



County Council

10 September 2013

Agenda

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members’ conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Rachel Dunn on (01865) 815279 or Rachel.dunn@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

To: Members of the County Council

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 10 September 2013 at 10.00 am

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND



Joanna Simons
Chief Executive

August 2013

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Items 3, 7 and 12 will be recorded. The purpose of recording proceedings is to provide an *aide-memoire* to assist the clerk of the meeting in the drafting of minutes.

Members are asked to sign the attendance book which will be available in the corridor outside the Council Chamber. A list of members present at the meeting will be compiled from this book.

A buffet luncheon will be provided

AGENDA

1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 28)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2013 (**CC1**) and to receive information arising from them.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note

Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.

4. Appointments

To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.

5. Official Communications

6. Petitions and Public Address

7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public

8. Treasury Management 2012/13 Outturn (Pages 29 - 48)

Report by Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer (**CC8**).

The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2012/13 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, changes in Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2012/13.

9. Partnership Update Report (Pages 49 - 72)

Report by the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer (**CC9**).

The report provides an update on the Oxfordshire-wide partnerships which are critical in progressing key countywide priorities and which have support from our partners.

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.

10. County Council Meeting Dates 2014/15 (Pages 73 - 80)

The report of the Monitoring Officer containing the schedule of meeting dates proposed for the 2014/15 Council Year is attached (**CC10**).

The schedule has been drawn up to reflect the various rules about frequency of meetings set out in the Council's Constitution. Council agreed that the Health & Wellbeing Board meet 3 times per year and attention is drawn to the suggested dates that follow last year's meeting pattern. The due date under the Constitution for Council in July 2014 would be 8 July 2014 which clashes with the Local Government Conference and you are asked to agree to waive Council Procedure Rule 2.1 to allow the meeting to go ahead on 1 July 2014.

Council is RECOMMENDED to agree the schedule of meeting dates for the 2014/15 Council Year and to waive Council Procedure rule 2.1 with regard to the full Council meeting in July 2014.

11. Criminal Record Checks for Councillors (Pages 81 - 84)

Report by County Solicitor & Head of Law and Culture (**CC11**).

The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 made changes to the regime of vetting and barring individuals from working with children and vulnerable adults. This had the effect of significantly reducing the number of positions and circumstances in which persons would need to be the subject of a criminal records check. This has significance for County Councillors. Prior to the change in legislation on 10 September 2012, it had been the Council's policy that all County Councillors should undergo a criminal records check following their election unless they had had such a check in the 12 months prior to their election.

Changes to the legislation now mean that there is no legal requirement for any councillor to undergo such checking by virtue only of their position as an elected member. This therefore becomes a policy matter for determination by the Council itself. This report therefore sets out the current legal position and invites the Council formally to decide its policy on criminal records checks for councillors and to determine which (if any) posts should be the subject of a check.

Council is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) note that criminal records checks should continue to be made in any case for members of Fostering and Adoption Panels;***
- (b) agree the approach for criminal record checking for Councillors having regard both to the options at paragraph 13 and the Monitoring Officer's comments at paragraph 16 to the report.***

12. Report of the Cabinet (Pages 85 - 88)

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 16 July 2013 (**CC12**).

13. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS WITH NOTICE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PROPER OFFICER IN WRITING BY 9.00 AM ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING

14. Motion From Councillor Kieron Mallon

“This Council recognises that it is important to be accessible to all residents of Oxfordshire either physically or by electronic methods. To avoid wasting taxpayers money on an electronic system that might not prove acceptable, this Council wishes to try a system already in place.

This Council would welcome the opportunity to hold the April Council meeting at Bodicote House and therefore asks the Director for Environment & Economy to conduct a feasibility study into this possibility with a report back to Council with a recommendation in terms of a trial and to consider whether this requires a suspension of the Council Procedure Rules.”

15. Motion From Councillor Jean Fooks

“Council notes that many Oxfordshire roads suffer from congestion, which causes serious delays and inflicts pollution on residents. As one of the best and simplest ways to reduce congestion would be to encourage more cycling to replace car journeys where possible, also bringing health benefits to the cyclists, Council calls upon the Cabinet to consider the following:

- (a) that a high quality bid is submitted every time the government, the EU or other organisations make money available for cycling measures;
- (b) whether to require cycle-friendly measures to be incorporated into all new road schemes and new housing developments;
- (c) whether to draw up and consult on a new Cycling Strategy, to be appended to the LTP, which will work closely with partners (district councils, hospitals, the universities and others) and will have ambitious targets and timescales.”

16. Motion From Councillor John Christie

"This Council, in demonstrating its commitment to fulfilling its legal duty to advance Equality of Opportunity under the Equality Act 2010, will respect the use by Councillors of gender neutral and inclusive titles in addressing and referring to those who chair meetings of the Council and its Committees.

Council therefore requests the Monitoring Officer to bring a report back to the next meeting of the Council outlining proposals to amend the Constitution accordingly.”

17. Motion From Councillor David Williams

“Given that youth unemployment is now an extremely serious issue with damaging long term social and personal consequences, Oxfordshire County Council should seek to establish from its suppliers that they have employees drawn from all age cohorts and do not neglect young people.

Numerous themes for contract compliance already exist but the County Council as a part of its financial and budgetary and social responsibility asks the Cabinet to strengthen its commitment to youth employment by considering ways by which the County Council can secure that any contracting organisation or company has a firm commitment to ensuring a reasonable proportion of the its workforce are under the age of 23. (applicable to all concerns with a workforce of 25 or more) and to seek ways to achieve a performance of at least 5% by those contractors.”

18. Motion From Councillor Charles Mathew

“This Council will need to make significant further savings in very many areas and directorates, in order to balance the Budget from 2014/5. This Council believes that it is therefore reasonable to review all expenditure, including our Home to School Transport Policy” in achieving this unenviable task.”

19. Motion From Councillor Stewart Lilly

“Our highway engineers are always consulted by the district council planning officers regarding the highway implications and views on new planning applications for building and development. Officers usually visit the application site for all major developments, and thereafter submit their report back to the planning authority. Frequently County Council members can come under scrutiny by public & Parish Councils within their wards. It is frequently the case that the local member has not been advised of the officers recommendation until after the event.

This Council requires all highway officers to submit a copy of the email they return to the local relevant planning authority also directly to the local member for that members information on all applications. This is easily done by inserting the Councillors email in the "cc" address at the head of our email page. By this simple method of communication, the local elected member is aware of local issues for which he/she may be confronted or questioned, or may not have previously been aware. Communication is a key part of this Councils directives and effectiveness.”

20. Motion From Councillor Stewart Lilly

“That the Director for Environment and Economy carries out a full evaluation as to the economic advantages, or otherwise, of installing solar panels to create electricity on Council owned/leased properties in an demonstration not only of its green credentials, but in its continuing drive to economise on its electrical consumption and thus drive down costs to the Council wherever possible. A full cost evaluation is then presented to the Cabinet for full debate and decision.”

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9 July 2013 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 3.30 pm.

Present:

Councillor Tim Hallchurch MBE – in the Chair

Councillors:

Anne Purse	Janet Godden	David Nimmo Smith
Lynda Atkins	Mark Gray	Neil Owen
Jamila Azad	Patrick Greene	Zoé Patrick
David Bartholomew	Pete Handley	Glynis Phillips
Mike Beal	Jenny Hannaby	Susanna Pressel
Maurice Billington	Nick Hards	Laura Price
Liz Brighouse OBE	Neville F. Harris	G.A. Reynolds
Kevin Bulmer	Mrs Judith Heathcoat	Alison Rooke
Nick Carter	Hilary Hibbert-Biles	Rodney Rose
Louise Chapman	Simon Hoare	Gillian Sanders
Mark Cherry	John Howson	John Sanders
John Christie	Ian Hudspeth	Les Sibley
Sam Coates	Bob Johnston	Roz Smith
Yvonne Constance	Stewart Lilly	Val Smith
Surinder Dhesi	Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Lawrie Stratford
Arash Fatemian	Sandy Lovatt	John Tanner
Neil Fawcett	Mark Lygo	Melinda Tilley
Jean Fooks	Kieron Mallon	Michael Waine
Mrs C. Fulljames	Charles Mathew	Richard Webber
Anthony Gearing	Caroline Newton	David Williams

The Council considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

36/13 MINUTES

(Agenda Item 1)

The Minutes of the Meeting held at 10.00 am on 14 May 2013 were approved and signed subject to the following amendments:

Minute 31/13 Appointments:

table at 1(a) – the text ‘Councillor Lyndsey-Gale’ to be replaced with ‘Councillor Lindsay-Gale’.

Add in the following text:

- (b) Council had before them the political balance on Scrutiny and other committees for review and to appoint members to them (CC11).

Councillor Hudspeth moved and Councillor Rose seconded that ***Councillor Lilly be replaced by Councillor Gray on the Performance Scrutiny Committee, that Councillor Gray be replaced by Councillor Langridge on Education Scrutiny*** and that Councillor Mallon be the Council's representative on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel.

Councillor Brighthouse moved and Councillor Val Smith seconded that Councillor Tanner be replaced by Councillor Christie on the Performance Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: (nem con) to confirm the political balance on Scrutiny and other Committees shown in Annex 2 and 3 to the Schedule of business subject to the corrections listed above.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2013 at 12.30 pm were approved and signed subject to the following amendment:

Minute 33/13, paragraph 2, fourth line the text 'her' to be replaced with 'him.'

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2013 at 12.50 pm were approved and signed.

37/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Langridge and David Wilmshurst.

38/13 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

(Agenda Item 4)

The Chairman reported as follows:

- Council congratulated the following who had received an honour on the Queen's Honours List for 2013:
 - Andrew Dilnot, CBE Chairman, UK Statistics Authority and Warden, Nuffield College had received a Knighthood for services to Economics and Economic Policy;
 - Sally Dicketts, Chief Executive and Principal, Oxford and Cherwell Valley College and Chair, Reading College – had received a CBE for services to Further Education;

- Professor Pete Dobson, Director, Oxford University, Begbroke Business and Science Park, received an OBE for services to Science and Engineering.
- Council congratulated the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra who had won a major award in the National Festival of Music for Youth in the 'Open Orchestras' class, together with the Jazz Combo 'OX2', who took the major award for the most innovative performance.
- Council paid tribute to former County Councillor Miss M E (Peg) McWilliam who had recently passed away. Council observed a minute's silence in honour of her memory.

39/13 APPOINTMENTS

(Agenda Item 5)

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Hudspeth, seconded by Councillor Rose and carried nem con) to:

- (a) confirm the political balance on Scrutiny and other committees and to appoint members to them as set down in Annex 1 and 2 to the report CC5;
- (b) replace Councillor Mark Lygo with Councillor Jamila Azad on the Oxfordshire County Council Teachers' Joint Consultative Committee.

40/13 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda Item 6)

The Council received the following representations from members of the public:

Ms Julie Mabberley presented a Petition on behalf of Wantage & Grove Campaign Group requesting that the Highways Officers of the County Council consider the impact of the scale of housing developments on the roads in the Vale of the White Horse and to find urgent solutions to the issue.

Ms Sue Moon and Mr Andrew Baud presented a Petition on behalf of the School Bus Action Group requesting that Oxfordshire County Council immediately withdraw the proposed Home to School Transport Policy 2014.

Mr Sharone Parnes addressed the Committee in support of Motion 18 (Motion From Councillor Patrick), requesting that the Council find an urgent solution to this issue.

41/13 MINERALS & WASTE CORE STRATEGY

(Agenda Item 8)

The Council had before them a report CC8 which sought approval, following advice from Counsel, to withdraw the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core

Strategy on the grounds that it is based on an assessment which does not accord with the National Planning Policy Framework.

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Nimmo-Smith and seconded by Councillor Mathew and carried nem con) to:

- (a) withdraw the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy;
- (b) prepare a revised Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan in accordance with a new Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.

42/13 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2013

(Agenda Item 9)

The Council had before them for consideration the 6th Director of Public Health Annual Report for Oxfordshire (CC9).

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Hibbert-Biles, seconded by Councillor Reynolds and carried nem con) to receive the Report.

43/13 REPORT OF CABINET

(Agenda Item 10)

Council received the Report of the Cabinet.

In relation to Paragraph 1 (Staffing Report – Quarter 4) (Question from Councillor John Christie) Councillor Rose undertook to ensure that future reports detailing vacancies and agency staff would be provided in a clearer more detailed format.

In relation to Paragraph 14 (Director of Public Health Annual Report) (Question from Councillor Glynis Phillips) Councillor Hibbert-Biles undertook to provide Members with a written answer regarding whether there were any referrals to 'smoking cessation' from GP's and hospitals in Oxfordshire..

44/13 SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - ANNUAL REPORT

(Agenda Item 11)

The Council had before them the Scrutiny Annual Report CC11, which provided an overview of the work of the Council's six scrutiny committees over the course of 2013/13.

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Lindsay-Gale, seconded by Councillor Waine and carried nem con) to receive the report.

45/13 2013/14 REQUESTS FOR VIREMENTS

(Agenda Item 12)

Council had before them a report by the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer which sought approval to a number of virements which are larger than £0.5m arising from the Revenue and Capital Outturn Report to Cabinet on 18 June

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Fatemian, seconded by Councillor Hudspeth and carried by 32 votes to 3, with 25 abstentions) to approve the virements larger than £0.5m and the associated carry forwards as set out in Annex 1(a) and 1(b) to the report.

46/13 OLDER PEOPLE'S POOLED BUDGET ARRANGEMENTS (SECTION 75 AGREEMENT)

(Agenda Item 13)

The Council had before them a report CC13 which sought approval to a virement to the Older People's Pooled Budget to ensure the risk sharing and governance arrangements are appropriate for a truly pooled budget.

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Heathcoat, seconded by Councillor Hibbert-Biles and carried nem con) to approve the virement of £21m into the Older People's Pooled Budget, as well as an income target of £18m.

47/13 AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES - CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Agenda Item 14)

The Council had before them a a report CC14, which presented the proposed amendments to the Financial Procedure Rules for capital, together with a new section to allow the Council to act as an Accountable Body for partnerships.

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Fatemian, seconded by Councillor Hudspeth and carried by 44 votes to 13, with 2 abstentions) to:

- (a) agree the proposed changes to the Financial Procedure Rules, as outlined in Paragraph 3 of the report and as detailed in Annex 1; and
- (b) ask the Monitoring Officer to amend the Council's Constitution accordingly.

48/13 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

(Agenda Item 15)

The council had a number of Questions received with notice from members of the Council (Annex 2 of the Schedule of Business)

16 Questions with notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and the supplementary questions and answers (where asked) is set out in Annex 1 to the Minutes.

In relation to Question 6 (Question from Councillor Stewart Lilly to Councillor Nick Carter) Councillor Carter undertook to provide members with a copy of an area by area phasing timetable for the Broadband Programme once it became available.

In relation to Question 7 (Question from Councillor David Williams to Councillor Ian Hudspeth) Councillor Hudspeth undertook to undertake to investigate written communication with Southern Health and provide members with a written answer.

49/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR LIZ BRIGHOUSE

(Agenda Item 16)

Councillor Brighouse moved and Councillor Azad seconded the following motion:

“This Council asks the Cabinet to look at ways to ensure that all new contracts have written into them public service values of local engagement, terms and conditions of service, including a commitment to the Living Wage and all of the usual policies of Health and Safety, Equality etc. It also asks that ways to engage local communities in the provision of services through co-operatives or other mutual organisations should be developed and supported.

This would ensure the Council Taxpayers of Oxfordshire have services which are responsive to the local communities.”

Following debate the motion was put to the vote and was lost by 42 votes to 17, with 2 abstentions.

50/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR STEWART LILLY

(Agenda Item 17)

Councillor Lilly moved and Councillor Greene seconded the following motion:

“That this County Council’s new administration examine the possibility of increasing and seeking greater flexibility with pre-planning application fees to bring this authority in line with neighbouring District, and other authorities in England. These measures to also see the addition of “administration fees” for the clearance and discharge of conditions of planning permissions issued. Government gives authorities the freedom to levy such costs as it derives to be reasonable. This would also bring much needed income to the County Councils finances.”

Councillor Tanner moved and Councillor Mathew seconded “that the question be now put”. The motion was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED: (nem con) that the question be now put.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED: (nem con)

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51/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ZOE PATRICK

(Agenda Item 18)

Councillor Patrick moved and Councillor Webber seconded the following motion:

“This Council recognises the importance of housing development being planned in a sustainable way with the infrastructure required in place at an early stage.

The County Council Developer Funding Team have had success in gaining infrastructure for some larger developments in various parts of the county in the past. However, there are many smaller developments in parts of Oxfordshire where numbers of houses are built without apparent input and without any objections from the highways officers, in spite of the extra traffic being created on existing roads. There is also concern that not enough priority is being given to ensure there are enough school places within existing schools when these developments are agreed. In some cases, new schools will be needed to cope with the demand. This is especially a problem when there are repeated applications in an area, that over a couple of years add up to many hundreds of houses, which would have triggered road and education infrastructure if in a single application.

As the County Council will be responsible for maintaining our roads and ensuring there are enough school places for our children, it is important that this is dealt with as a matter of urgency. This Council therefore urges the Cabinet to take heed of these problems and to work with officers to find urgent solutions to this issue. including closer working with district planning officers and improved liaison with local members.”

Councillor Hallchurch moved and Councillor Chapman seconded “that the question be now put”. The motion was put to the vote and it was:-

RESOLVED: (nem con) that the question be now put.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was:-

RESOLVED: (nem con)

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52/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JENNY HANNABY

(Agenda Item 19)

Councillor Hannaby moved and Councillor Heathcoat seconded the following motion as amended with Council's agreement by Councillor Heathcoat in bold italic:

"This Council reaffirms its commitment to the safeguarding and wellbeing of the elderly and vulnerable in Oxfordshire.

