



**Cabinet  
Tuesday, 20 December 2016**

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### ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Members:

**1. From Councillor Bartholomew to Councillor Stratford**

“At the meeting of the Cabinet Advisory Group on Income Generation on 11 October I put forward a proposal for a 'Speed Tube Protocol' which I believe will not only improve Highways' response to planning applications, but will generate substantial income for the Council.

In an exchange of emails subsequent to the meeting between myself, the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Economy & Environment, it was agreed that an officer report on this proposal would be prepared for the meeting of the CAG on 29th November. Unfortunately this did not occur and is not referred to in the final report of the CAG.

Now that the Group is ending, could I have an assurance from both Cabinet members that a working party, in which I am to be included, will be established to investigate and develop the proposals?”

**Answer**

**2. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Harrod**

“Using the data provided by the DfE for the Stage 2 consultation on a National Funding Formula for Schools, how many primary and secondary schools in Oxfordshire are shown in the DfE calculations as net gainers and net losers under the proposed future arrangements?”

**Answer**

“Figures provided by the F40 group give the following numbers of gainers and losers:

Primary: 108 gainers, 121 losers  
Secondary: 24 winners, 10 losers”

### **3. From Councillor Tanner to Councillor Nimmo Smith**

“Does the Cabinet member now deeply regret putting dangerous buses back into the pedestrianised Queen Street in Oxford against the advice of his own officers and to the huge disappointment of the developers of the new Westgate shopping centre?”

#### **Answer**

“I think Cllr Tanner is confused about the process and should pay more attention to the agendas.

Queen Street allows for buses at present and was only closed to these services during a specific period of construction of the Westgate Centre to allow better site access - once the developers had carried out the work, Queen Street was always programmed to re-open to buses.

The recent item on the Cabinet Member Decisions Environment meeting was regarding the longer term situation in Queen Street. If Cllr Tanner had read the papers properly then he would have understood the difference.

It will be a Cabinet decision about whether or not to pedestrianise Queen Street once the new Westgate centre opens. The item on the Cabinet Member Decisions Environment meeting has a much wider impact than the routine yellow lines, disabled parking bays and pedestrian crossings normally dealt with and it is appropriate that a wider decision is sought. Cllr Tanner is - as always - welcome to attend the meeting and listen to the debate, which may, or may not, give him the decision he seeks.”

### **4. From Councillor Purse to Councillor Nimmo Smith**

“Given the likely impact of far fewer cuts of verges will lead to changes in the vegetation on verges, what is being done to ensure that the biodiversity of Oxfordshire verges does not suffer, and are any guidelines being passed on to Parishes taking on their own grass cutting.”

#### **Answer**

### **5. From Councillor Purse to Councillor Nimmo Smith**

“Lorries parking in laybys along the Eastern Bypass between Headington and Cowley continue to bring a nuisance to local residents and others using the roads and laybys as the drives stay for hours at a time and habitually use the roadsides as toilets. Can the Cabinet member urgently enter into talks with those large local businesses likely to attract deliveries about providing proper facilities for lorry drivers to park, so reducing the unpleasantness and risk to public health being caused at present.”

#### **Answer**

“The laybys referred to do provide an important facility to allow HGV drivers to have their statutory breaks which are designed to ensure drivers don’t drive when they are tired.

Senior officers and Councillors do have regular meetings with key representatives from the BMW Mini plant in Cowley and we continue to raise with them issues relating to the major HGV flows to and from their site. I am aware that over the last few years they have made a number of changes in their arrangements to allow them to accommodate more HGVs on site.

I have asked officers to liaise with both the City Council (who are responsible for cleansing) and Thames Valley Police to see whether there are any low-cost measures that can be taken to relieve the problems referred to.”

