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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	None.	HLC(
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2014 (CA3 to be circulated separately) and to receive information arising from them.	Approved and signed.	DM
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Item 6 – Councillor Nick Hards Item 7 – Councillor Nick Hards Item 8 – Councillor Glynis Phillips Item 9 – Councillor Gill Sanders Councillor John Howson Item 10 – Councillor John Sanders Item 11 – Councillor Liz Brighthouse Councillor John Howson Councillor Michael Waine Ian Jones, Secretary of the Council of Oxfordshire Teachers' Organisations (COTO) Ms Catharine Darnton, Headteacher, Gillotts School	

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	Item 12 – Councillor Michael Waine Item 13 - Councillor Glynis Phillips Item 14 - Councillor Gill Sanders Item 15 - Councillor Liz Brighthouse Item 19 - Councillor Nick Hards	
<p>6. Treasury Management Outturn 2013/14</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/019 <i>Contact:</i> Lewis Gosling, Financial Manager (Trainee) – Treasury Management Tel: (01865) 323988</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report, and to RECOMMEND Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2013/14.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CFO (L. Gosling)</p>
<p>7. 2014/15 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report - May 2014</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/018 <i>Contact:</i> Stephanie Skivington, Corporate Finance Manager Tel: (01865) 323995</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the report;</p> <p>(b) approve the virement requests and changes related to unringfenced grants set out in Annex 2a and Part 4;</p> <p>(c) approve the supplementary estimate request in Annex 2e;</p> <p>(d) note the Treasury Management lending list at Annex 3;</p> <p>(e) approve the updated Capital Programme at Annex 8 and the associated changes to the programme in Annex 7c;</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CFO (S. Skivington)</p>

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<p>(f) approve the contribution of £1.7m of developer contributions funding to the Cheney Academy to expand the school by an additional class in each year;</p> <p>(g) authorise the Director for Children, Education & Families and the Chief Finance Officer to enter into a funding agreement with Cheney Academy to transfer £1.7m of developer funding in stages;</p> <p>(h) approve the use of the £1.120m grant to implement the Universal Infant Free School Meal programme and the addition of the scheme to the Capital Programme;</p> <p>(i) approve the fees and charges as set out in Part 5 and Annex 9.</p>		
<p>8. Public Health Annual Report</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Public Health & the Voluntary Sector <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/090 <i>Contact:</i> Rebecca Cooper, Consultant – Public Health Tel: (018654) 328553</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to RECOMMEND Council to receive the report and note its recommendations.</p>	Recommendation agreed.	DPH
<p>9. SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) Reforms</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/089 <i>Contact:</i> Janet Johnson, Children with SEN Manager Tel: (01865) 815129</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to be aware of the significant changes to SEN and disabilities and the challenges facing</p>	Recommendations agreed.	DCS (J. Johnson)

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the Council over the coming years.		
<p>10. Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Review of Statement of Community Involvement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/081 <i>Contact:</i> Chris Kenneford, Service Manager – Planning Regulations Tel: (01865) 815615</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) agree the draft revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement at Annex 1, subject to final detailed amendment, updating and editing, as a draft for public consultation;</p> <p>(b) authorise the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) carry out final detailed amendment, updating and editing of the draft revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) publish the draft revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed subject to paragraph 5.15 on the review of old mineral permissions being amended to reflect that the process would be similar to that for planning permissions.</p>	<p>DEE (P. Day)</p>

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<p>11. Externalisation of Back Office/School Facing Services - Next Steps</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/074 <i>Contact:</i> Lorna Baxter, Chief Finance Officer Tel: (01865) 823971/Steve Munn, Chief HR Officer Tel: (01865) 815191</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) agree to join the Hampshire partnership as an operational partner for the provision of back office support services with an expected go-live date of 1st July 2015.</p> <p>(b) note that a report will be brought to Cabinet in September 2014 setting out the progress made towards a business case for a second partnership with Hampshire concerning a range of school improvement and support services.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed</p>	<p>CFO/Chief HR Officer/</p>
<p>12. Modification to Approved Alteration of Age Range at St Edburg's CE (VA) Primary School, Bicester</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/046 <i>Contact:</i> Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: (01865) 816445</p> <p><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the modification to the implementation date of the approved alteration of age range at Edburg's CE (A) Primary School, Bicester.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed together with agreement that future alteration of age ranges and similar proposals on school organisation be determined by the Lead Member for Children, Education & Families at delegated decision making sessions rather than</p>	<p>DCS (D. Cameron)</p>

