

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

### REPORT OF THE CABINET

#### ***Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council***

#### **1. Oxfordshire Growth Board Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding**

*(Cabinet, 21 July 2020)*

Cabinet approved a revised Terms of Reference (ToR) and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Oxfordshire Growth Board.

#### ***Cabinet Member: Environment***

#### **2. Housing Infrastructure Fund – A40 (HIF2)**

*(Cabinet, 21 July 2020)*

Oxfordshire was successful in bidding for the Housing and Infrastructure Fund (HIF) for West Oxfordshire A40 Smart Corridor. The County Council has now met all the contract pre-conditions which enables the Grant Determination Agreement Heads of Terms to be agreed and the legal agreement drafted.

Cabinet considered the report and gave authority for the Chief Executive to have delegated authority to progress the project.

#### **3. Department of Transport Active Travel Emergency Fund Tranche 2**

*(Cabinet, 21 July 2020)*

Cabinet considered a report that provided an overview of the Department of Transport's Active Travel Emergency fund and, in particular, set out the requirements and arrangements for the production and approval of the Tranche 2 submission.

Cabinet noted the criteria of Tranche 2 of the Department of Transport's Active Travel Emergency fund and gave authority for the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet member for Environment to have final sign off of the Oxfordshire County Council's bid for the Department of Transport Active Travel Emergency Fund Tranche 2 submission.

#### **4. Bicester Garden Town Capital Funding – Junctions Improvement**

*(Cabinet, 21 July 2020)*

Cabinet considered a report setting out a proposal developed in partnership with Cherwell District Council (CDC) who took a sister report through their formal governance process.

The report detailed the proposed schemes and the current position on each

Cabinet agreed the recommendations to enter into an agreement to receive and spend funding related to Garden Town from Cherwell District Council.

***Cabinet Member: Finance***

**5. Treasury Management 2019/20 Outturn**

*(Cabinet, 21 July 2020)*

Cabinet had before them a report that set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2019/20 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Cabinet noted the report, and RECOMMENDED Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2019/20.

N.B. The report is included for consideration elsewhere on this agenda.

**6. Disposal of Development Sites to Oxfordshire City Council**

*(Cabinet, 18 August 2020)*

The City Council are actively seeking new sites in order to deliver additional affordable housing to meet Growth Deal pipeline numbers. In addition, the City are seeking to bring forward their regeneration of Blackbird Leys. The County Council owns development sites in Oxford and also the Blackbird Leys Former Pool. Consequently, this has resulted in discussions between the two Councils on a subject to contract basis.

Following negotiations cabinet considered a report that detailed the provisionally agreed terms of the transactions and gave approval for the disposal of the following three sites to the City Council as a named purchaser.

- Part of Northfield Hostel for delivery of 100% affordable housing
- Former Depot Site at Lanham Way for delivery of 100% affordable housing
- Former Blackbird Leys Swimming Pool for incorporation into the regeneration scheme

***Cabinet Member: Highway Delivery and Operations***

**7. Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund: Preferred Scheme Alignments**

*(Cabinet, 21 July 2020)*

The Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund (known as HIF1) project is a vital package of highway measures to enable sustainable growth in the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district areas as identified in relevant policy documents. Following a public consultation on the preferred

options that were identified during the feasibility design process and in response to a previous consultation exercise Cabinet gave approval to the preferred route alignment of the HIF1 project to allow the preliminary design to progress.

***Cabinet Member: All Cabinet Members***

**8. Business Management & Monitoring Report**

*(Cabinet, 18 August 2020)*

Cabinet noted a report that set out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities at 30 June 2020. A summary of overall performance and description of change is contained within the report.

The report contained two annexes:

- Annex A shows our current performance against targets and summarises progress towards overall outcomes set out in our Corporate Plan.
- Annex B sets out the Leadership Risk Register which has been developed as part of the Council's work to strengthen risk and opportunities management.

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Leader of the Council

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