Council notes the Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adults Board as presented to Adult Services Scrutiny committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board, and welcomes the ***initial*** steps taken to ensure that responsible agencies work together to minimise risk of personal abuse in residential care or nursing homes. Oxfordshire residents need to be assured that the highest level of care will be delivered with dignity and respect, and that the safety of those suffering from dementia, mental and learning or physical disabilities will always be of the highest priority.

Council does not believe that the Care Quality Commission has the capacity to meet its growing responsibilities, and notes the increase in reported failures in care inside residential care and nursing homes nationally and within Oxfordshire. Council calls on the cabinet to learn from mistakes and inadequacies revealed by whistle-blowers and the CQC, but also sees the need for pro-active monitoring through joint working and information sharing between the safeguarding adults team and the care home support service to ensure the safety of all residents in our care."

Councillor Gill Sanders moved and Councillor Tanner seconded "that the question be now put". The motion was put to the vote and it was:-

RESOLVED: (nem con) that the question be now put.

The substantive motion, as amended in bold italic/strikethrough was put to the vote and it was:-

RESOLVED: (nem con)

This Council reaffirms its commitment to the safeguarding and wellbeing of the elderly and vulnerable in Oxfordshire.

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53/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID WILLIAMS

(Agenda Item 20)

Councillor Williams moved and Councillor Coates seconded the following motion:

“This Council agrees with Lord Neuberger, President of the Supreme Court who said:

(The Guardian 18/06/2013)

- Access to justice for all - particularly the poor, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged is being put at risk;
- The ability to hold the Government and other institutions to account is essential to the rule of law. We take great care in any approach to reduce access to judicial review. It is a small price to pay for a democratic and just society.

This Council opposes the Government’s proposed restrictions to seek legal aid entitlement and fears that this may have a detrimental impact on the functions of Oxfordshire County Council and local people’s ability to seek

redress against the Council and in legal proceedings initiated by the Authority for trading standards and child protection cases.

It is essential that local people subject to these proceedings have access to proper legal representation of which legal aid is an essential part.

The reputation of the courts as defenders of liberty and justice will be undermined and recourse to law will become restricted to a wealthy elite.

Social stability rests on a rock that justice is available to all. That social cohesion that we have taken for granted for generations is in danger if we undermine people’s ability to seek legal redress.

The Council therefore calls upon the Chief Executive to make the opinions and concerns of the Council on this matter known to the Lord Chief Justice and the relevant Government Ministers of State.”

Following debate the motion was put to the vote and was lost by 32 votes to 28.

54/13 MOTIONS FROM COUNCLLOR DAVID WILLIAMS AND COUNCILLOR JOHN CHRISTIE

(Agenda Item 21)

The time being 3.30 pm the meeting closed and therefore the motions from Councillors Williams and Christie were considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. The time allowed for this agenda item will not exceed 30 minutes. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

Questions	Answers
<p>1. COUNCILLOR SIMON HOARE</p> <p>To ask the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Business & Customer Services if he will outline what, if any, plans he has to rationalise the County Council's property holdings as a means of helping to deliver financial savings and the Medium Term Financial Plan.</p>	<p>COUCILLOR NICK CARTER, CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS & CUSTOMER SERVICES</p> <p>The County Councils Medium Term Financial Plan includes savings generated as a result of its asset rationalisation programme. The Asset Rationalisation Programme takes advantage of the termination of a number of existing leases to reduce the size of our property portfolio, predominantly offices. Approximately £180,000 was saved in 2011/12 and a further £599,000 in 12/13. The MTFP expects to deliver £2.2m of savings through the Asset Rationalisation Programme.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Could I thank Councillor Carter for his reply. I just wondered if he is in a position to say anything at all about the situation and the status of the buildings which were highlighted in terms of optimisation for our property portfolio and raising capital as we move forward.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I cannot say anything definite about particular buildings although I would say that nothing will be ruled out or as we proceed with various options to shrink our costs and make things more efficient. If that means that there is a viable, sensible plan to vacate and move to another place that is more logical or efficient as a future home then we will obviously look. You can rest assured Chairman, and the Council can rest assured that this particular line of thinking has been developed from time to time over previous years and over previous administrations and it has never stacked up properly, however that is not to say that it should not be looked at afresh maybe with different pairs of eyes and with different criteria involved and that will be the case but there is no definite thinking as yet.</p>

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<p data-bbox="203 212 840 244">2. COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW</p> <p data-bbox="203 323 857 395">Could the Cabinet Member please give an update on the Reading Scheme?</p>	<p data-bbox="880 212 2038 284">COUNCILLOR MELINDA TILLEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES</p> <p data-bbox="880 323 2038 467">The Oxfordshire Reading Scheme is now approaching the end of its first year. The programme has been divided into a number of ‘waves’ with 45 schools participating in Wave 1 and 11 schools signed up so far in Wave 2 and who are now being trained. Schools who are interested can still apply.</p> <p data-bbox="880 507 2038 834">Children taking part in the programme were assessed at the start of the programme and data is now coming in from schools as the outcomes are measured for those who have finished. Early indications show an average reading age gain of 13.3 months after only four months on the programme: higher than the original trials suggested. The programme not only improves children’s reading but is also having a very positive impact, in terms of improving their writing, comprehension, engagement with others in the classroom and ability to make confident choices for themselves. Children now consider themselves readers and are developing their love of reading.</p> <p data-bbox="880 874 2038 986">Complementing the Reading Programme is the volunteering strand which started in schools after Easter. We now have 90 trained volunteers (30 obtained through the Oxford Mail Recruitment Campaign from 100 applicants).</p> <p data-bbox="880 1026 2038 1425">The National Literacy Trust (NLT) has trained volunteer co-ordinators in schools to train and support the volunteers. Each volunteer is trained to work with and support a child through one to one reading sessions, twice a week, to help foster a love of books and of reading. Volunteers read with and discuss books with the child over a 10 week programme, designed by the NLT and our own Library Service, where fiction, non-fiction and poetry are included. The volunteer reading programme has been actively supported by the Library Service, helping with resources, planning and ideas and thanks need to go to them for their continued support. Children are counting the days until their next reading session and one child is determined to use the words ‘hazardous’ and ‘juddering’ in his next written story.</p>

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	<p>The public facing campaign, fully supported by the Oxford Mail continues to run exciting events and competitions. One volunteer remarked on how her child has really come out of her shell in just four weeks, partly due to discovering Mo Willems' picture book Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!, now requested at every session. The US author recently ran a session at the Oxford Story Museum, which 100 children from three schools taking part in the reading campaign attended. The event was jointly run by the Story Museum and the National Literacy Trust.</p> <p>More events are planned over the summer. For example, parent training sessions are taking place at the Oxford Central Library in June, there is a Phillip Pullman competition and a series of celebratory events at fire stations around the county are planned where parents, children and volunteers can come together.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I would like to thank the Cabinet Member for her comprehensive response and follow it up by asking if the Cabinet Member has any further plans regarding literacy and numeracy in the County?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>All indications are that the reading scheme is more of a success than I ever thought possible after two years. At one school I was in recently, the teacher told me that her children have improved seventeen months in ten weeks and that all her KS1's were now readers. I have also managed to secure quite a large sum of money from Schools Forum to deliver a numeracy campaign so that is my next move. We are coming with numeracy next and hopefully when the tenders come back we will be able to select someone who can do a really good job so I am really quite pleased with that. And just to give you forewarning after that I would like to do science.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR JOHN SANDERS</p> <p>How much in total on average, including management fees, does it cost to fill a pot hole?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DAVID NIMMO SMITH, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>The cost of a standard defect/pothole remains the same across all the road network maintained by Oxfordshire County Council. There is a standard payment value for each defect. The set rate for a standard pothole up to 1m2 £61.39.</p>

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Does the cost of filling a pothole vary depending on whether the pothole is in the City or outside, and if so by how much and how long on average does it take to fill a pothole in each of the 5 Districts?	This is very difficult to answer as there are many factors that will affect the time taken to fill a pot hole including weather conditions, method used, traffic management requirements and distances travelled to the defect.
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>The reason for my question was that there is a great deal of concern about potholes throughout the County and I know it is a boring subject to people with the transport portfolio but to everyone else it really is important and I was disappointed there was no breakdown by district. There is a 6% budget allocated to Oxford side streets but 1/3rd of the government extra road maintenance grant at the moment is already allocated to repairing road edges which means repairing roads outside Oxford. Here is my question. Can we have assurance that the remaining £2.1m will be equitably distributed and not based on road miles but on road use?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>It is a complex situation because it has got to be based on road mileage, it has got to be based on road use and it has actually got to be based on the condition of the roads so there is no straightforward yes or no.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>How will Oxfordshire benefit from the Olympic legacy?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games were incredibly successful for the UK as a whole. Partnerships and engagement, extending across the whole of the county, are ensuring that the benefit of the Games and its legacy across Oxfordshire will be seen in a wide range of areas.</p> <p>Oxfordshire's sportsmen and women played their part in historic Games, with a</p>

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	<p>medal tally of two golds, two silvers and three bronzes.</p> <p>Economic Benefit</p> <p>Estimates¹ are that the total economic impact to the UK's GDP will be £16.2bn (2012 prices) spread over 12 years, 12% of that coming from tourism. The vast proportion of that economic benefit will be in London. The gain in South East over that period will be at least 9% of that. Overall, projections say that the Games will generate a net increase in tourist visits of 10.8 million between 2005 and 2017, although tourist figures in 2012 were slightly down on the preceding year (as expected).</p> <p>More locally around 57 Oxfordshire firms won and benefited from contracts as part of the Summer Olympics. Firms like STC, which provided telecommunications services for the opening and closing ceremonies, and Heyfordian Travel which provided transport between venues.</p> <p>Social Benefit</p> <p>The Games have increased interest in volunteering and community across the county.</p> <p>Oxfordshire Sports Partnership and Oxford Inspires have achieved a number of projects that have projects recognised as London 2012 Inspire projects. These projects are developing sporting and community-based development opportunities for people in the county.</p> <p>Culturally</p> <p>Oxford University has created a Legacy Fellowship, an artist fellowship intended to bring together art and sport.</p>

¹ Research by Oxford Economics for Lloyds Banking Group, http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/media/pdfs/lbg/2012/Eco_impact_report.pdf

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>This is a County Council meeting and I would like to know what the County Council is doing to make sure that Oxford benefits from the Olympic legacy. As far as I can see the County seems to be doing absolutely nothing, we do not even put any money into the so called Oxfordshire Sports Partnership as far as I can work out. Do you agree that this is a deplorable state of affairs?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>You have got to remember who is responsible for sports activities in the County - it is the District Councils. If you have a problem with the City Council in that they are not providing enough sports facilities, please contact them. It has been fantastic in Oxfordshire; everybody has got behind the Olympics.</p>
<p>5. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>I assume you agree that your Cabinet should be deeply ashamed of the fact that we are <i>still</i> the <i>worst local authority in the country</i> for delayed transfers of care from hospital (151 out of 151!). Why it is still so bad and what are you doing about it?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE</p> <p>Thank you Cllr Pressel for your question:</p> <p>I share your concern about our reported performance regarding the number of hospital delays in Oxfordshire. We are working very hard and jointly with the NHS to try to improve the situation.</p> <p>There are approximately 50,000 emergency admissions to the Oxford University Trust each year which means nearly 1,000 people are discharged from hospital each week. The average length of stay in a hospital in Oxfordshire is about 4.5 days, a bit less than the national average of 5 days. At least half of the people who are delayed in Oxfordshire are waiting for a bed to become available in another hospital setting, which does not apply in all authorities.</p> <p>As you will be aware we have experienced increased numbers of referrals of older people across the health and social care system recently. In the last year the number of people coming in to hospital in an emergency has gone up by 10%. This is a national trend that is putting further pressure on our systems in Oxfordshire. Together with the NHS we have put in more resources to tackle this</p>

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>We get the same answer time after time, year after year to this question – it is time to come up with something new. You do say in this answer ‘despite our best efforts the number of delays remains stubbornly high’, so I repeat my question – Why is this and what are you going to do about it?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>“It is interesting that it is the same answer time after time. The tone of the supplementary question to me suggests that Councillor Pressel is unaware that I, as do others before me, continue to care and realise that this is a multi-agency problem. Doesn’t she understand that perhaps the answer she is being given is therefore the right one! She is mistaken in her belief that this is an easy problem to solve and is misleading on what is a very complex issue. A&E departments are so terribly busy and people are attending here when they should go to the GPs. The GP contracts brought in by the Labour Party means that people do not have access to their GPs are weekends.”</p>						
<p>6. COUNCILLOR STEWART LILLY</p> <p>Can the Cabinet member please update me as to how matters are progressing to ensure that 90% of the County’s population should be enjoying the benefits of faster broadband cover over the next 2 years?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR NICK CARTER, CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS & CUSTOMER SERVICES</p> <p>The County Council’s Better Broadband Programme has been making progress in the competitive dialogue process for the countywide infrastructure investment. It is expected that contract finalisation and public announcements will take place towards the end of July or early August 2013. The headline milestone dates and future target dates for the next steps in the programme are listed in the table below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="887 1283 2033 1437"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="887 1283 1391 1326">Date completed (or expected*)</th> <th data-bbox="1397 1283 2033 1326">Programme Milestone</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="887 1331 1391 1401">August 2012</td> <td data-bbox="1397 1331 2033 1401">Approval received from BDUK to commence project</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="887 1406 1391 1437">August 2012</td> <td data-bbox="1397 1406 2033 1437">Procurement Exercise begins</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date completed (or expected*)	Programme Milestone	August 2012	Approval received from BDUK to commence project	August 2012	Procurement Exercise begins
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	November 2012 – May 2013	Active Dialogue with Suppliers
	June 2013	Enter final stage of negotiations
	July 2013	Bid evaluation and preferred supplier selected
	End of July – Early August 2013	Contract award and announcement
	August 2013 – January 2014	Implementation Planning and Surveying
	January 2014	Works begin for the Roll-Out (Phase one commences)
	Cont.	Phases commence every 3 months
	Early 2016	Completion of all phases of work (approx. 7-8 in total)
	2016-2023	OCC monitors infrastructure for continued delivery to the agreed standard
	<p><i>*future dates are indicative</i></p> <p>The programme is confident that it will achieve its objectives of 90% coverage to ‘Superfast Broadband’ speeds in excess of 24Mbps and a minimum of ‘Basic Broadband’ of 2 Mbps for 100% of the county. The completion of the roll-out of this infrastructure work will take place in a number of phases and will be completed in early 2016.</p>	
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I would Like to thank Councillor Carter for his very comprehensive response and hopefully when the aspects which were referred too earlier this morning are signed, sealed and delivered with the appropriate contractor would it be possible to publish some form of phasing timetable for Oxfordshire area by area. and I feel obviously for the Educational prowess as Oxfordshire has in its University and school and much more as for the science</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Yes I think the general answer to Councillor Lilly is if it is at all possible to do it, it will be done in the fastest possible timescale because I appreciate that there is substantial frustration out there. The contract at the turn of this month will be at the stage that we start to press really hard for a kind of understanding of the County to tie in with the priorities that apply to each of the different areas and communities and we can then start a new communication plan with all those new communities and indeed business communities to keep them properly up to speed.</p>	

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<p>7. COUNCILLOR DAVID WILLIAMS</p> <p>The Care Staff who provide home care to Oxfordshire people with severe learning disabilities are being required by Southern Health, their employer, to take substantial pay cuts of up to 15%. Southern Health say that the Commissioners, which include Oxfordshire County Council, are pressing them to reduce their charges or they will use other providers who will make the cuts.</p> <p>Would the Leader be clear:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is the Oxfordshire County Council applying such pressure? 2) What are the reductions in pay and other changes in conditions which are being demanded? 3) If the demands are successfully imposed it is clear that staff will not only be very angry but also demoralised. What is the research evidence about the effect of having a humiliated and demoralised staffing sector on the service to patients? 	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The County Council is not applying pressure on Southern Health. The reality is that providers need to be competitive in order to win business, and they need to work out how to run their businesses in order to do this. Oxfordshire has 15 providers who have been through a rigorous quality and cost assessment and who hold framework contracts for the provision of learning disability services. The Council can only contract with providers who win business on a fair and transparent basis. 2) As far as we are aware, the proposed changes mean that the basic salary of staff will remain the same (and in many cases increase) but that staff will no longer be paid enhancements when they work unsociable hours. Staff will also see a reduction in annual leave but will retain their entitlement to NHS Pensions, to sickness and pay benefits and access to training. There may have been some further negotiation on the offer during consultation but this is a matter for Southern Health and the Council does not have these details. 3) Our understanding is that the majority of staff are likely to accept the proposals and we do not believe the workforce is likely to be angry and demoralised. Staff will still be well remunerated within the social care sector (the changes do not apply to the health professionals who work for Southern Health). The County Council carries out regular and in-depth quality monitoring reviews of all learning disability services, and this includes monitoring of staff turnover, use of agency staff and complaints, as well as the experience of service users and carers. Any indication of a reduction in quality of service will be identified and addressed through this process.