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### ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

#### Public Address

The Leader of the Council has agreed the following requests to address the meeting:-

Item	Speaker
<p>Item 6 – Proposed Amendments to Traffic and Access Restrictions – Queen Street, Oxford</p>	<p>Mr Graham Jones 3 mins</p> <p><b>Sara Fuge, Development Manager, Oxford Westgate Alliance</b> 3 mins</p> <p>Phil Southall, Managing Director, Oxford Bus Company 3 mins</p> <p><b>Martin Sutton, Stagecoach in Oxfordshire</b> 3 mins</p> <p>Debbie Dance, Oxford Preservation Trust 3 mins</p> <p><b>Councillor Steve Curran, Shadow Cabinet member for Environment</b> 5 mins</p>
<p>Item 7– 2016/17 Financial Monitoring and Business Strategy Report - October 2016</p>	<p>Councillor Nick Hards, Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance 5 mins</p>
<p>Item 8 – Concluding Report of the Income Generation Cabinet Advisory Group</p>	<p><b>Councillor Charles Mathew, member of the CAG</b> 5 mins</p> <p>Councillor Nick Hards, Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance 5 mins</p>
<p>Item 9 – Service &amp; Resource Planning Report 2017/18</p>	<p><b>Councillor Nick Hards, Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance</b> 5 mins</p>
<p>Item 10 – Rents for Asset Transfer of Children’s Centres</p>	<p>John Hulett, spokesperson for Red Kite Children’s Centre Working Group 3 mins</p> <p><b>Charlie Payne, local resident</b> 3 mins</p> <p>Councillor Jean Fooks, councillor for Wolvercote &amp; Summertown 5 mins</p>

	<p><b>Councillor David Williams, councillor for Ifley Fields &amp; St Mary's 5 mins</b></p> <p>Councillor Anne Purse, local councillor for Wheatley 5 mins</p> <p><b>Councillor Gill Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Education and Children &amp; Family Services 5 mins</b></p>
<p>Item 11 – Senior Management Review</p>	<p>Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee 5 mins</p>



Division(s):N/A

## **CABINET – 26 JANUARY 2016**

### **SERVICE & RESOURCE PLANNING 2016/17 – 2019/20**

#### **ADDENDA**

#### **Report by the Chief Finance Officer**

#### **Introduction**

1. The 2017/18 provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was published on 15 December following an oral statement by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid MP, in the House of Commons. This marks the start of the consultation which will run until 13 January 2017. The final Local Government Finance Settlement is expected to be published in early February 2017. This addenda sets out the main points of the consultation.

#### **Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement**

2. Overall there are no additional resources available to Local Government as part of this consultation. The key aspects of the consultation covered in this addenda relate to:
  - New one-off Adult Social Care Support Grant
  - Reforms to New Homes Bonus
  - Council Tax Referendum Principles
  - Adult Social Care Precept

#### **Adult Social Care Support Grant**

3. In 2017/18 there will be an Adult Social Care Support Grant of £241m nationally funded from changes to the New Homes Bonus described in paragraph 5 below. This grant has been allocated based on the adult social care relative need formula and Oxfordshire will receive £2.3m.

#### **Reforms to New Homes Bonus**

4. In early 2016, the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) consulted on options to reform the New Homes Bonus Scheme from 2017/18. The aim of the reforms was to sharpen the incentive to deliver new housing. The Government also wished to reduce the level of payments, in order to provide additional funding for the Improved Better Care Fund. Proposals included:
  - Withholding the Bonus from areas where an authority does not have a Local Plan in place
  - Abating the Bonus in circumstances where planning permission for a new development has only been granted on appeal

- Adjusting the Bonus to reflect estimates of deadweight
  - A reduction in the number of years for which the Bonus is paid from the current 6 years to 4 years
5. The Government has now responded to their consultation confirming that payments of the New Homes Bonus will only be made on housing growth above 0.4% of the local authority's housing stock (the consultation proposal was 0.25%). Payments will also reduce from 6 to 5 years in 2017/18 and to 4 years in 2018/19. This will yield £241m and fund the Adult Social Care Support Grant in 2017/18.
  6. In 2018/19 the Government will consult on the remaining two proposals:
    - Withholding the Bonus from areas where an authority does not have a Local Plan in place
    - Abating the Bonus in circumstances where planning permission for a new development has only been granted on appeal
  7. The DCLG has published provisional New Homes Bonus allocations for 2017/18, the seventh year of the scheme. Payments include the grant awarded in years 3 to 6 as well as year 7. The provisional total grant is £1.227bn. The county council's provisional allocation is £4.2m and is marginally higher than estimated.

