td data-bbox="1845 730 1968 772">£ 403,2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="996 772 1845 810">Witney – Madley Park Path Improvements</td> <td data-bbox="1845 772 1968 810">£ 479,2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="996 810 1845 852" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</td> <td data-bbox="1845 810 1968 852">£ 2,384</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="996 895 1935 959">A brief to the PH will be forwarded after the Active Travel board on the 21st.</p>	Scheme Name	Costs	Abingdon National cycle Network 5 (NCN5) Missing link	£ 1,401	Provision of secure cycle parking to support staff travel to Oxfordshire Hospitals	£ 100,0	School streets Programme	£ 403,2	Witney – Madley Park Path Improvements	£ 479,2	TOTAL	£ 2,384
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<p>3. COUNCILLOR STEFAN GAWRYSIAK</p> <p>Short Stay Hub beds are being reduced from 97 to 63 in December. The 7 Beds in Henley at Chiltern Court are being axed without consultation with GP's and the community. Can you please supply me with the location of the 63, explain why has there been no consultation and why is there no provision of SSHB in South Oxfordshire?"</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE</p> <p>This question relates to the joint strategy - between Oxfordshire County Council and Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West's Integrated Care Board's - to support more people in the comfort of their own home after a stay in hospital and therefore reducing the number of short stay hub beds needed in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Short stay hub beds are contracted by the council and support people after a stay in hospital for a maximum length of about two weeks. They should not be confused with beds in settings like community hospitals, where medical care is offered. There is no need to consult on the decision to reduce our reliance on these facilities.</p> <p>There are no plans to source any more short stay hub beds. The initial procurement was done based on market factors rather than geography. Oxfordshire residents may be supported in any hub bed in the county, not necessarily the one closest to them.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council and Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board are committed to providing the best possible outcomes for residents and ensuring the right resources are focused on a Home First approach – that is enabling more people to regain their independence after a stay in hospital by supporting them to return home to familiar surroundings as soon as possible.</p> <p>With fewer short stay hub beds needed, we are able to redirect our resources to support this approach.</p> <p>Each week more than 30,300 hours of home care is provided for people in the county, which represents a 19 per cent increase in</p>

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	<p>the last 16 months. Our joint strategy will see this upward trend continue and we have capacity within our care provider framework to support this.</p> <p>63 short stay hub beds will still be in operation this winter at Chacombe Park care home; Henry Cornish House; Albany care home (Headington); Isis; and The Close (near Abingdon).</p>