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Have the County Council been in any form of correspondence with Southern Health about the salaries of their staff. In your response you say that there is no pressure. Can you confirm that there is no correspondence whatsoever about the staffing levels and their remuneration with the people who work for Southern Health?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>In my original response I said the County Council is not applying any pressure. However, I have to make sure that there has not been any correspondence so it will have to be a written answer to that question because there may have been some general correspondence, but certainly I can assure Councillor Williams we will not put Southern Health under any pressure regarding their contracts.</p>
<p>8. COUNCILLOR DAVID WILLIAMS</p> <p>Would the Portfolio Holder agree with the recent report from ADASS that the cuts presently in the pipeline directed at Adult Social Care for this and all other local authority providers cannot be made without damaging the service. Would she agree with the findings of the report that the scale of the cuts is such that they cannot be absorbed by efficiency saving and that the scale of cuts will impact directly on the service.</p> <p>Given that Oxford County Council does not stand high in the league of service providers would she agree with the ADASS analysis that the largest impact will come in authorities that have traditionally been low spenders such as this authority?</p> <p>Could the Portfolio holder indicate how the</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE</p> <p>Thank you for your question. You were not a member of the previous Council so you may be unfamiliar with the strategy that we have followed to achieve genuine efficiency savings and limit the impact on those using our services and those caring for them. We have sought to reduce demand by intervening early and providing a range of community services that support people at home rather than in care homes. We have also sought to achieve reductions in the cost of care by challenging high prices whilst insisting on high quality. We have worked with many providers to identify ways in which their costs could be reduced such as by using assistive technology which reduces the cost of providing care but does not affect the quality of care provided. Our efforts were acknowledged in a review of 152 local authorities by think-tank Demos on behalf of disability charity SCOPE, which ranked Oxfordshire County Council as third-best for how budgetary decisions least impacted on direct services for the disabled.</p> <p>The County Council agreed a medium term service and resource plan in February which continues with this strategy. There will be full discussion later in the year (culminating in the budget meeting next February) on any new proposals that are required in the light of the County Council's overall financial position. However, I welcome the announcement by the Secretary of State for Health last week that</p>

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<p>scale of the cuts in Oxfordshire will impact on Adult Social Care?</p>	<p>there will be further resources from the NHS to help health and social care to work better together to reduce demand across the system.</p> <p>I have provided details of our relative spending in response to your later question. I do want to highlight here that although we are a relatively low spender on adult social care as a whole we spend about average on older people despite the low level of deprivation in Oxfordshire.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you for accepting that I am a new member of Council and do need to learn the ropes. Council I ask is it possible that you would send me a complete item by item breakdown of your departmental spending for the forthcoming year.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>It is in the budget what each Councillor receives so the breakdown is there.</p>
<p>9. COUNCILLOR DAVID WILLIAMS</p> <p>Would the Portfolio holder give an indication of the present levels of air pollution and the list of specific sites earmarked for monitoring within the County of Oxfordshire?</p> <p>Could the list indicate clearly where EU levels of air pollution are being met and where this is not the case.</p> <p>Would the Portfolio holder confirm that there may be penalties set against the County Council by the UK Government if EU air pollution standards are not met?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DAVID NIMMO-SMITH, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Air quality data and monitoring are the responsibility of the City and District Councils, not the County Council. The County Council works closely with the City and District Councils in respect of the development and implementation of Air Quality Action Plans in so far as they relate to the duties and responsibilities of the County Council.</p> <p>It is my understanding that the UK Government has, to date, never been in the position of having been the subject of action by the Commission in respect of air pollution standards. The Government has published guidance as to how any fine that might be imposed would be dealt with.</p>

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I hope that the Cabinet Member accepts that the reason I asked this question is because I asked a very similar question at the City Council two Councils ago and I was assured by the portfolio holders each day that the information was forthcoming. The last Council meeting had to apologise because it had not circulated that information. My question is this; if you think it is important that the City do have some responsibilities for the environment would you step in and try to enforce this issue of getting these figures about high pollution around Oxford apparent for everyone to see.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>If the City Cabinet Portfolio Member is here I will see the said person afterwards. If you would like to see me outside the meeting we can discuss the issue.</p>
<p>10. COUNCILLOR DAVID WILLIAMS</p> <p>How does Oxfordshire County Council stand in expenditure on Adult Social Care as compared to other local authorities?</p> <p>Since austerity cuts began in Oxfordshire how much has been 'saved' from the budget of Adult Social Services?</p> <p>How much more has been identified from savings in the years 2013-2015?</p> <p>How do these 'savings' compare, in</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE</p> <p>Oxfordshire is a relatively low spender on adult social care. This is not surprising given that we are a reasonably prosperous county. Compared with similar authorities our spending is just below the average. However, it is important for me to stress that spending on older people is about average for all councils and well above the average for similar authorities. I can provide Cllr Williams with more details if he is interested but we will be updating the information for 2012/13 when national figures are available in September. He may want to wait for the most up to date information.</p> <p>You have asked several questions about adult social care savings. My overall response is that adult social care savings are similar in Oxfordshire to the level of savings nationally reported by the Association of Directors of Adult Social</p>

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<p>percentage terms, with the national statistics?</p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member agree with the President of ADASS that “without additional investment from that already planned the already bleak outlook (for elderly and disabled people) will become even bleaker “ and that “some of the people we have responsibility for may be affected by serious reductions in service- with more in the pipeline over the next two years”?</p> <p>How will the Council acquire the additional investment required?</p> <p>If the Council does not acquire this investment, what will be the effects on the elderly and disabled people of Oxfordshire, for who we have responsibility?</p>	<p>Services (ADASS) which is about 20%.</p> <p>The President of ADASS was looking for further investment in adult social care. Since she made that statement, the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Health have announced that there will be extra resources from health for health and social care to use in a way which reduces demands across the system. The President of ADASS has welcomed this announcement. We believe that we have strong foundations in place within Oxfordshire to enable us to reap maximum benefit from this close working. We have excellent working relationships with the Clinical Commissioning Group through the Directors of Public Health and Social & Community Services both of whom spend part of their working week based at the Clinical Commissioning Group headquarters. The Cabinet and the Board of the Clinical Commissioning Group have both agreed a joint commissioning strategy for older people that shows our joint working. This is supported by the historic decision to create a genuinely pooled budget for older people which we believe is the first such budget in the country.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>My question to the Cabinet Member is, is the amount of money really a sticking plaster compared with the massive pressures and obviously extra spending that will come because of changes in government policies.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I would like to say I welcome the announcements that were made by the government on monies but I do think that as an authority we have agreed a medium term service and resource plan and I believe that that is a very good forward plan for the future.</p>

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<p>11. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>In view of the importance of the Vale Science Zone to economic development in the County, what discussions did County Council officers have with the Department for Education about the locating of the Space Studio School in Banbury?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR MELINDA TILLEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES</p> <p>In line with its usual practice for new school proposals, the DfE asked the Council for its views about the proposed Banbury Studio School.</p> <p>A response was given in February this year and focused, as is our normal practice, to the anticipated consequences of such new provision in the immediate locality of the proposed institution.</p> <p>In addition, the DfE official with whom our officers were corresponding requested further information on the relevance of Space related curriculum to the local economy. Officers drew attention to the Vale Science Zone by sending her literature about it. DfE confirmed this was sufficient information for their purposes and an offer to discuss further if desired was not pursued prior to issuing their decision to approve the opening of the new school in September 2014.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you Councillor Tilley for your answer the Studio School in Banbury plus the new school in Didcot when they are both open will add some 225 pupil places in year 10 in the first year of operation and then the same number of places in years 11-13. Does the Cabinet Member have a view on whether there is a risk to existing schools that will lose substantial amounts from their budgets? Is there as a result a risk to science provision for the remaining pupils in existing schools leading to less not more science teaching overall?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>All schools in the town and surrounding are offered science as part of the curriculum and there will be an additional sixth form offer just outside Banbury at the Warriner School. For information this Royal Partnership secondary is currently over-subscribed and accepts pupils from the Banbury area. The demand in partnership is rapidly increasing and we have anticipated pupils will drift back to Banbury in the next couple of years. Other information is that we have confirmed that additional science based opportunities are generally welcomed in the County as a whole and we are very pleased to see the Studio School there.</p>

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<p>12. COUNCILLOR JENNY HANNABY</p> <p>Two years ago the Chief Executive officer of the GP led Commissioning Group, stated that he was putting his head on the block, vowing to reduce the numbers of delayed transfer if care. We now know that despite extra work and enormous resources put in since that vow the numbers are still increasing. The chief executive has recently acknowledged this situation is unacceptable and is now refusing to take responsibility for the growing crisis, saying it is a shared responsibility with all parties in the County. Could the Leader of the Conservative an Independent Alliance, tell us who he thinks should be responsible for this seemingly unsolvable situation, and has he any words of comfort for the many people who find themselves through no fault if their own locked into this shocking situation.</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I share your concern about our reported performance regarding the number of hospital delays in Oxfordshire. We all understand that this problem is not about any single agency working in isolation; hence we are working very hard and jointly with the NHS to try to improve the situation.</p> <p>There are 52,000 emergency admissions to the Oxford University Trust each year. About 1,000 people are discharged from hospital each week. The average length of stay in a hospital in Oxfordshire is about 4.5 days, a bit less than the national average of 5 days. At least half of the people who are delayed in Oxfordshire are waiting for a bed to become available in another hospital setting, which does not apply in all authorities.</p> <p>As you will be aware we have experienced increased numbers of referrals of older people across the health and social care system recently. In the last year the number of people coming in to hospital in an emergency has gone up by 10%. This is a national trend that is putting pressure on our systems in Oxfordshire. Together with the NHS we have put in more resources to tackle this problem – developing a new crisis response service, more social worker time, additional care home places, round the clock support at home and specialist re-ablement services - but despite our best efforts the number of delays remains stubbornly high. I will be closely monitoring progress in this area, but please be reassured that the staff across the system are working flat out to get people home as quickly and safely as possible.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you very much for your answer. I wanted to know who is going to take the lead in this ever growing crisis. I presume it is yourself, so with that presumption can I ask you to have a conversation with Oxford</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Yes.</p>

Questions	Answers
<p>Health about the better use of our community hospitals. The hospital in my area at the moment will take 18 people and more but it is only staffed for 13. It is always full with 13. The question is could we have a conversation with Oxfordshire Health about better use of our community hospitals?</p>	
<p>13. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>What impact will the Coalition Government's further 10% cut in funding for local councils have on the Fire & Rescue Service and Trading Standards in Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LOUISE CHAPMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR POLICY CO-ORDINATION</p> <p>I as Cabinet Member and the Cabinet acknowledge that Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service (OCCFRS) has a long-standing reputation of being low cost and high performing. This has recently been further supported by Sir Ken Knights review of fire services in England whereby on several occasions, OCCFRS has been cited as best practice and an example for others to follow. At less than 11 pence per day per person in the county, OCCFRS already delivers excellent value for money and is one of the most cost effective services in the Country.</p> <p>Trading Standards will continue to prioritise activities to ensure business are supported plus those who are most vulnerable in society are proactively protected on such matters as doorstep crime and consumer goods and services they receive.</p> <p>However, through income generation, partnership and collaborative working our fire service and Trading Standards will continue to challenge how they operate and work in order to release efficiencies whilst still ensuring that Oxfordshire remains one of the safest places to live.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I thank Councillor Chapman for her reply.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>No.</p>

Questions	Answers
Does she intend that we will have paramedics driving fire engines and will we be merging our ambulance service with somebody else and will we be asking people to present their credit card before their fire is put out?	
<p>14. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Will the new Cabinet member say when it is likely that residents in my Isis division will again be able to bring their recycling to the Redbridge recycling centre by bicycle or on foot?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DAVID NIMMO-SMITH, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>The County Council strive to ensure the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) are managed to protect the wellbeing of all visitors. We operate reasonable and proportionate measures to prevent accidents from occurring when a hazard is identified. None of Oxfordshire's HWRCs are able to allow pedestrian access because they do not have pavements that provide access nor dedicated walkways around the site. As such, we are unable to guarantee the wellbeing of visitors arriving on foot. Currently Oxfordshire's residents can bring their recycling to the Redbridge HWRC by bicycle as they are considered to be road users and form part of the flow of traffic and are able to enter and exit the site without undue risk. Pedestrian access will be considered as part of any future works or redevelopment of the site. A Household Waste Recycling Centre strategy review will be underway shortly and the Council is planning to undertake a consultation exercise in the Autumn.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Can I thank Councillor Nimmo-Smith for acting so decisively on allowing cyclist to cycle in with their recycling materials and rubbish to the Redbridge recycling centre and I am sure there will be tremendous delight amongst the cycling fraternity and fanatic ringing of bells in celebration. Will he agree that it would be a good idea if he and I got</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>It will always be a pleasure to meet with you Councillor Tanner.</p>

Questions	Answers
together soon and plan together a super doper recycling centre on Redbridge or somewhere nearby using both the resources of the County Council and City Council for the benefit of all?	
<p>15. COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER</p> <p>Does the Cabinet member share my delight that the lower end of St Aldates road in Oxford is at long last to be reconstructed?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DAVID NIMMO-SMITH, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>I am pleased to confirm that these works are due to commence on 14 October for a duration of 5 weeks and the maintenance work will involve excavating existing material to a depth of 550mm and reinstating to existing levels. (Exact location on attached drawing and copy of consultation letter that has been sent out, including Cllr Tanner)</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Can I thank Councillor Nimmo-Smith for his reply and does he share with me the importance of improving cycle priority in this key stretch of road as we enter the main city centre of Oxford?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Yes.</p>
<p>16. COUNCILLOR JANET GODDEN</p> <p>How confident are you that you will be able to meet the income target of £18m for contribution to the Older People's pooled budget without raising existing charges or introducing new ones for older people or other client groups, and without 'reducing activity in other areas' as suggested in Para 48 of the report to Cabinet on 18 June?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE</p> <p>Officers are confident that the income target of £18m that was set in the budget agreed by the County Council will be met. This is because that target was reduced in the budget to reflect the level of income earned in the last financial year. The Monthly Monitoring Report to Cabinet will show that officers are forecasting additional expenditure on care due to increased demand and that this extra demand will result in additional income. Income is forecast to over achieve against budget by £0.5m.</p>

Division(s): N/A

CABINET – 16 JULY 2013

TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2012/13

Report by Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer

Introduction

1. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA's) 'Code of Practice on Treasury Management (Revised) 2009' requires that the Council (via Cabinet) and Audit & Governance Committee receives an updated report on Treasury Management activities at least twice per year. This report is the second report for the financial year 2012/13 and sets out the position as at 31 March 2013.
2. Treasury management is defined as: "The management of the local authority's investments and cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks."
3. The following annexes are attached
 - Annex 1 Debt Financing 2012/13
 - Annex 2 Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) Maturing Debt
 - Annex 3 Lending List Changes
 - Annex 4 Investment portfolio 31/03/2013
 - Annex 5 Prudential Indicators Outturn
 - Annex 6 Benchmarking

Strategy 2012/13

4. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13 was based on an average base rate forecast of 0.50%. The budget for interest receivable assumed that an average interest rate of 1.00% would be achieved, 0.50% above base rate.
5. The Strategy for Long Term Borrowing was to continue to have the option to fund new or replacement borrowing up to the value of 25% of the portfolio through internal borrowing to reduce the Council's exposure to credit risk and reduce the cost of carry (difference between borrowing costs and investment returns) whilst debt rates remained higher than investment interest rates.
6. The Strategy included the continued use of the services of external fund manager Investec.

Market Background

7. In March the Office for Budgetary Responsibility halved its forecast growth in 2013 to 0.6% which then resulted in the lowering of the forecast for tax revenues and an increase in the budget deficit. The fall in debt as a percentage of GDP, which the government had targeted for 2015/16, was pushed two years beyond this horizon. In light of the UK debt dynamics the credit rating agency Moody's made the decision to downgrade the UK one notch from its top rating of triple-A. The UK was also placed on review for downgrade with the Fitch and Standard and Poor's credit rating agencies.
8. The UK Economy contracted in three of the four quarters during the year, but recorded 0.2% growth over the year as a whole due to strong third quarter growth of 0.9%. This was aided by the Summer Olympic Games being held in London.
9. Annual Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) fell to 2.2% in September 2012 after starting the year at 3.0% before edging back up to 2.8% by the end of the year. Inflation remained above the Bank of England's target rate of 2% throughout the year.
10. The lack of growth and fall in inflation led the Bank of England to increase the size of its Quantitative Easing programme by £50bn to £375bn. This was designed to boost the economy through increasing liquidity in the financial system. The base rate was maintained at 0.5% throughout the year as expected.
11. UK gilt yields continued on a downward trajectory with the 5-year yield ending the year at 0.70% and the 10-year yield at 1.77%, down nearly 0.5% from the start of the year. This was partly driven by the expansion of the Bank of England's quantitative easing programme.
12. The government's Funding for Lending (FLS) initiative commenced in August 2012, which gave banks access to cheaper funding on the basis that it would then result in them passing on this advantage to the wider economy. There was an increase in mortgage approvals, but lending to small and medium enterprises remained muted.
13. One direct consequence of the FLS was the sharp drop in local authority bank deposit rates. 3-month, 6-month and 12-month London Interbank Bid Rates (LIBID) which were 0.90%, 1.22% and 1.74% at the beginning of the financial year fell to 0.38%, 0.48% and 0.78% respectively by the end of the year.
14. The big four banks in the UK – Barclays, RBS, Lloyds and HSBC – and several other global institutions including JP Morgan Chase, Citibank, Rabobank, UBS, Credit Suisse and Deutsche came under investigation in the London Interbank Offer Rate rigging scandal which led to fines by, and settlements with, UK and US regulators.
15. The US Federal Reserve extended quantitative easing through 'Operation Twist', in which it buys longer-dated bonds with the proceeds of shorter-dated US Treasuries. The Federal Reserve shifted policy to focus on the jobless rate, with a pledge to keep rates low until unemployment falls below 6.5%.
16. Financial troubles continued in Europe with Spain and Italy both experiencing spikes in government bond yields. Yields on both countries' 10-year sovereign bonds both exceeded 7% on debt concerns before returning to more sustainable levels by the end of

the year. Fears of a Greek exit from the Eurozone peaked in the summer of 2012 before subsiding after securing a bailout from the Eurozone and International Monetary Fund. However, Greece is still deep in recession and faces a long road to recovery. The handling of the bailout of Cyprus was widely viewed to have been handled poorly and resulted in fears in the market about the will of the Eurozone to support member countries who get in to trouble in the future. The European Central Bank rate was maintained at 0.75% throughout the year.