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<p>13. Recommended Sponsor for the New Primary School for Barton, Oxford - report on the selection process for approved providers and approval of Preferred Option</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/044 <i>Contact:</i> Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: (01865) 816445</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the Cheney School Academy Trust as the preferred provider to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Education for final agreement.</p>	Recommendations agreed.	DCS (C. Christie)
<p>14. Recommended Sponsor for the First New Primary School for NW Bicester - report on selection process for potential providers and approval of Preferred Option</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/045 <i>Contact:</i> Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: (01865) 816445</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree</p> <p>(a) The White Horse Federation as the recommended provider to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Education for final agreement;</p> <p>(b) The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree that in future the preferred provider for a new school should be</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed subject to recommendation (b) being amended as set out in bold below:</p> <p>(b) The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree that in future the preferred provider for a new school should be approved by the Lead Member</p>	DCS (C. Christie)

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<p>approved by Lead Member for Children, Education and Families rather than Cabinet, unless there are exceptional circumstances.</p>	<p>for Children, Education and Families at delegated decision making sessions rather than Cabinet, unless there are exceptional circumstances.</p>	
<p>15. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 4</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/020</i> <i>Contact: Maggie Scott, Head of Policy Tel: (01865) 816081</i></p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note and discuss the performance reported in the dashboards.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CE (M. Scott)</p>
<p>16. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>SW</p>
<p>17. Delegated Powers of the Chief Executive - July 2014</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/021</i> <i>Contact: Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: (01865) 810262</i></p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>SW</p>
<p>18. Exempt Item</p> <p>Item 19</p> <p>"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annex since it is likely that if they were present during that</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	

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discussion there would be a disclosure of "exempt" information as described in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and specified below the item in the Agenda".		
<p>19. Didcot Great Western Park - Primary School</p> <p><i>Cabinet Members:</i> Business & Customer Services and Children, Education & Families <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/092 <i>Contact:</i> Trevor Askew, Service Manager – Property & Procurement Tel: (01865) 323678</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) endorse the progress to date</p> <p>(b) delegate to the Chief Finance Officer and Director for Environment & Economy in consultation with the Leader the authority to approve the Stage 2 Full Business Case and the award of the construction contract.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed subject to the inclusion of the local councillor in consultations.</p>	<p>DEE (T. Askew)</p>

Question received from the following Member:

1. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Tilley

“In view of the comments in paragraph 66 of the Treasury Management Outturn for 2013/14 about the total level of revenue balances held by schools, will the Cabinet member identify those primary schools that have held more than 8% of their annual budget in reserves at the end of all of the last three financial years, in order that an explanation may be made of what success there has been in persuading such schools to spend this money on the education of the children that currently attend the school?”

Answer

“Members will note that this matter is the subject of a paper that will be discussed at Education Scrutiny later this week, and that the Deputy Director for Education and Early Intervention will challenge the use of balances with schools identified as having consistently held excess balances. Work is on-going to scrutinise and challenge the balances held by individual schools, where excess balances have been held consistently over a number of years. Based on this work, a number of schools will be invited to meet with the Deputy Director and discuss their proposed use of balances to support the education of pupils currently attending the school.

A list of Primary school balances is [attached](#) for the last 4 financial years, based on DfE published schools outturn information, and including the provisional figures for 2013-14 which are still subject to audit.

The 2013-14 original revenue funding column was compiled on a different basis from the total revenue funding used in the final outturn data published by the DfE. The 2013-14 column includes only the schools’ main budget share and does not include pupil premium or other school generated income such as lettings. The impact is to overstate the % of the revenue balance for 2013-14 compared to previous years. Further work is being done to refine these calculations for 2013-14. This will allow attention to be focussed on those schools that have consistently held excess balances where there does not appear to be an acceptable reason for holding those balances. 32 Primary schools have initially been identified as holding excess balances at the end of the last 4 years.

It may be reasonable, for example, for a school to have held balances to meet the costs of an approved scheme within the capital programme e.g furnishing a new classroom or other significant project. “

Supplementary: In response to a question from Councillor Howson querying how given the level of revenue balances Councillor Tilley justified the County Council remaining a member of the F40 Group of local authorities arguing that they were underfunded, Councillor Tilley replied that the two things were not connected

2. From Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor Carter

“Which school capital projects, due to provide space for additional pupils in September 2014, are currently so far behind schedule they will not be ready at least one week before schools re-open in September?”