### **Council Tax Referendum Principles**

8. The provisional settlement confirms the 2.00% council tax referendum principle, with a maximum £5 increase for district councils as consulted upon in the technical consultation on the 2017/18 Settlement in September. However, the Government has deferred the proposal to introduce referendum limits for larger town and parish councils for a year.

### **Adult Social Care Precept**

9. The technical consultation on the 2017/18 settlement also announced a continuation of the 2% adult social care precept for upper-tier authorities, subject to "consideration of the use made of the Adult Social Care precept in the previous year".
10. The 2017/18 settlement announcement changes this approach and sets out that upper-tier authorities will be able to increase the social care precept to 3%, over the next two years. However, the total increase may be no more than 6% in total over the next three years. The existing Medium Term Financial Plan already assumes a 6% increase across the three years to 2019/20; therefore there are no additional resources available to the council through this measure.
11. Local authorities will be expected to demonstrate how the adult social care precept has been spent on adult social care services and councils wishing to use the extra freedom to raise their precept by 3% instead of 2% in 2017/18 must also show how they plan to use this extra money to improve social care. Details of the conditions of the scheme have not however been announced yet. They are expected in the "near future".

## **Other Announcements and Outstanding Grant Information**

12. The Department for Education published the high level 2017/18 schools funding settlement on 13 December and details at local authority level for 2017/18 will be published on 20 December. Stage two of the schools and high needs national funding formula consultations were published on 14 December. Indicative allocations per school have been released. Overall there appears to be a gain of £4.1m for Oxfordshire but there are winners and losers within this. Officers will work through the details and report to Schools Forum in due course.
13. 2017/18 grant allocations for Public Health and Highways Maintenance funding were also announced on 15 December. These are unchanged from previously notified amounts.
14. DCLG plan to publish final allocations for the Education Services Grant and Extended Rights for Home to School Travel Grant for 2017/18 at the time of the final Local Government Finance Settlement in early February 2017.

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### ITEM 12 – FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Members are asked to note the following changes to the Forward Plan:

#### Amendments to items in the present Plan

Portfolio	Topic (Ref)/Decision	Present Timing	Change
<i>Environment</i>	<b>Oxfordshire Minerals &amp; Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2016</b> (Ref: 2016/061)	12 January 2017	Deferred to 2 March 2017
Cabinet Member	To seek agreement to the Minerals & Waste Annual Monitoring Report for 2015, setting out progress on preparation of the Minerals & Waste Plan and the results of monitoring of minerals & waste planning policies.		
<i>Environment</i>	<b>Proposed Amendments to Parking – Worcester Place, Oxford</b> (Ref: 2016/096)	12 January 2017	Deferred to 2 March 2017
Cabinet Member	To seek approval of the proposals.		
<i>Environment</i>	<b>Proposed Traffic Calming Amendments, Waiting Restrictions and Zebra Crossing – Bankside, Banbury</b> (Ref: 2016/118)	12 January 2017	Deferred to 2 March 2017
Cabinet Member	To seek approval of the proposals.		
<i>Environment</i>	<b>Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Grove Road, Sonning Common</b> (Ref: 2016/125)	12 January 2017	Deferred to 2 March 2017
Cabinet Member	To seek approval of the proposals.		
<i>Environment</i>	<b>Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions – Frenchay Road and Elizabeth Jennings Way, Oxford</b> (Ref: 2016/083)	12 January 2017	Deferred to 29 June 2017
Cabinet Member	To seek approval of the proposals.		

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