17. Emerging markets and in particular China were viewed as key to the global recovery. Data releases from China were mixed but overall China showed robust growth. The impact of Chinese data releases on the global markets was increasingly important as the markets focused on drivers for global growth, with below consensus data negatively impacting the wider markets.

Treasury Management Activity

Debt Financing

18. The Council's debt financing position for 2012/13 is shown in Annex 1.
19. The option to fund new or replacement borrowing requirements from internal balances, up to the value of 25% of the investment portfolio was retained in the 2012/13 annual treasury management strategy. This was intended to reduce the cost of carry of borrowing which is the difference between borrowing rates and investment returns.
20. No new borrowing has been arranged during 2012/13 with either the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) or through the money markets.
21. At 31 March 2013, the authority had 68 PWLB loans totalling £362.38 and 10 LOBO¹ loans totalling £50m. The average rate of interest paid on PWLB debt was 4.59% and the average cost of LOBO debt in 2012/13 was 3.94%. The combined weighted average for interest paid on long-term debt was 4.52%.
22. In the March 2012 budget it was announced that the Government would be introducing a Certainty Rate on PWLB loans offering a 0.20% discount on the Standard Rate (currently gilts plus 1.00%). To qualify Authorities were required to provide additional information on their long-term borrowing and associated capital spending plans. The Certainty Rate was introduced in November 2012 and Oxfordshire County Council successfully applied to qualify for this rate. Although no new external borrowing is planned in the short-term it was decided that the Council should apply for the reduced rate in case a need to borrow arises.

¹ LOBO (Lender's Option/Borrower's Option) Loans are long-term loans which include a re-pricing option for the bank at predetermined intervals.

Maturing Debt

23. The Council repaid £8.346m of maturing PWLB loans during the year. The weighted average interest rate payable on the matured loans was 4.88%. The details are set out in Annex 2.

Debt Restructuring

24. No long term debt was restructured during 2012/13.

Investment Strategy

25. Security and liquidity of cash was prioritised above the requirement to maximise returns. The Council adopted a cautious approach to lending to financial institutions, and continuously monitored credit quality information regarding the institutions on the Council's approved Lending List.
26. During 2012/13 the Council limited the exposure to banks by lending to local authorities deemed to be of high credit quality. At 31 March 2013 the Council had £98.617m of long term fixed deposits (deposits over 364 days), of which £86m was placed with local authorities or police authorities. The aim was to maintain a high level of security and manage exposure to interest rate and counterparty risk.
27. The weighted average maturity of all deposits at 31 March 2013, including money deposited in short-term notice accounts, was 349 days (compared with 282 days during 2011/12). This comprised £285m fixed deposits with a weighted average maturity of 352 days and £15m held in short-term notice deposit accounts. In addition, £2m was invested in other short-term investments.
28. The Council used fixed and structured deposits, as well as call accounts, money market funds and short dated bond funds to deposit its in-house temporary cash surpluses during 2012/13.
29. In compliance with the latest Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants (CIPFA) guidance on deposits held with Icelandic banks, the 2012/13 final accounts include an impairment for the potential lost interest on amounts placed with Landsbanki. It is expected that priority creditors, which include UK local authorities should receive 100% of their claim, although the exact timings of future distributions are currently unknown.

The Council's Lending List

30. The Council's in-house cash balances are deposited with institutions that meet the Council's approved credit rating criteria. The approved Lending List is regularly updated during the year to reflect changes in bank and building society credit ratings. Changes are reported to the Cabinet each month. The approved lending list may also be further restricted by officers, in response to changing conditions and perceived risk. Annex 3 shows the amendments incorporated into the Lending List during 2012/13, in accordance with the approved credit rating criteria and additional temporary restrictions.

Investment Outturn

31. The average daily balance of temporary surplus cash invested in-house was £309m in 2012/13. The Council achieved an average in-house return for the year of 1.01%, producing gross interest receivable of £3.136m (excluding interest accrued on Landsbanki deposits). Temporary surplus cash balances include: developer contributions; council reserves and balances; trust fund balances; and various other funds to which the Council pays interest at each financial year end, based on the average rate earned on all deposits.
32. During 2012/13 the average three month inter-bank sterling rate was 0.56%. The Council's average in-house return of 1.02% exceeded this benchmark by 0.46%.
33. The average in-house return was 0.01% higher than the budgeted rate of interest of 1.00%.
34. The Council operates a number of instant access call accounts and money market funds to deposit short-term cash surpluses. During 2012/13 the average balance held on instant access was £63.7m.
35. At 31 March 2013, the Council's investment portfolio of £329.62m comprised £284.62m of fixed term deposits, £17.37m at short term notice in money market funds and call accounts, £15.22m in short dated bond funds and £12.41m managed by external fund managers. Annex 4 shows the analysis of the investment portfolio at 31 March 2013.
36. The council's Treasury Management Strategy Team regularly monitors the risk profile of the Council's investment portfolio. An analysis of the credit and maturity position of the portfolio at 31/3/2013 is shown in Annex 4.

External Fund Managers

37. During the year, the Council continued to use the services of one external fund manager: Investec Asset Management Limited. External funds are used by the Council to help manage investment risks by diversification of the portfolio in terms of access to a range of different counterparties and through the use of different financial instruments such as corporate bonds.
38. The performances of the external fund is reported to and monitored by the Treasury Management Strategy Team on a monthly basis.
39. The Investec mandate was changed in December 2010 to a 'Dynamic Model' fund where proportions of the portfolio are invested in three different types of investment fund as set out in the table below:

Fund Name	Weighting	Investment Objectives
Liquidity Fund	5%	To achieve a superior return to that of cash deposits while maintaining capital and preserving liquidity.
Short Dated Bond Fund	65%	To provide capital stability and income through investment in short term fixed income and variable rate securities listed or traded in one or more Recognised Exchanges.
Target Return Fund	30%	To produce a positive return over the longer term regardless of market conditions by investing primarily in interest bearing assets and related derivatives.

40. The month on month performance of the Dynamic Fund has been volatile during 2012/13. Investec's overall return for the year (net of management charges) was 1.10%, compared with a benchmark of 1.62%. This reflects the nature of the fund and the need to view the performance over the longer term.
41. Officers are continuing to monitor the performance of the fund on a monthly basis and have regular meetings with the fund manager.

Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management

42. During the financial year the Council operated within the treasury limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Report. The outturn for the Prudential Indicators is shown in Annex 6.

External Performance Indicators and Statistics

43. The County Council is a member of the CIPFA Treasury and Debt Management Benchmarking Club and completed returns for the financial year 2012/13. The results of this exercise are not yet available.
44. Arlingclose has also benchmarked Oxfordshire County Council's investment performance against its other clients. Since 31 March 2012 the Council has maintained the yield on its deposits whilst simultaneously maintaining low credit risk. When compared against other County Councils, Oxfordshire County Council's deposit portfolio sits above the average line for interest rate and in the lowest quartile for credit risk. The investment performance benchmarking is shown on Annex 6.

Financial and Legal Implications

45. The combined activities of debt and investment management contribute to the strategic measures element of the Council's budget. In the Medium Term Financial Plan, the budget for Interest Payable in 2012/13 was £18.756m compared with the outturn of £18.844m giving a net overspend of £0.088m.
46. The 2012/13 budget for interest receivable was £2.234m, compared with the outturn of £3.288m giving a net overachievement of £1.054m. In addition the 2012/13 accounts recognise an increase in the value of available for sale assets² of £0.302m. The increase in interest received is due to higher average cash balances due in part to slippage on the capital programme and receipt of government grants earlier in the year. The average interest rate achieved also made a small contribution to the overachievement on interest receivable.

RECOMMENDATION

47. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report, and to RECOMMEND Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2012/13.**

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² Available for sale assets comprise the Investec fund and short dated bond funds.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEBT FINANCING 2012/13

Debt Profile

		£m
1. PWLB	88%	370.72
2. Money Market LOBO loans	12%	50.00
3. Sub-total External Debt		420.72
4. Internal Balances	0 %	<u>-0.27</u>
5. Actual Debt at 31 March 2012	100%	420.45

6. Government Supported Borrowing		0.00
7. Unsupported Borrowing		0.76
8. Borrowing in Advance		0.00
9. Minimum Revenue Provision		<u>-17.88</u>

10. Actual Debt at 31 March 2013 **403.33**

Maturing Debt

11. PWLB loans maturing during the year		8.35
12. PWLB loans repaid prematurely in the course of debt restructuring		<u>0.00</u>
13. Total Maturing Debt		8.35

New External Borrowing

14. PWLB Normal		0.00
15. PWLB loans raised in the course of debt restructuring		0.00
16. Money Market LOBO loans		<u>0.00</u>
17. Total New External Borrowing		0.00

Debt Profile Year End

18. PWLB	88%	362.37
19. Money Market LOBO loans	12%	50.00
20. Sub-total External Debt		412.37
21. Internal Balances	0 %	<u>-9.04</u>
22. Actual Debt at 31 March 2013	100%	403.33

Line

- 1 – 5 This is a breakdown of the Council's debt at the beginning of the financial year (1 April 2012). The PWLB is a government agency operating within the Debt Management Office. LOBO (Lender's Option/ Borrower's Option) loans are long-term loans, with a maturity of up to 60 years, which includes a re-pricing option for the bank at predetermined time intervals. Internal balances include provisions, reserves, revenue balances, capital receipts unapplied, and excess of creditors over debtors.
- 6 'Government Supported Borrowing' is the amount that the Council can borrow in any one year to finance the capital programme. This is determined by Central Government, and in theory supported through the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) system.
- 7 'Unsupported Borrowing' reflects Prudential Borrowing taken by the authority whereby the associated borrowing costs are met by savings in the revenue budget.
- 8 'Borrowing in Advance' is the amount the Council borrowed in advance during 2012/13 to fund future capital finance costs.
- 9 The amount of debt to be repaid from revenue. The sum to be repaid annually is laid down in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, which stipulates that the repayments must equate to at least 4% of the debt outstanding at 1 April each year.
- 10 The Council's total debt by the end of the financial year at 31 March 2013, after taking into account new borrowing, debt repayment and movement in funding by internal balances.
- 11 The Council's normal maturing PWLB debt.
- 12 PWLB debt repaid early during the year.
- 13 Total debt repaid during the year.
- 14 The normal PWLB borrowing undertaken by the Council during 2012/13.
- 15 New PWLB loans to replace debt repaid early.
- 16 The Money Market borrowing undertaken by the Council during 2012/13.
- 17 The total external borrowing undertaken.
- 18-22 The Council's debt profile at the end of the year.

Long-term debt Maturing 2012/13**Public Works Loan Board: Loans Maturing in 2012/13**

Date	Amount £m	Rate %	Repayment Type
01/04/2012	2.000	9.000	Maturity
13/07/2012	0.500	2.350	EIP
31/07/2012	0.500	2.350	EIP
31/08/2012	0.346	1.120	Annuity
13/01/2013	0.500	2.350	EIP
31/01/2013	0.500	2.350	EIP
01/03/2013	4.000	4.400	Maturity
Total	8.346		

Repayment Types

Maturity – Full amount of principal is repaid at the final maturity date

EIP – Equal Instalments of Principal are repaid every 6 months until the final maturity date

Annuity – A reducing balance of principal is repaid every 6 months until the final maturity date

Annex 3
Lending List Changes during 2012/13

Counterparties added during 2012/13

Morgan and Stanley MMF

Svenska Handelsbanken

Development Bank of Singapore

United Overseas Bank

Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation

Close Brothers

Credit Suisse

Lending limits & maturity limits increased from 1 April 2012

	Lending Limit as at 31 March 2013	Maximum Maturity as at 31 March 2013
Royal Bank of Scotland	£10,000,000	6 months
Lloyds TSB Bank plc	£25,000,000	12 months
Bank of Montreal	£25,000,000	12 months
Bank of Nova Scotia	£25,000,000	12 months
Barclays Bank	£15,000,000	6 months
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	£25,000,000	12 months
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	£25,000,000	12 months
English, Welsh & Scottish Local Authorities	£30,000,000	3 years
HSBC Bank	£25,000,000	12 months
JP Morgan Chase Bank	£15,000,000	9 months
National Australia Bank	£25,000,000	12 months
Nationwide Building Society	£15,000,000	9 months
Standard Chartered Bank	£25,000,000	12 months

Annex 4**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO 31/03/2013****Fixed term deposits held at 31/03/2013**

Counterparty Date	Principal Deposited (£)	Maturity
The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime	10,000,000	03-Apr-13
The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime	5,000,000	03-Apr-13
Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	5,000,000	30-Apr-13
Salford City Council	2,000,000	29-May-13
Nationwide Building Society	5,000,000	17-Jun-13
Shepway District Council	2,000,000	28-Jun-13
Fife Council	5,000,000	28-Jun-13
Barclays Bank Plc (Direct)	5,000,000	28-Jun-13
Barclays Bank Plc (Direct)	5,000,000	18-Jul-13
North Tyneside Council	5,000,000	29-Jul-13
Barclays Bank Plc (Direct)	5,000,000	31-Jul-13
Nationwide Building Society	10,000,000	31-Jul-13
United Overseas Bank	5,000,000	27-Aug-13
Birmingham City Council	10,000,000	30-Aug-13
United Overseas Bank	5,000,000	30-Aug-13
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	2,000,000	30-Aug-13
Northumberland County Council	5,000,000	16-Sep-13
Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	10,000,000	18-Sep-13
Development Bank of Singapore	5,000,000	23-Sep-13
United Overseas Bank	5,000,000	30-Sep-13
North Tyneside Council	5,000,000	30-Sep-13
Exeter City Council	5,000,000	30-Sep-13
Lancashire County Council	10,000,000	23-Oct-13
East Lothian Council	5,000,000	24-Oct-13
Kingston Upon Hull City Council	1,000,000	31-Oct-13
Fife Council	4,000,000	31-Oct-13
Birmingham City Council	5,000,000	31-Oct-13
Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	9,000,000	15-Nov-13
Fife Council	9,000,000	20-Dec-13
Exeter City Council	5,000,000	14-Jan-14
Birmingham City Council	5,000,000	15-Jan-14
Birmingham City Council	5,000,000	03-Feb-14
Tayside Fire & Rescue Authority	2,000,000	04-Feb-14
Isle of Wight Council	5,000,000	27-Feb-14
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	5,000,000	25-Apr-14
Kingston Upon Hull City Council	6,000,000	15-May-14
Nottinghamshire County Council	5,000,000	22-Jul-14
Newcastle City Council	3,000,000	31-Jul-14
Fife Council	5,000,000	15-Aug-14

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Kingston Upon Hull City Council	2,000,000	05-Sep-14
Derby City Council	3,000,000	12-Sep-14
Rugby Borough Council	5,000,000	09-Jan-15
The Mayors Office for Policing and Crime	10,000,000	13-Mar-15
Newcastle City Council	5,000,000	03-Jul-15
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	5,000,000	03-Jul-15
Lancashire County Council	10,000,000	31-Jul-15
Newcastle City Council	5,000,000	07-Aug-15
Fife Council	2,000,000	04-Sep-15
Newcastle City Council	10,000,000	09-Oct-15
Lancashire County Council	5,000,000	09-Oct-15
Landsbanki Islands HF	1,045,600	31-Mar-18
Landsbanki Islands HF	1,571,410	31-Mar-18
Total	274,617,010	

Structured deposits held at 31/3/2013

Counterparty Date	Principal Deposited (£)	Maturity
HSBC Bank plc	10,000,000	27-May-14
Total	10,000,000	

Short-term notice call accounts and Money Market Funds

Counterparty period	Balance at 31/03/13 (£)	Notice
Royal Bank of Scotland Call Account	10,030,754	Same day
Santander UK Call Account	4,999,975	Same day
Prime Rate Sterling Liquidity Fund	2,345,000	Same day
Total	17,375,729	