Answer

“In the 2014/15 Basic Need Programme, there are 12 projects which require the delivery of new space for extra pupils in September 2014. Four of these are behind schedule (because of unforeseen ground conditions, third-party works, etc).

The four projects are St Gregory the Great, Botley Primary, Cowley St Christopher and Bletchington Primary. In each case, alternative arrangements have been made to accommodate the delay.”

Supplementary: Councillor Roz Smith queried what alternative arrangements were in place for Windmill School should the works not be completed. Councillor Carter gave assurances that in general terms if there was a danger of slippage there would always be adequate alternative arrangements and he undertook to provide Councillor Smith with a detailed answer.

3. From Councillor Pressel to Councillor Hibbert Biles

“ITEM 8 –

There are 4 groups of people in Oxfordshire who are particularly likely to suffer poor health. I'd like to know, please, what the Cabinet intends to do about this.

1) People in poverty

Although it is possible to live a healthy life on a low income, it is much more difficult. We have seen the rich grow richer and the poor grow poorer in the last 4 years. Please can you lobby the government to say that it is unfair to make poor people in our country pay the price for the bankers' greed?”

Answer

“Through Public health initiatives we target those groups with the worst outcomes – though these are not necessarily always those on low incomes as other inequalities arise from poor access to services, such as in rural areas or because of language or cultural barriers. Examples include:

- Breaking the Cycle of Deprivation work in Oxford and Banbury e.g. targeting smoking cessation work, mental wellbeing initiatives,
- Focussing on young mothers to support them in breastfeeding their babies
- Making sure access to drugs and alcohol treatment is spread across the county.

Other Council initiatives which target inequalities and poor outcomes (regardless of income) might include:

- reducing the number of young people not in Employment Education and Training - through the Early Intervention Service
- support for young carers”

“2) People in some ethnic minority groups.

The reason this currently escapes much attention is because, astonishingly, GPs are not required to record the ethnicity of their patients. There is some national data (e.g. it is thought that women of Pakistani and Bangladeshi origin are 3 times more likely than white women to commit suicide), but it is not possible to say whether this also applies to Oxfordshire. Please will the Cabinet press our GPs to change their practice? The government should act on a national level.”

Answer

“The recording in GP systems is set out in the national GP contract. There is little chance that this can be changed locally.

Members of the Council may be interested to know that the whole of the Public Health Surveillance Dashboard is now available as a public resource. It can be found on the County Council public website and comprises analysis and interpretation of over 100 measures of the population’s health.”

“3) People who are or have been dependent on drugs or alcohol

Your page 102 shows that we are going to be addressing this well, but something more fundamental is required: the "war on drugs" is not working. Please join other groups in pressing the government to come up with a new approach.”

Answer

“Thank you for acknowledging the work being carried out to address Drug & Alcohol recovery. Public Health England (PHE) is the lead agency for advising on national policy with regard to drugs and alcohol, the public health team in the Local Authority works closely with PHE colleagues in ensuring that all avenues are pursued in tackling drug problems.”

“4) People who are obese

Some action is taking place (your page 97), but this is far from enough. Almost all health professionals agree that the government needs to act. We need either regulation of the amount of fat and sugar in our food (and voluntary regulation is not working anything like well enough) or a tax on junk food and drinks or both. Please add your voice to the voices in the NHS which are calling for this. It will save money and lives.”

Answer

“Ensuring that the people of Oxfordshire achieve and maintain a healthy weight is a priority for the Public Health directorate. We have recently developed a healthy weight strategy that acknowledges the complex factors that are contributing to the rising rates of obesity in both adults and children. At a local level, as well as successful weight loss programmes, we are focusing on working with a diverse range of partners to address some of the environmental and cultural barriers people face when trying to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. For example, we are developing a working strategy with planning and transport colleagues to encourage active transport choices wherever possible for people’s everyday journeys to work, school and local infrastructure.

We are also very aware of the fact that unhealthy food choices often develop in childhood and our EatWell, MoveMore summer campaign is taking the EatWell plate in to schools and out to playday activities and other festivals around the County. The EatWell plate is an excellent visual resource and activity developed by nutritionists and public health experts, which allows children to easily understand what is meant by a balanced diet. We also plan to develop a programme of work in conjunction with the oral health promotion team to address children's consumption of fizzy drinks in the County.

For National issues such as taxation and reducing sugar and fat content in food products, we work closely with our colleagues in Public Health England (PHE). PHE are our National representatives and are responsible for effecting change at this level, as well as supporting our efforts locally."