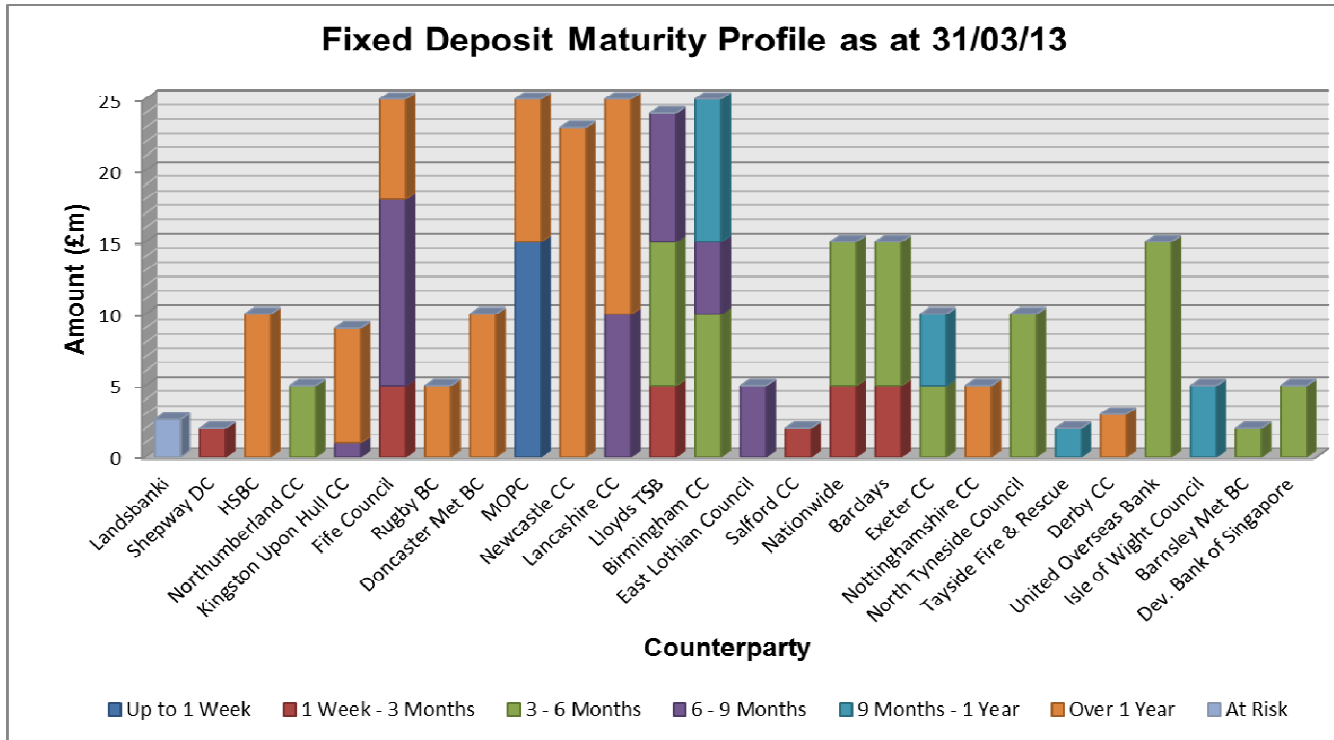
Short Dated Bond Funds

Counterparty period	Balance at 31/03/13 (£)	Notice
SWIP	12,152,010	2 days
Prime Rate Cash Plus Fund	50,945	2 days
Payden & Rygel Sterling Reserve Fund	3,017,099	2 days
Total	15,220,054	

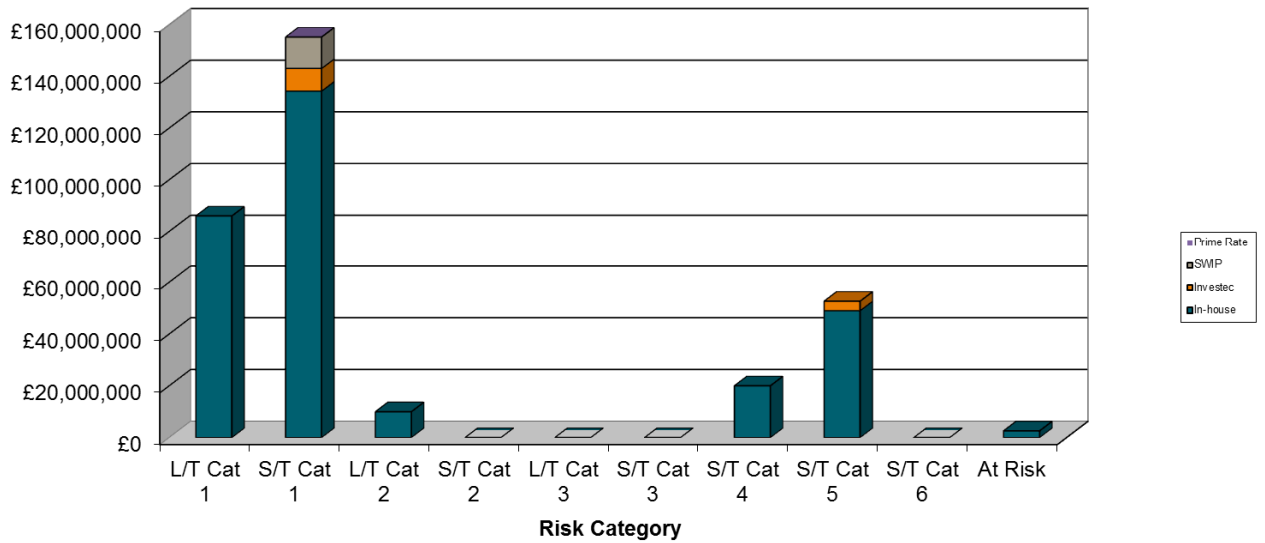
Externally Managed Funds

Fund Manager	Value of Fund at 31/03/13 (£)
Investec	12,410,687
Total	12,410,687

Risk profile of investment portfolio at 31/3/13



Risk Profile - Total Combined Portfolio as at 31.03.13

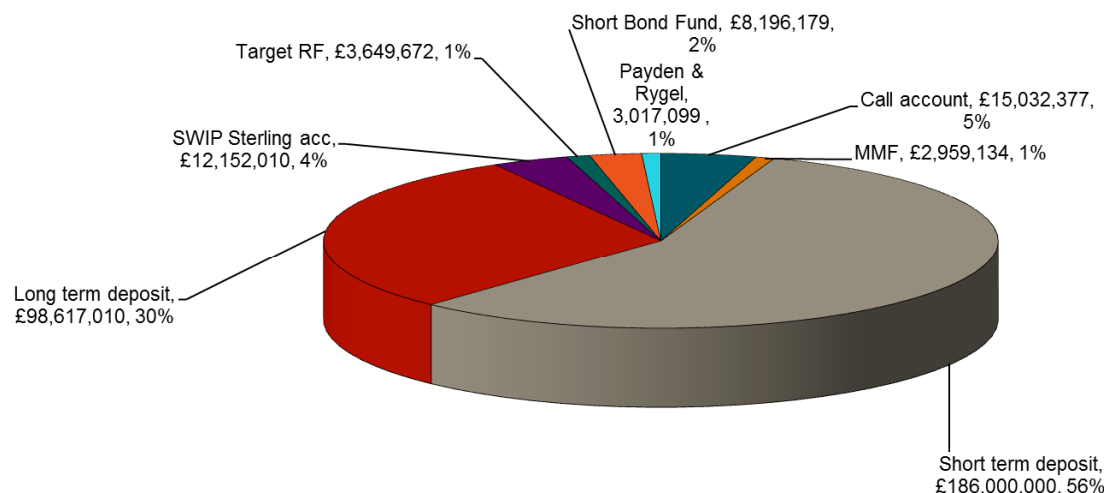


Risk Category	L/T	S/T	Individual	Viability
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	rating	rating	rating	rating
1 (Including Local Authorities)	AA+, AA	F1+	1, 2	aaa, aa
2	AA-	F1+	1, 2	aa, a
3	AA-	F1+	1	bbb
4	AA-	F1+	1	bbb
5	A+, A	F1	1, 2, 3	a, bbb,bb
6	A	F1	2, 3, lower	b or lower

Total Combined Portfolio as at 31.03.13



Annex 5

Prudential Indicators Outturn 31 March 2013

Authorised and Operational Limit for External Debt

Authorised Limit for External Debt
 £476,000,000
 Operational Limit for External Debt
 £466,000,000
 Actual External Debt at 31 March 2013
 £418,409,618

Fixed Interest Rate Exposure

Fixed Interest Net Borrowing limit 150.00%
 Actual at 31 March 2013 98.85%

Variable Interest Rate Exposure

Variable Interest Net Borrowing limit 25.00%
 Actual at 31 March 2013 1.15%

Sums Invested over 364 days

Total sums invested for more than 364 days maximum limit

£100,000,000

Actual sums invested for more than 364 days at 31 March 2013

£ 98,617,010

Maturity Structure of Borrowing at 31/03/13

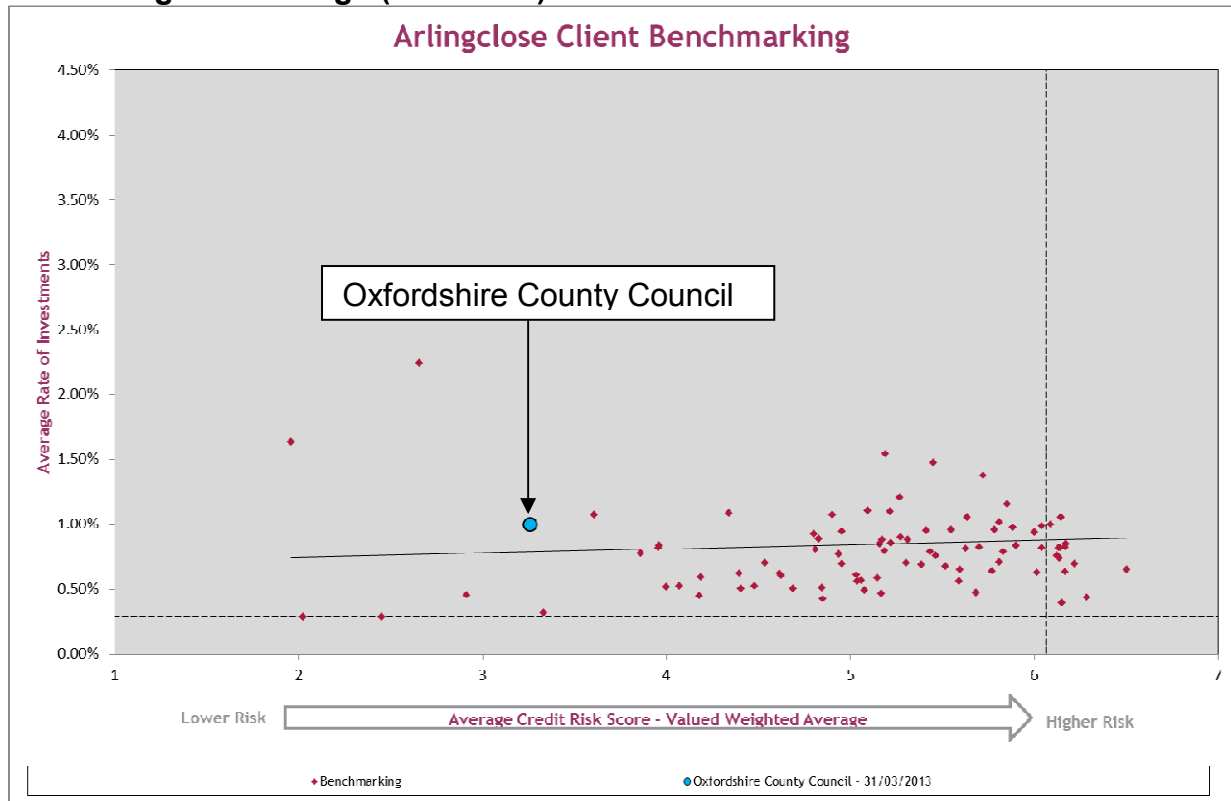
	Limit %	Actual %
From 01/04/12		
Under 12 months	0 - 20	0
12 – 24 months	0 - 25	8.73
24 months – 5 years	0 - 35	8.73
5 years – 10 years	5 - 40	18.67
10 years +	50 - 95	63.87

The Prudential Indicators for maturity structure are set with reference to the start of the financial year. The actual % shown above relates to the maturity period remaining at 01/04/12 on loans still outstanding at 31/03/13.

Actual Maturity Structure of Borrowing at 01/04/13

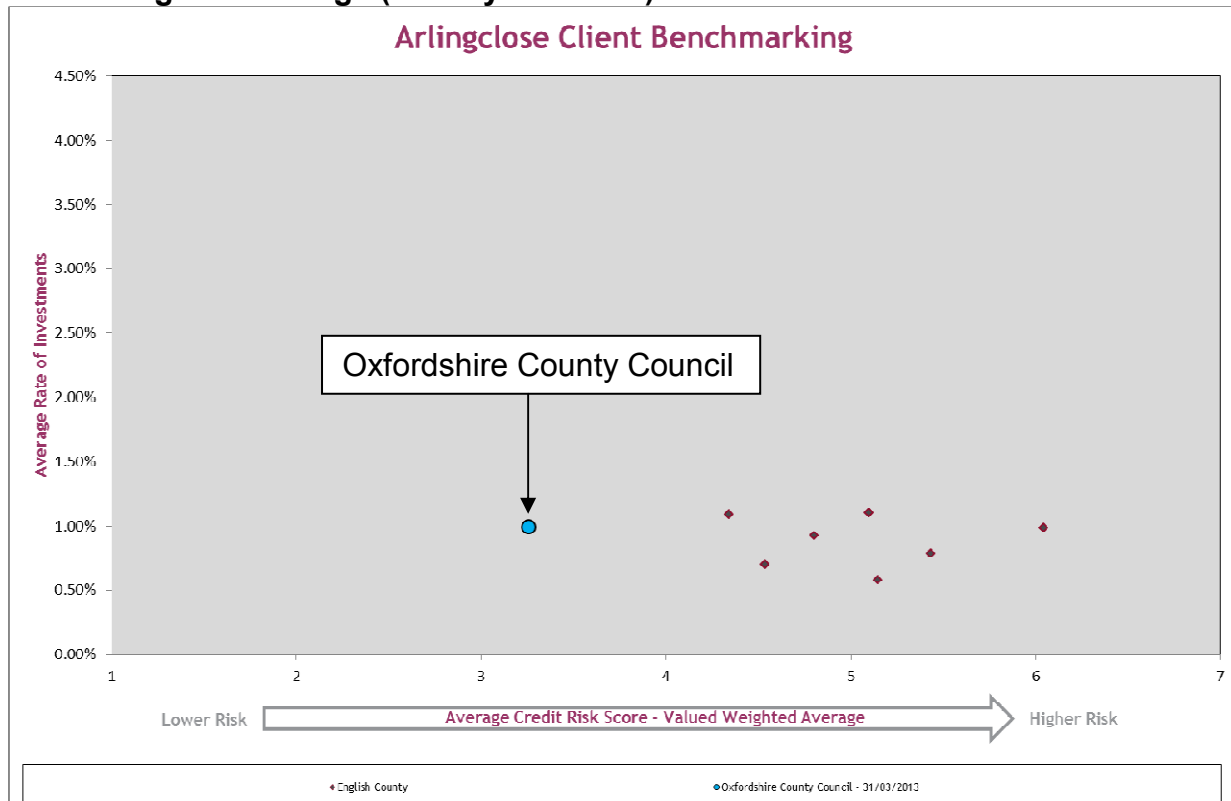
	Limit %	Actual %
From 01/04/13		
Under 12 months	0 - 20	6.30
12 – 24 months	0 - 25	1.70
24 months – 5 years	0 - 35	13.82
5 years to 10 years	5 – 40	16.00
10 years +	50 – 95	62.18

Value weighted average (all clients)



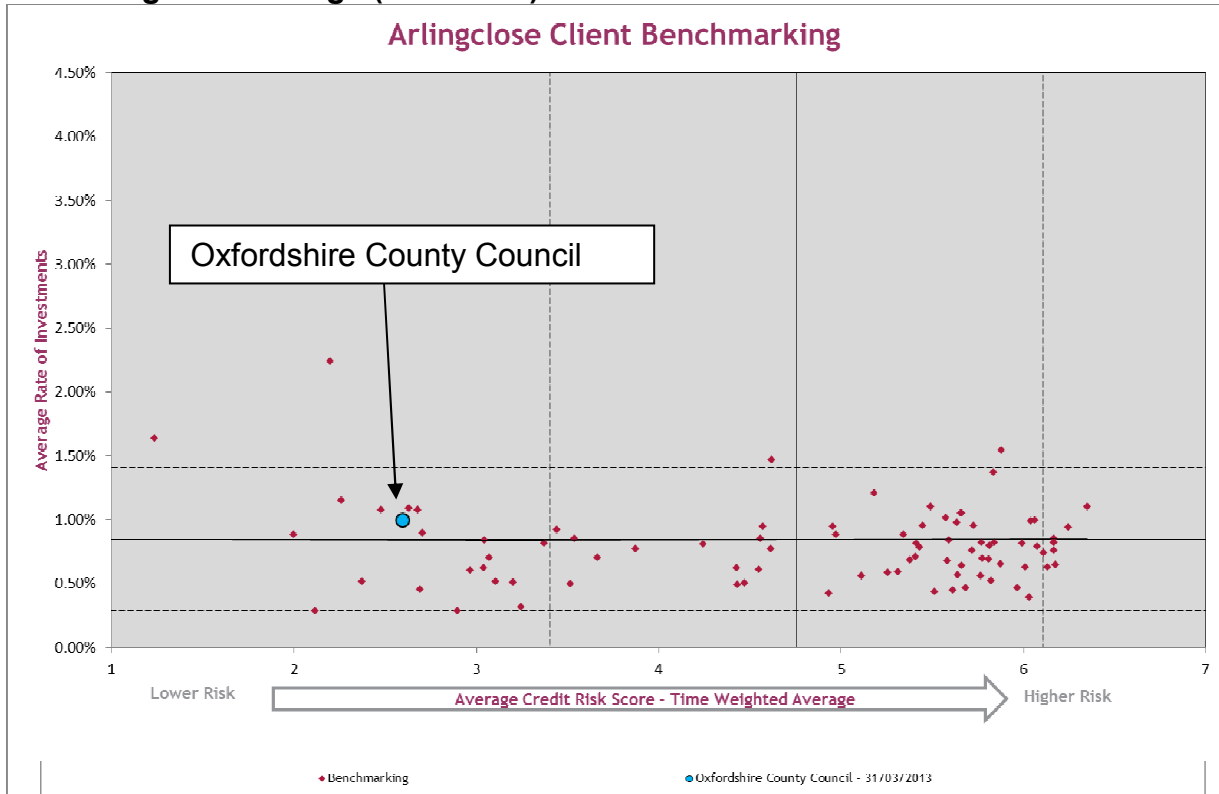
The above graph shows that Oxfordshire County Council achieved an above average interest rate when considering the credit risk of investments against all Arlingclose clients as at 31/03/2013.

Value weighted average (County Councils)



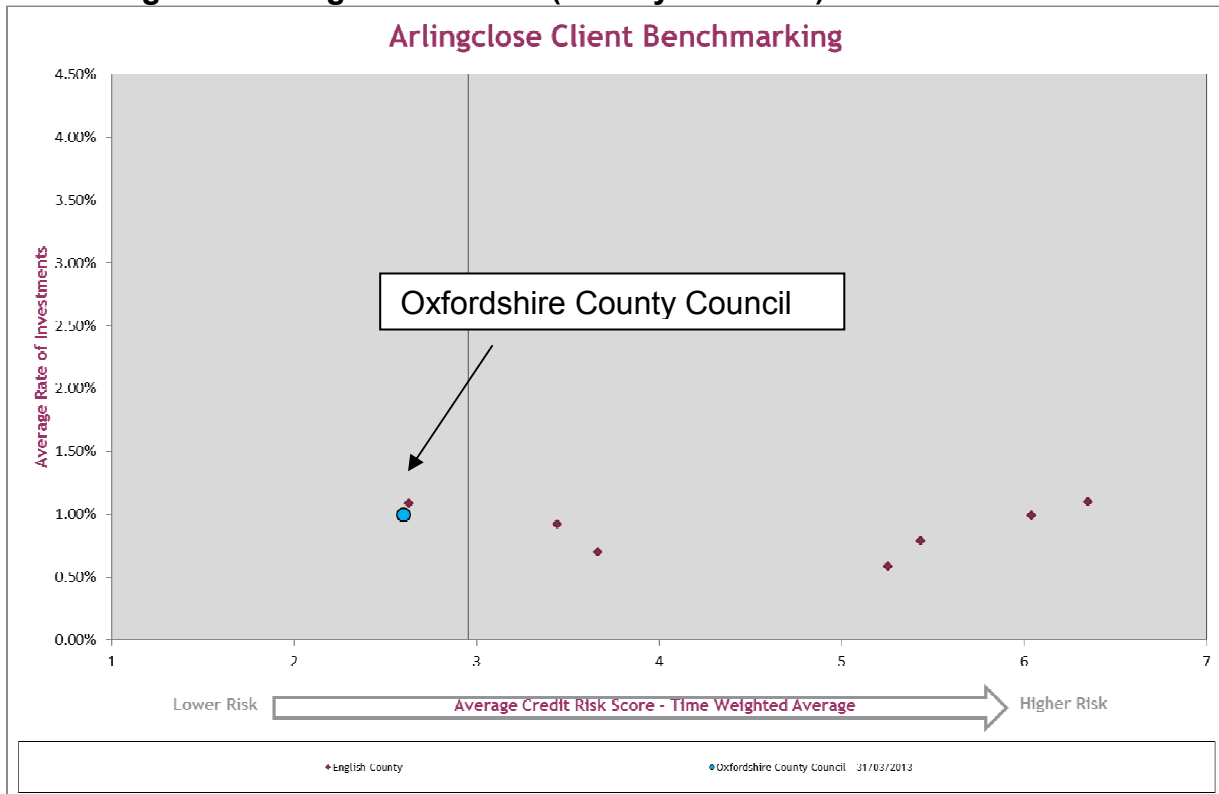
The above graph shows that Oxfordshire County Council achieved a similar interest rate for less credit risk compared to seven other County Councils as at 31/03/2013.

Time weighted Average (all clients)



The above graph shows that Oxfordshire County Council achieved an above average interest rate on deposits whilst maintaining a relatively low credit risk at 31/03/2013.

Time weighted Average Credit Risk (County Councils)



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The above graph shows that Oxfordshire County Council achieved a similar interest rate to the other County Councils in the sample, whilst it maintained a significantly lower time weighted credit risk as at 31/03/2013.

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COUNTY COUNCIL – 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE REPORT

Report by the Chief Executive

Purpose

1. The Oxfordshire Partnership (OP) brings together organisations from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to focus their efforts on those things that are important to people who live in, work in and visit Oxfordshire and, more importantly, to do something about them.

<http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk>

The Oxfordshire Partnership meets on a bi-annual basis, the last meeting was held on 29 May 2013, presentations were received on key partnership developments with updates from the Armed Forces Community Covenant and Operation Bullfinch. The continued value of the partnership was agreed, along with the membership and frequency of meetings.

2. This report provides an update on the Oxfordshire-wide partnerships which are critical in progressing key countywide priorities
 - Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
 - Oxfordshire Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership
 - Oxfordshire Environment and Waste Partnership
 - Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board - this report includes information about the three supporting partnership boards:
 - Oxfordshire Health improvement Board
 - Oxfordshire Adult Health and Social Care Boards
 - Oxfordshire Children and Young People Board
 - Oxfordshire Public Involvement Network (PIN)
 - Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership
 - Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance
 - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board
 - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board
3. Further to last year's report it has been decided to also include reports by the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board and the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board.
4. In relation to the Health and Wellbeing Board three partnerships are now in place (Health Improvement, Adult Health and Social Care, Children and Young People) to support the work of the board through focusing on specific priorities identified in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Oxfordshire. The Public Involvement Network (PIN) also ensures that the opinions and experiences of people in Oxfordshire underpin the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the supporting Partnership Boards.

5. Each partnership report addresses the following points:
 - The current focus for the Partnership;
 - The Partnership's key achievements in the last year;
 - The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead ;
 - The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.
6. Details of the current/future work undertaken by these Partnerships are shown in Annex A to this report.

Reports to Council

7. The partnership update reports are discussed annually at Full Council.

RECOMMENDATION

8. **Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.**

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Chief Executive

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Background papers: Nil

ANNEX A: Partnership Update September 2013

Partnership Name	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Date of completion	30 July 2013
Chairman	Adrian Shooter
OCC Lead Member	Cllr Ian Hudspeth
OCC Lead Officer	Richard Byard
Last Meeting Date	2 July 2013
Next Meeting Date	13 August 2013
Website Address	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/lep
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p>1) On-going input to City Deal development and negotiation.</p> <p>2) The recent Spending Round underlines Government's commitment to driving growth via LEPs – and their partners. LEPs will need to demonstrate the impact they can achieve with greater flexibility of funding.</p> <p>3) Central to this LEPs have been asked to develop strategic economic plans, bringing together bids for funding from the Single Local Growth Fund (c£2bn nationally 2015/2016) with plans for EU Structural and Investment Funds, and details of leveraged funding from Local Authorities and the wider public and private sector.</p> <p>4) Strategic Economic Plan - draft timetable;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 2013 – LEP guidance • September/October 2013 – LEPs to share outline Strategic Plans with HMG • January 2014 – LEPs to share draft of Strategic Plans with HMG • March 2014 – LEPs to submit final version of Strategic Plans to HMG3 • April to June 2014 – assessment of LEP Plans and Growth Deal negotiations • July 2014 – SLGF allocations announced and Growth Deal agreed <p>5) The importance of the strategy</p> <p>Areas which develop strong growth strategies that they can deliver effectively, supported by strong governance and arrangements for local accountability, will benefit in three ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They should receive more money • They will earn local accountability • Wider powers and responsibilities <p>6) Having allocated c£8.8m of Growing Places Fund to 12 projects the Partnership continues to monitor delivery.</p>	
The Partnership's key achievements in the last year	
<p>1) The Partnership welcomed its first Chief Executive Officer, Nigel Tipple in June 2013.</p> <p>2) Developed its initial Business plan for Growth and in doing so is drawing down £500k government funding to support its activities.</p>	

- 3) Having been awarded c£9.2m Growing Places Fund the Partnership has approved bids totalling £8.8m to drive growth, of which c£7.6m has been awarded to projects supporting the Science Vale Enterprise Zone.
- 4) Hosted various Ministerial visits, including numerous visits from David Willetts MP, Minister of State for Universities and Science to the Science Vale Enterprise Zone.
- 5) Hosted two visits from Nick Baird – Chief Executive UK Trade and Investment who is the Enterprise Partnership’s Whitehall sponsor.
- 6) Provided significant input to City Deal negotiations.
- 7) Has been awarded c£16.4m EU Investment funds for 2014-2020 of which c50% must be allocated to projects that drive innovation, business support and low carbon with the remainder being allocated to projects that improve skills and social inclusion.

The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead

- 1) The delivery of City Deal objectives and outcomes to drive growth.
- 2) The development of its Strategic Economic Plan – with significant elements of delivery from City Deal and EU Investment strategies and outcomes.
- 3) On-going monitoring of Growing Places Fund delivery and repayment mechanisms and the development of future GPF bidding rounds as announced.

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

- 1) Strategy ‘overload’ – ensuring alignment between City Deal, EU investment and Strategic Economic Plans – i.e. one strategy encapsulating the three strands of work. Mitigated by clear communication both locally and with government of agreed Oxfordshire economic objectives. Strong support from executive team in developing aligned strategies and plans.
- 2) Ensuring delivery of Science Vale Enterprise Zone objectives and developing an enhanced understanding of the quantum and deliverability of EZ business rate revenue forecasts. Mitigated by clear communication of progress against EZ growth strategy, and regular re-forecasting of potential business rate revenues and commitments.
- 3) Perception in Whitehall that Oxfordshire lacks ambition and a shared vision for growth. Mitigated by ensuring Nick Baird fully understands and shares Oxfordshire’s ambition and communicates it regularly across Government. Continue to host visits from senior Whitehall officials to drive message.

Partnership Name	Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership
Date of completion	30 July 2013
Chairman	Chairman, Lead Officer and Programme Officer: Cllr A Ducker, South Oxfordshire District Council – Prior to June 2013 Cllr M Barber, Vale of White Horse District Council – July 2013 onwards Anna Robinson, South Oxfordshire District Council Carolyn Organ, South Oxfordshire District Council Tel: 01491 823053 Email: carolyn.organ@southandvale.gov.uk
OCC Lead Member	Cllr Ian Hudspeth
OCC Lead Officer	Tom Flanagan
Last Meeting Date	20 June 2013 - Special Meeting: 23 July 2013
Next Meeting Date	To be confirmed
Website Address	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/spatialplanningandinfrastructurepartnership
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p><u>Key issues discussed at the last meeting (20 June)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Deal Update and progress with the Negotiation Document; • SPIP Board agreed to sign the Statement of Cooperation to manage the SHMA process at the special meeting scheduled for 23 July; NB. This was agreed at the special meeting. • Agreement of Local Transport Board (LTB) Assurance Framework scoring and weighting system to prioritise submitted schemes for local major scheme devolved funding; • Update on HCA (Homes & Communities Agency) investment in Oxfordshire including additional funding made available following the Chancellor's Budget announcement. 	
The Partnership's key achievements in the last year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to publish Local Investment Plan (LIP) for Oxfordshire following consideration and final check with local authorities; • Proposal to align meetings of SPIP with Leaders' Group, Local Transport Board and City Deal; • Agreed the way forward to commission the SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment) to be reported back to SPIP Board in September; • Agreed to develop a Cooperation Agreement to support the SHMA process and decision making on the sustainability appraisal process for housing allocations; • Considered input into the City Deal Negotiation Documents and in particular the potential housing programmes in each District; • Welcomed the appointment of Carolyn Organ as SPIP Programme Manager to support work of partners. 	
The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To complete the Strategic Housing Market Assessment in the context of the Duty to Co-operate. 	

- To agree the Housing Component of the City Deal bid submission.
- To advise on the scheme prioritisation list for the Local Transport Board.
- To be a key partner in the LEP's work to develop a Strategic Economic Plan.

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

Future issues that may be of interest:

- Outcome of Strategic Housing Market Assessment and impact on Local Plans, consultant's report expected mid-September. A process has been agreed via the Statement of Cooperation on how the outcome of the SHMA will be processed.
- Development of City Deal submission and governance arrangements in discussion with the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership), Universities and Research Institutions. This requires partnership agreement and proposed sign-off of the submission by the LEP on 13 August, followed by a Ministerial presentation in October/November and final agreement of the City Deal by the end of the calendar year.

Partnership Name	Oxfordshire Environment and Waste Partnership
Date of completion	10 July 2013
Chairman	Cllr David Dodds, South Oxfordshire District Council
OCC Lead Member	Cllr David Nimmo-Smith
OCC Lead Officer	Susie Ohlenschlager
Last Meeting Date	28 June 2013
Next Meeting Date	1 November 2013
Website Address	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/environmentandwastepartnership
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p>The focus of the Environment Partnership is on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and strengthening climate resilience within organisations and local communities; • Sharing best practice across local authorities and local community groups to strengthen joint working and develop capacity across the county to meet our Oxfordshire 2030 targets. <p>The focus of the Waste Partnership is on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing waste and maximising reuse, recycling and composting; • Reducing the environmental and financial costs of managing household waste. 	
The Partnership's key achievements in the last year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January 2013 all member authorities together signed the Climate Local Commitment as <i>Climate Local Oxfordshire</i>. Climate Local is a national initiative co-ordinated by the Local Government Association. Members also agreed to support specific Climate Local actions (these are Oxfordshire 2030 targets) and to publish these on the national Climate Local Website. This will form the basis of our future work programme and a strapline to promote joint initiatives. • The Partnership agreed a Green Deal Strategy for the county. With the exception of Oxford City Council, which is supporting a Green Deal scheme with the Energy Saving Co-op, individual authorities have chosen whether to become individual shareholder members of the local green deal CIC (Community interest Company) set up by the United Sustainable Energy Agency (USEA), now established as Green Deal Together. • EU funding has been awarded to create a green investment bank – OxFutures Fund, led by Oxford City Council in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council. The aim is to lever in £550 million of private sector funding to support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects across Oxfordshire. <p>The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed a five year review of the Oxfordshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and agreed a revised strategy that sets a target to recycle or compost at least 70% of our household waste by March 2025. 	

- Introduced recycling collections for waste electrical goods and batteries across the county.
- Opened a second Anaerobic Digestion plant (near Wallingford) to process collected food waste.
- Maintained our position as one of the highest recyclers and lowest waste producers in the country with a recycling rate of 60% and residual waste per household of 410 kg/yr.

The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead

- Develop a work programme and resource plan for delivering Climate Local targets, working in partnership with local community groups.
- Review and support:
 - implementation of Green Deal in Oxfordshire
 - OxFutures
 - development of Green Infrastructure Framework for Oxfordshire
- Take part in the Severe Weather Impacts Monitoring System (SWIMS) in order to record costs and impacts of severe weather on partner organisations and services.
- Develop a biomass strategy for the county.
- Ensure that plans are in place for the smooth delivery of household residual waste to the new Ardley Energy from Waste (EfW) plant from summer 2014. This will entail the ongoing construction of the EfW plant and the mobilisation of a bulking & haulage contract to deliver waste to Ardley.
- Further increase recycling and composting rates through coordinated communications campaigns, ensuring that residents fully utilise the recycling and composting services provided by Oxfordshire councils.

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

Currently the Environment Partnership has no budget, and it is unable to resource projects directly or to award grants. We will develop a resource plan and funding strategy which presents options for consideration by partnership members.

Following a four year period of reducing waste tonnages, overall waste arisings increased slightly in 2012/13. A key challenge will be to keep waste levels as low as possible and to ensure that waste disposal tonnages in particular are kept low. With landfill tax now charged at £72 per tonne, landfill has become the most expensive waste management option. Recycling and composting alternatives are not only better for the environment, but also cheaper.

Partnership Name

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of completion	16 July 2013
Chairman	Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Oxfordshire County Council
OCC Lead Member	Cllr Ian Hudspeth
OCC Lead Officer	Ben Threadgold
Last Meeting Date	22 March 2013
Next Meeting Date	25 July 2013
Website Address	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingboard
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is a partnership between local government, the NHS and the people of Oxfordshire. It includes local GPs, councillors, Healthwatch Oxfordshire and senior local government officers. It formally came into being from April 2013, but has been meeting in shadow form for the past 18 months.</p> <p>The primary objective of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to ensure that we work together to improve everyone's health and wellbeing, especially those who have health problems or are in difficult circumstances. To achieve this, the board provides strategic leadership for health and wellbeing across the county and will ensure that plans are in place and action is taken to realise those plans.</p> <p>The priorities and outcomes for the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-2016. This is based on evidence of the needs of the county through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and has just been refreshed to reflect identified needs, consultation with key stakeholders, and the successes and learning from 12 months of implementing the strategy.</p> <p>This has confirmed the original 11 priorities, and also identified the need for a new priority focused on ensuring quality in health and social care. Responsibility for the delivery of these priorities is devolved to the three partnership boards that support the Health and Wellbeing Board – the Children and Young People Partnership Board, the Adult Health and Social Care Board, and the Health Improvement Partnership Board.</p> <p>The priorities are:</p> <p>Children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: all children have a healthy start in life and stay healthy into adulthood. • Priority 2: narrowing the gap for our most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. • Priority 3: keeping all children and young people safer. • Priority 4: raising achievement for all children and young people. <p>Adult health and social care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 5: living and working well: adults with long term conditions, physical or learning disability or mental health problems living independently and achieving their full potential. • Priority 6: support older people to live independently with dignity whilst reducing the need for care and support. • Priority 7: working together to improve quality and value for money in the health and social care system. 	

Health improvement

- Priority 8: preventing early death and improving quality of life in later years.
- Priority 9: preventing chronic disease through tackling obesity.
- Priority 10: tackling the broader determinants of health through better housing and preventing homelessness.
- Priority 11: preventing infectious disease through immunisation.

Health and Wellbeing Board and all Partnership Boards

- Priority 12: Commission safe, high quality, efficient health and social care services for the people of Oxfordshire.

The Partnership's key achievements in the last year

There has been significant progress in developing the Health and Wellbeing Board and the partnership board structure over the past 18 months, meaning the transition from shadow form to becoming a formal sub-committee of the Council with decision making powers has been relatively seamless. Recent meetings have shown a willingness amongst partners to have open, transparent and honest discussions about a range of topics, with particular emphasis on effective use of resources across agencies and the how to drive up quality in health and social care.

The Public Involvement Network has ensured excellent engagement of service users, carers and voluntary sector organisations in the work of the Board, and that the 'user voice' is fed in at all times. The partnership boards have also overseen measurable improvements and real progress being made on a number of issues during the year, including:

- Fewer children and young people were admitted to hospital for self harm
- Services were introduced to improve transitions from children's to adult mental health services
- Teenage pregnancy rates continued to fall
- The "Thriving Families" programme was established and has worked with 83 families
- High numbers of people said they were satisfied with the care services they received in the county:
 - 64% are very satisfied with Social Care
 - 90.1% are very satisfied with GP surgeries
 - 78.7% are satisfied with Hospital Care
- More steps forward in establishing integrated, patient-centred services
- The new Older People Joint Commissioning Strategy that has been co-produced by Oxfordshire County Council, the NHS and the people of Oxfordshire is now being implemented
- Good take up of screening and immunisation programmes, especially the winter flu immunisation that was taken up by 83,287 older people.
- Higher percentages of people who are physically active, who breastfeed their babies and who succeed in quitting smoking
- The Public Involvement Network has established good two-way communication between the public and the boards, and has provided a voice for over 1800 people to make their views known

The Health and Wellbeing Board and Partnership Boards have also held a number of successful workshops that engaged a wide range of service users, carers and

professionals in considering the following issues:

- Raising achievement by implementing the Education Strategy
- Planning services to improve transitions from children's to adults services for young people with mental health needs
- Implementing the new carers strategy
- Developing the new Joint Older People's Commissioning Strategy
- Working together to put the child and family in control of their own decisions, and providing services to enable that to happen
- Preventing premature death and enabling healthy older age
- Progressing the re-commissioning of the homeless pathway
- The importance of housing in promoting health

The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead

The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed its priorities for the year ahead at its meeting on 25 July 2013, when it agreed the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and new indicators and targets to help address the priorities set out above.

Key themes include:

- Further integration of health and social care
- Ensuring quality in health and social care
- Responding to the needs of an increasing number of frail older people
- Keeping children and young people safe, and improving educational attainment
- Increasing rates of screening and immunisation, and tackling health issues through better housing and preventing homelessness
- Making sure the resources available across the health and social care sector are used as effectively as possible to improve health and wellbeing.

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

This has been a year of almost unprecedented change in the NHS, and working across new structures as they bed in will continue to be a challenge – however we are starting from a position of strength with excellent relationships between the County Council and Clinical Commissioning Group, and developing with the NHS Area Team.

The Board is concerned that the issues uncovered by the Francis Report on the Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust should not be repeated in Oxfordshire and that the learning that is arising from the Child Sexual Exploitation cases locally will be implemented. The intention is to ensure that governance and assurance systems are joined up. Performance measures which show patient and public satisfaction or dissatisfaction with services will be embedded in our performance framework again this year. The development of Health Watch Oxfordshire will bring independent and informed views to the Board. The Board will seek assurance on quality at all its meetings.

Partnership Name	Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership
Date of completion	12 July 2013
Chairman	Cllr Bill Service, South Oxfordshire District Council
OCC Lead Member	Cllr Kieron Mallon
OCC Lead Officer	Carys Alty Smith
Last Meeting Date	02 July 2013
Next Meeting Date	28 November 2013
Website Address	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/safercommunitiespartnership
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p>This Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership (OSCP) is the statutory county-wide partnership that provides strategic direction for community safety activity to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour across the county. OSCP performs this role through delivery of the five year OSCP Business Plan 2012-17 which sets out the strategic context and priorities for action. The business plan is refreshed on an annual basis and provides the community safety agreement for the partnership as required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.</p> <p>The OSCP has just approved its annual refresh of the OSCP Business Plan 2013-14. There are 8 core areas of activity, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise regularly with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to manage the community safety funding for Oxfordshire; • Review domestic abuse services to identify how they can be developed on a more sustainable footing, especially given the change in definition of domestic abuse to include 16/17 year olds which will lead to an increase in demand for services for this age group; • Improve local information and intelligence sharing in isolated rural areas to reduce theft; • Share good practice on tackling anti-social behaviour and violent crime associated with the night time economy; • Support the prevention of child sexual exploitation through raising public awareness across Oxfordshire's communities; • Provide additional support through PCC funding for offenders with drug and substance misuse problems; • Monitor and evaluate the new third party support and referral service Stop Hate UK for victims of hate crime; and • Provide a multi-agency approach to safeguarding those at risk of being drawn into terrorism through the OSCP Business Group. <p>OSCP has a Board with representation from a broad range of community safety partners including local authorities, the Police, Probation, Health and the voluntary sector. Councillor members are their local authority lead for community safety issues. Each Councillor on the Board is also the representative on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel which scrutinises the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner. The Board is supported by an officer Business Group.</p>	
The Partnership's key achievements in the last year	
<p>Reducing crime: in the last 12 months to December 2012, Oxfordshire saw a fall in police recorded crime of 8.6% when compared with the previous 12 months and</p>	

representing a fall from 37,068 crimes to 33,587 (ONS Recorded Crime, 2013).

Improving access to information and managing performance: Oxfordshire partners have developed a new website portal called the community safety Information Management System (IMS) to provide a one stop shop for accessing core information on community safety issues

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/insight/communitysafety

A new Oxfordshire Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) has also been developed to provide a robust evidence base at the county level to support the identification of common community safety themes that require a partnership approach.

A new OSCP performance scorecard has been developed to ensure the OSCP Board has strategic oversight of performance at both the local and strategic levels.

Developing collaborative and innovative local service delivery: CSPs and the county council have continued to fund an innovative and nationally recognised good practice county-wide programme to support the development of a network of over 800 domestic abuse champions across Oxfordshire.

Partners are piloting a new service to support victims of hate crime across Oxfordshire through Stop Hate UK which provides a 24 hour support and referral service. Over the first six months 20 incidents have been reported to the service which is an 'excellent start' for the new service (Stop Hate UK: Oxfordshire Q4 2012-13).

Oxfordshire has a new single point of contact service (LASARS Partnership) for accessing both drug and alcohol treatment with two new services providing community treatment across the county.

Oxfordshire's Early Intervention Service and Youth Offending Service have worked in partnership to significantly reduce first time entrants to the youth justice system and reduce reoffending by young people.

The Positive Futures programme in Oxford is a referral based project offering diversionary activities for young people most at risk of being involved in crime or anti-social behaviour.

The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead

To deliver on the OSCP business plan priorities – see above

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

The challenge is to build a strong relationship with the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure continuation of his funding (just under £750k) as far as possible.

To address this challenge:

- The Commissioner has been invited to attend one OSCP Board meeting annually in a non-Executive capacity each year
- A representative from his team will also attend Business Group meetings

- OSCP has strong representation on the Police and Crime Panel as each Board member is also on the Panel
- Informal relationships are being developed between the Commissioner's office and Board members, Head of Community Safety and Oxfordshire Community Safety Managers
- Clear priorities and achievements identified through the annual refresh of OSCP Business Plan 2013-14
- Strong partnership working through OSCP

Partnership Name	The Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance (OSCA)
Date of completion	July 2013
Chairman	Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester and Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles, Oxfordshire County Council Cabinet member for the Voluntary Sector
OCC Lead Member	Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles
OCC Lead Officer	Alexandra Bailey
Last Meeting Date	Monday 10 June 2013
Next Meeting Date	Thursday 10 October 2013
Website Address	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/strongercommunitiesalliance
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p>The purpose of OSCA is to 'to help build and maintain stronger communities and a thriving voluntary, community and faith sector in Oxfordshire to improve the quality of life for local people'. The main objectives are to build a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainable voluntary, community and faith sector • stronger and empowered community <p>OSCA brings together 23 members from voluntary sector support providers, faith groups, representatives of local councils, the NHS, military and police. This partnership is focused on delivering a co-ordinated approach where agencies can collaborate, use resources effectively and utilise the areas of expertise of all the partner agencies involved.</p> <p>Despite OSCA having no funds to administer as a result of the current economic climate, partners continue to contribute valuable time and effort, a testament to the value of the partnership.</p> <p>Members of OSCA play a key part in representing the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and needs of the local community and they shape strategy and policy through a variety of forums. The VCS is represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board, PIN (Public Involvement Network), and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).</p>	
The Partnership's key achievements in the last year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a shared definition of 'Social Value'¹ within Oxfordshire. This definition will enable public bodies to better assess which potential providers will deliver maximum public benefit to the local community. • The VCS have an increased understanding of the Council's commissioning process so that the sector is better equipped to bid for public sector contracts. Commissioners are working with the VCS to understand their needs and consider how these may be considered in the Council's commissioning process. • Promoted and supported the Council's Community Transport initiative. 	

¹ The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, which came into force on the 31st January 2013, introduces a statutory requirement for local authorities, alongside other public bodies, to consider economic, social and environmental wellbeing in public services contracts and procurement.

Members of OSCA have unique local knowledge and the ability to identify needs which are being utilised to ensure the success of the project. OSCA is supporting the project through identifying gaps, promoting the scheme to 'hard to reach' groups and developing proposals to aid the future sustainability of the scheme.

- Initiated a project to investigate how community buildings can be used to benefit the sector and how access to affordable premises can be increased. The current shortage of assets is matched by high demand and high costs which voluntary, community and faith groups can struggle to meet therefore suitable premises need to be made available to ensure the sustainability of the sector.
- Worked in partnership to develop a proposal for a 'Single Front Door' website that will become the central hub for finding out about community and voluntary action in Oxfordshire and discovering how you can join in or get help for your group or project. This resource will support the whole sector to become more effective and sustainable. The website will launch in late 2013.

The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead

- For the VCS to be sustainable and successful at delivering services to communities OSCA will need to map the future needs of communities, identify where the gaps are and consider how these gaps can be addressed.
- The VCS and commissioners will continue to work in partnership to facilitate the sector's access to public sector contracts. Commissioners will work with the sector to increase their understanding of the procurement process and develop commissioning to reduce disadvantages that the sector identifies from new EU procurement rules. As the trend for larger contracts continues OSCA will need to provide the infrastructure for VCS partners to collaborate to ensure they have the experience, capacity and financial reserves to bid for contracts.
- Support sustainable economic growth and bids for European funding² through engagement with Oxfordshire LEP. OSCA and the LEP will need to collaborate to ensure proposals developed consider the local needs and how VCS organisations can support activity and economic growth so that the full potential of schemes are realised.
- Build upon the work of the past year to develop a shared understanding of social value, support community transport, launch the 'Single Front Door' and develop a proposal to increase affordable premises available to the sector.

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

² Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) will work on priorities for their 'EU Investment Strategy' in their areas and will be given notional allocations of funding from the new EU Growth Plan through the EU Common Strategic Framework 2014-2020

- Funding streams for the VCS are reducing or being threatened at a time when there is an increasing demand for their services. OSCA will address this challenge by promoting access to new funding streams such as social enterprise funding and develop supporting infrastructure.
- OSCA will need to build the capacity for the sector to ensure they can effectively deliver services to the community and compete for public sector contracts. OSCA will engage with organisations from different sectors to investigate how skills, training, mentoring and resources can be shared.

Partnership Name	Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board
Date of completion	15 July 2013
Chairman	Andrea Hickman
OCC Lead Member	Cllr Melinda Tilley
OCC Lead Officer	Kay Bishop
Last Meeting Date	07 July 2013
Next Meeting Date	06 November 2013
Website Address	www.oscb.org.uk
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p>Remit: The role of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board is to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Oxfordshire and to ensure that local agencies co-operate and work well to achieve this. Its core objectives are set out in law, in Section 14 (1) of the Childrens Act 2004.</p> <p>Key Functions: These priorities sit alongside the general business of the Board. 'Working together to safeguard children' (2013), sets out the key functions of a local safeguarding board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safeguarding policies and procedures in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thresholds for intervention ▪ Training of people working with children ▪ Recruitment of people working with children ▪ Allegations concerning people working with children ▪ Safety and welfare of children privately fostered ▪ Co-operation with neighbouring children's services authorities b. Communicating and raising awareness of safeguarding arrangements c. Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluating d. Participation in the planning of services for children e. Learning from reviews of serious cases f. Review of all child deaths in Oxfordshire 	
The Partnership's key achievements in the last year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning on parental risk factors, derived through three multi-agency audits. These were big undertakings and concerned (1) parental mental health, (2) substance misuse and (3) neglect. • The OSCB 2012 Annual conference on child sexual exploitation, which was felt by many to be one of the "best ever" and played a crucial role in raising awareness. Impact was to get (1) Health funding in to new Kingfisher Team and (2) funding for forty performances of Chelsea's Choice which raised the awareness of over 6000 children. • The multi-agency training on Child Sexual Exploitation, which was developed by committed local practitioners alongside (1) professionals' handbook; (2) professionals' procedures • Kingfisher, the multi-agency team to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation alongside 	

(1) CSE subgroup to steer this work (2) CSE action plan (3) mapping and prevalence of CSE in Oxon

- The robust challenge to local systems through interagency audit and review work e.g. looked after children with specific vulnerabilities and children with a complex set of needs. This has led to engagement of senior management teams in addressing emerging themes such as out of county placements and better risk assessments.
- 5000 members of the children's workforce, trained in safeguarding through the OSCB, compared to 300 per year in 2008.
- New training courses on (1) Child Sexual Exploitation (2) E-safety (3) Harmful Sexual Behaviour were scheduled to reflect our business priorities.
- Updated at least six different interagency procedures to improve working together across Oxfordshire.
- Termly interagency meetings across Oxon – North, South and Central
- Sign off one serious case review. Two reviews still on-going. Two new reviews commissioned.
- Launch of new safeguarding newsletter
- Initiation of new peer review for Oxfordshire agencies as part of a safeguarding 'health check'

The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead

1. To be assured that there is a continuum of safeguarding support for children, young people and families

The OSCB needs to be assured that the safeguarding system is effective from start to finish - from early help through to child protection planning and looking after children.

2. To improve the quality assurance work and challenge role of the OSCB

Board members need to ensure effective service delivery within their agencies and across the partnerships in order to fulfil the scrutiny role required of them. The OSCB will improve its quality assurance work and increase its focus on outcomes for children, young people and families.

3. To improve how we engage and act on views of children and young people and frontline practitioners

4. To maintain an inter-agency focus on safeguarding-risk groups and themes in Oxfordshire

The OSCB's programme of quality assurance informs its knowledge of safeguarding risk-groups. A combination of quantitative analysis and qualitative has led to the identification of the following risk groups: (1) Troubled young people with a complex

range of needs in particular those who self-harm, who may have unhealthy sexual relationships, who do not attend and engage well at school (2) Children at risk of sexual exploitation (3) Children in care placed out of county

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

Key challenges are to be embedded into the business plan – here are 3 of them:

- Improving processes for families receiving safeguarding support e.g. aligned plans; sustained engagement of agencies; agreed contingency plans; co-ordinated efforts in more complex cases; holding partners to account
- Developing and maintaining good strategic and working relationship with the Children and Young People's Partnership Board with stronger systems for monitoring information.
- Tackling the problems that confront young people e.g. online safety substance misuse, self-harm, attending and engaging at school, resilience. The annual Conference (17.10.12) is based on this.

Partnership Name	Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board
Date of completion	16 July 2013
Chairman	Donald McPhail
OCC Lead Member	Cllr Judy Heathcoat
OCC Lead Officer	Katy White
Last Meeting Date	11 July 2013
Next Meeting Date	17 October 2013
Website Address	www.safefromharm.org.uk
The current focus for the Partnership	
<p>The purpose of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board is to create a framework within which all responsible agencies work together to ensure a coherent policy for the protection of vulnerable adults at risk of abuse and a consistent and effective response to any circumstances giving ground for concern or formal complaints or expressions of anxiety.</p> <p>Aims: Ensure that all incidents of suspected harm, abuse or neglect are reported and responded to proportionately, and in doing so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enable people to maintain the maximum possible level of independence, choice and control - Promote the wellbeing, security and safety of vulnerable people consistent with their rights, capacity and personal responsibility, and prevent abuse occurring wherever possible - Ensure that people feel able to complain without fear of retribution - Ensure that all professionals who have responsibilities relating to safeguarding adults have the skills and knowledge to carry out this function - Ensure that safeguarding adults is integral to the development and delivery of services in Oxfordshire. <p>Principles : To achieve these aims, everything we do must be underpinned by the following key principles:</p> <p>Empowerment: Providing people with support, assistance and information, and enabling them to make choices and give informed consent</p> <p>Protection: Support and representation for those in greatest need</p> <p>Prevention: It is better to take action before harm occurs</p> <p>Proportionality: Proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented</p> <p>Partnership: Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.</p> <p>Accountability: Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.</p>	
The Partnership's key achievements in the last year	
<p>Key cross cutting theme: QUALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board has taken part in consultations to ensure that issues relevant to 	

safeguarding adults are appropriately considered:

- Health and Wellbeing Board Consultation Response
- Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy
- Care and Support Bill, Department of Health
- The Board had been assured that action plans are implemented through challenge and overview of a range of reviews, inspections and audits, including:
 - Mid-Staffordshire NHS Trust Francis Inquiry
 - Issues arising from Jimmy Savile case - Operation Yewtree
 - CQC Dignity and Nutrition Audit
 - Department of Health Review of Winterbourne View
 - South Gloucestershire Serious Case Review
 - Oxfordshire County Council Internal Audit
 - Winterbourne View Hospital
- The initiation of one Oxfordshire Serious Case Review, conducted under the auspices of a Domestic Homicide Review (the final report is going to the Community Safety Partnership for a decision on publication).
- The first OSAB conference, 'The Challenge of Empowering Adults at Risk', was held on 10th May 2012. Attendance was from multiple agencies and included students studying social work programmes at local universities.
- An OSAB multi-agency safeguarding training strategy has been implemented and evaluated using the Board training competency framework.
- Continued implantation of Dignity to help ensure that everyone in Oxfordshire experiences dignity in the care and support they receive
- Dignity awards scheme agreed and launched.
- Partnership relationships have been enhanced by:
 - Protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board
 - Strengthened relationship with the Public Involvement Network.
- Review of the Board Policy to align it with current government guidance.
- Strengthening of Board management structures through the setting up of a coordination group

The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead

Key cross-cutting themes: **HEARING THE VOICE OF SERVICE USERS** and **UNDERSTANDING**

- 'Hearing the voice' -The partnership plans to develop the ways for the views of people who use services and carers to be considered and responded to by the Safeguarding Board.
 - Development of a service user forum
 - Development of outcomes focused approaches to safeguarding
- The partnership will continue to work to ensure that people in Oxfordshire experience dignity in the care and support they receive

- Learning from reviews - Assure that learning arising from serious cases is implemented
 - Operation Bullfinch
 - Winterbourne View Hospital
- The following areas of work have been identified as priority areas for focused analysis:
 - Restraint; Issues around transition; Hate Crime; The Boards interface with prisons; The Crown Prosecution Service and Safeguarding Adults; Institutional Abuse
- Quality Assurance and Audit
 - Develop and implement a Board quality assurance tool
 - Implement a planned regular audit program
- Ensure that Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards are effectively and lawfully applied across Oxfordshire.
- Governance, partnership & the working of the Safeguarding Board
 - Implementation of a learning and improvement framework
 - Develop a communication plan

The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

- The partnership need to be assured that the learning from the wide range of reviews, audits and reports, related to safeguarding adults, is effectively applied.
 - Introduction of a Board escalation policy
 - Introduction of a learning and improvement framework
 - Introduction of Monitoring and Evaluation subcommittee
- The impact of the Care and Support Bill on Safeguarding Adults and the impending statutory status of the Safeguarding adults Board will be addressed through the development of a strong structure that will cope with additional demands.
- The challenge of maintaining a stable membership and structure amid organisational changes will be address through continued management and monitoring of the Board.

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Council and Committee Dates 2014/15

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Tues 10.00 am 1 April
Tues 10.00 am 20 May*
Tues 10.00 am 1 July
Tues 10.00 am 9 September
Tues 10.00 am 4 November
Tues 10.00 am 9 December

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Tues 10.00 am 10 February
*Annual meeting

C- Cabinet**2014**

Tues 2.00 pm 15 April
Tues 2.00 pm 13 May
Tues 2.00 pm 17 June
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Tues 2.00 pm 16 December

2015

Tues 2.00 pm 20 January
Tues 2.00 pm 24 February
Tues 2.00 pm 17 March

CMDASC: Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Adult Social Care –**2014**

Tues 9.00 am 15 April
Tues 9.00 am 13 May
Tues 9.00 am 17 June
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Tues 9.00 am 17 March

CMD: BC, L, F; Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Business & Customer Services, Leader, Deputy Leader,

2014

Tues 3.00 pm 15 April
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Tues 3.00 pm 17 March
* or on the rising of Cabinet whichever is the later

CMD: PCo, CEF, CCS: Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Policy Co-ordination, Children, Education & Families, Cultural & Community Services

2014

Mon 12.00 pm 28 April
Mon 12.00 pm 19 May
Mon 12.00 pm 9 June
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Mon 12.00 pm 8 September
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CMDPHVS - Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

2014

Wed 10.00 am 2 April 2014
Wed 10.00 am 14 May 2014
Wed 10.00 am 25 June 2014
Wed 10.00 am 16 July 2014
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Wed 10.00 am 15 October 2014
Wed 10.00 am 26 November 2014

2015

Wed 10.00 am 7 January 2015

Wed 10.00 am 11 February 2015
Wed 10.00 am 25 March 2015

CMDDL – Deputy Leader

2014

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CMDE - Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Environment

2014

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2015

Thur 10.00 am 15 January 2014
Thur 10.00 am 26 February 2014
Thur 10.00 am 19 March 2014

P- Performance Scrutiny Committee

2014

Thur 10.00 am 26 June 2014
Thur 10.00 am 25 September 2014
Thur 10.00 18 December (budget scrutiny)

2015

Thur 10.00 am 8 January 2015
Thur 10.00 am 26 March 2015

E - Education Scrutiny Committee

2014

Thur 10.00 am 3 April 2014

Thur 10.00 am 10 July 2014
Thur 10.00 am 16 October 2014
2015
Thur 10.00 am 22 January 2015

HOSC - Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

2014
Thur 10.00 am 1 May 2014
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AG - Audit & Governance Committee

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PF - Pension Fund

2014
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PLAN - Planning & Regulation Committee

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HWB - Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board

2014

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TJC - OCC & Teachers Joint Consultative Committee

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EMJCC - OCC & Employees Joint Consultative Committee

2013

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2014

Thur 2.00 pm 26 February 2015

FIRCC - OCC Joint Consultative Committee for Uniformed Members of the Fire Service

2014

Fri 10.00 am 20 June 2014

Fri 10.00 am 19 September 2014

Fri 10.00 am 12 December 2014

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Fri 10.00 am 20 March 2015

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Division(s): N/A

COUNCIL - 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS FOR COUNCILLORS

Report by County Solicitor & Head of Law and Culture

Introduction

1. The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 made changes to the regime of vetting and barring individuals from working with children and vulnerable adults. This had the effect of significantly reducing the number of positions and circumstances in which persons would need to be the subject of a criminal records check. This has significance for County Councillors. Prior to the change in legislation on 10 September 2012, it had been the Council's policy that all County Councillors should undergo a criminal records check following their election unless they had had such a check in the 12 months prior to their election.
2. Changes to the legislation now mean that there is no legal requirement for any councillor to undergo such checking by virtue only of their position as an elected member. This therefore becomes a policy matter for determination by the Council itself. This report therefore sets out the current legal position and invites the Council formally to decide its policy on criminal records checks for councillors and to determine which (if any) posts should be the subject of a check.

Changes to the CRB regime – the current position

3. The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 abolished the former arrangements for the vetting and barring of individuals from working with children and vulnerable adults. The Criminal Records Bureau and the Independent Safeguarding Authority were merged to form a new body, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Criminal Records Bureau checks are now therefore called "DBS checks".
4. The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 has effectively been amended to scale back the number and type of positions/circumstances which should be subject to criminal records checking. The provisions now only relate to those persons who have close and unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups including children. There are specific definitions as to what this means in practice.
5. The definition of "regulated activity" under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act has been amended. Previously, the definition specifically included councillors who "discharged functions" relating to the social care of vulnerable adults and children for two or more days in any 30 day period. This was understood to include all members of Cabinet, relevant scrutiny members and

those serving on fostering and adoption panels. This definition has been formally repealed. No county councillors are now legally required to undergo a criminal records check as part of assessing their suitability for such roles; this is with the exception of councillors who will be involved in Fostering and Adoption panels where criminal checks, including barred list checks, should still be completed.

6. The definition of “regulated activity” under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act now only means:

With regard to children:

Unsupervised activities: teach, train, instruct, care for or supervise children, or provide advice/guidance on well-being, or drive a vehicle only for children – if done regularly; and relevant personal care (even if only done once); registered child-minding and foster carers.

With regard to adults:

Healthcare professionals providing healthcare or personal care; the provision of social work by social care workers; assistance with cash, bills or shopping or the conduct of their personal affairs; conveying persons because of their age, illness or disability even if only done once.

7. These definitions are given in more detail in the legislation but it is clear that the emphasis now is on the provision of close personal care and involvement with the individual.
8. Given this definition, there is now no legal requirement for a criminal records check on councillors unless it is considered that a person is undertaking any of the activities listed in paragraph 6 or will serve on fostering and adoption panels.

Discretion

9. While the statutory requirement for automatic councillor checks has been lifted, some discretion has been left to councils to continue previous arrangements if they wish. The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act regulations have been amended to allow enhanced checks on individuals who were previously covered by the definitions of regulated activity for children and vulnerable adults that were applicable prior to 10 September 2012.
10. This means that the Council may still carry out enhanced checks on any councillors occupying positions which it deems to be “discharging” social services and education functions. The Council can construe this as meaning ‘all members’ on the basis that they may potentially be members or substitutes of such committees or become members of the Cabinet. The DBS advise that councillors in their general constituency capacity are not eligible for a records check.

Council Policy

11. Previously the Council's policy was to undertake a criminal records check for all councillors and not just those who 'discharged' education and social care functions. This was considered to create public confidence in situations where elected members might visit care homes, schools, clubs or other settings where they might have unsupervised access to vulnerable groups including adults.
12. It is now appropriate for this policy to be reconsidered in light of the changes outlined above. A decision is required as to whether to scale back the Council's current checking policy or to retain the current approach of checking all members but only on the basis of that all members may be asked to serve or substitute on a committee discharging education or social care responsibilities.
13. In adopting a new approach, the Council may wish to consider the following options or a combination of them:
 - a) No checking: Decide not to undertake criminal records checking, even where enhanced checks are permitted, on the basis that the law has been deliberately changed to remove this statutory requirement (with the exception of members of Fostering and Adoption Panels, which should continue).
 - b) Targeted checking: Identify the specific councillor positions which 'discharge' social services and education functions and ask that such post holders undergo criminal records checking against the criteria applicable before 10 September 2012.
 - c) Retain a policy of checking all councillors on the basis that all members have the potential to serve or be substitutes on a committee discharging education or social care functions, or may become Cabinet members.
14. If the Council is minded to identify only certain positions which 'discharge' social and education functions, this might be said to include:
 - All members of Cabinet – who collectively take decisions that directly impact on services for children and vulnerable adults
 - Chairmen and deputy chairmen of Scrutiny Committees – by their nature, these will be scrutinising decisions and issues impacting upon children and vulnerable adults
 - Fostering and adoption panel members – who make decisions which impact directly on children and who should be checked as a matter of course.
15. The cost of a CRB enhanced check is £55. For 63 councillors this would be £3,465.

Conclusion

16. While this report has set out the various options to consider, Council may find it useful to know that the Monitoring Officer has also raised the matter with the two Independent Persons, within the Council's standards arrangements, for their view. Group leaders have similarly been consulted. The recommendation of the Monitoring Officer, based on these considerations, and supported by the persons mentioned, is that checking should continue for all councillors on the basis of paragraph 13(c) above. It is also noteworthy that in December 2011, prior to the legislative changes (and prior to its own dissolution) the Standards Committee supported the continuation of criminal records checking for all councillors. This was on the basis that such checking strengthened the governance of the Council and public confidence in its elected members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

17. **Council is RECOMMENDED to:**

- (a) **note that criminal records checks should continue to be made in any case for members of Fostering and Adoption Panels;**
- (b) **agree the approach for criminal record checking for Councillors having regard both to the options at paragraph 13 and the Monitoring Officer's comments at paragraph 16 to the report.**

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COUNTY COUNCIL – 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

1. Future Direction of Oxfordshire Customer Services and School Facing Services

(Cabinet 16 July 2013)

Cabinet had before them two reports on the future direction of Oxfordshire Customer Services and school facing services.

The first report referred to work undertaken since October 2012 to develop a strategic direction for the future of school related support and school improvement services generally, including those in Children, Education & Families (CEF) which have been prepared for an internally commissioned specification model for delivery of service functions 2013/14.

The second report referred to proposals for the externalisation of corporate and school back-office support services currently delivered from Oxfordshire Customer Services (OCS).

Cabinet agreed that subject to any changes following soft market testing:

- back office and schools support services should be prepared for externalisation;
- externalisation proposals should be prepared with a view to procuring and implementing the solutions necessary by 31 March 2015;
- externalisation proposals should include consideration of future options for service delivery, including outsourcing and joint venture;
- a report and recommendations on externalisation should be prepared in September for decisions by Cabinet.

Cabinet also agreed to the further exploratory work needed to develop a full business case for the future merger of the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire Local Government Pension Scheme Funds, including detailed discussions with the Department of Communities and Local Government.

2. Corporate Plan Performance Report for the 4th Quarter 2012

Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered a quarterly performance monitoring report against the Corporate Plan priorities - Quarter 4 that also introduced proposals for performance monitoring for 2013-14, as discussed by the Performance Scrutiny Committee on 27th June 2013.

Cabinet noted the report and approved the performance indicators for 2013/14.

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

3. Joint Carers Strategy

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet agreed the Oxfordshire Carers' Strategy 2013 - 2016. This replaced the previous Carers' Strategy which ran from 2009 - 2012. It detailed Oxfordshire's commitment to the support of unpaid carers who support relatives, neighbours and friends across Oxfordshire.

4. Care Home Fees

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered a report that provided feedback on the consultation on Care Home Fees that ended on 18 June 2013. Cabinet agreed the proposed new arrangements for Care Home Fees in Oxfordshire in 2013/14.

5. Adult Social Care Management System

(Cabinet 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered an exempt report and agreed an approach to the procurement of a new Adult Social Care Management System.

Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families

6. Home to School Transport Policy

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet had before them a report that contained an analysis of the responses to a consultation with the public, head teachers and other interested parties upon a number of proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy. Cabinet further had a note from the Chairman of the Education Scrutiny Committee containing recommendations following consideration of the proposals at their meeting on 4 July 2013. Cabinet also had before them a supplementary report advising that the new Guidance which had been the basis of consultation had now been withdrawn by the Department for Education and the previous 2007 Guidance reinstated making it inappropriate to come to a decision. Cabinet agreed to defer the proposals and to restart consultation in September.

7. Expansion of Queensway Primary School, Banbury to 2 form of entry

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered a proposal to permanently increase the school admission number at Queensway Primary School to 60 from 30 from September 2014 and approved the publication of a statutory notice for the expansion of Queensway Primary School.

8. Expansion of St Joseph's Catholic (VA) School, Oxford to 2 form of entry

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet gave approval to permanently increase the school admission number at St Joseph's Catholic (VA) Primary School, Oxford to 60 from 45 from September 2014. This means that each year group would consist of up to 60 places, taught in two classes of 30, making a maximum total of 420 pupils.

9. Expansion of Watchfield Primary School to 2 form of entry

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered a report on a proposal to permanently increase the school admission number at Queensway Primary School to 60 from 45 from September 2014 and approved the publication of a statutory notice for the expansion of Watchfield Primary School.

10. Expansion of Wolvercote Primary School, Oxford to 1.5 form of entry

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet agreed a proposal to permanently increase the school admission number at Wolvercote Primary School to 45 from 30 from September 2014. This means that each year group would consist of up to 45 places, taught in mixed-age classes, making a maximum total of 315 pupils.

11. Placement Strategy for Children in and on the Edge of Care

(Cabinet 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered a report that outlined the vision, approach and scope of the Placement Strategy for Children in and on the edge of care.

Cabinet approved the placement strategy and endorsed the initial approach to increase in-county residential capacity and gave approval for a detailed survey of potential sites to be undertaken followed by more detailed costings and return to Cabinet for consideration.

Cabinet Member: Environment

12. Highways Contract – Buy out of the Atkins Highways by Skanska

(Cabinet 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered the implications to the County Council of Atkins decision to restructure its business and its proposal to sell the operational services part of the UK Highways & Transport business to Skanska. Cabinet approved in principle to the transfer of the performance of the Highways Contract from Atkins to Skanska subject to the agreement on detailed matters. Cabinet further agreed to delegate the decision on the proposed transfer of the performance of the Highways Contract from Atkins to Skanska to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director for Environment & Economy along with the Cabinet Member for Environment and the County Solicitor.

Cabinet Member: Finance

13. 2012/13 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet noted a report that focussed on the delivery of the Directorate Business Strategies which were agreed as part of the Service and Resource Planning Process for 2012/13 – 2016/17. Parts 1 and 2 included projections for revenue, reserves and balances as at the end of February 2013. Capital monitoring was included at Part 3. Fees and Charges are included in Part 4.

Cabinet approved virement requests noted the updated Treasury Management lending list, approved the updated Capital, the associated changes to the programme and the proposed programme of works for the additional £3.551m of highways maintenance funding. Cabinet also approved the changes to charges for Trading Standards and noted the change in charges at Hill End Outdoor Education Centre.

14. Treasury Management 2012/13 Outturn

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet considered a report reviewing Treasury Management activity in 2012/13 in accordance with the CIPFA code of practice.

Cabinet RECOMMENDED Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2012/13 and a separate report on this matter is elsewhere on the agenda;

15. Impact of the 2015/15 Central Government Spending Round

(Cabinet, 16 July 2013)

Cabinet noted a report that outlined the key features and implications of the 2013 Spending Round announced on 26 June 2013, which sets out public spending totals for the financial year 2015/16.

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