

These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking any resulting action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers circulated to all members of the Council and available on the Council's web site (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

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RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July 2014 were approved and signed.</p>	<p>HLC (D. Miller)</p>
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chapman, Constance, Fooks and Mathew.</p>	<p>HLC (G. Watson)</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest -</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p>4. Official Communications</p>	<p>The Chairman reported as follows:</p> <p>In 2013 the County Council had awarded the status of Freedom of the County to 4624 Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air force, RAF Brize Norton This was in recognition of over thirty years of distinguished service, demonstrating sacrifice and commitment to the defence of the realm, and for dedicated support to local charities and communities and would be marked with a parade through the centre of Oxford on October 11 at 2.00 pm.</p> <p>The event would begin with the squadron assembling at Keble Road. They would then march through pedestrian and non-pedestrian elements of the city centre. This would be followed by a reception at County Hall for all those involved.</p> <p>At their Meeting on 1 July 2014,</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>

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	<p>Council had agreed a motion to hold a Themed debate on fracking. Council's agreement was sought, following agreement by the Chairman and Group Leaders to hold this Themed debate in the afternoon of the November Council with normal Council business being held in the morning. Consequently, no motions would go to the November meeting and would go to the Meeting on 9 December instead. Council agreed to this proposal.</p> <p>Arrangements were being put in place for an improved sound system and an electronic voting system for the next Council Meeting. Full details would be circulated in advance of the next meeting and there would be a demonstration on how the system operates prior to the Meeting commencing.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>5. Appointments</p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Hudspeth has given notice that Councillor Fatemian is standing down as Cabinet Member for Finance and is to be replaced by Councillor Stratford and that Councillor Chapman is standing down as Cabinet Member for the Fire Service and Corporate Plan and that her portfolio duties will be taken over by Councillor Rose. The change having been duly notified will take effect from Monday 1 September 2014.</p> <p>Members are asked to agree the following appointments:</p> <p>(i) appoint Councillor Constance in place of councillor Stratford on the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee;</p> <p>(ii) appoint Councillor Hallchurch in place of Councillor Stratford on the Education Scrutiny Committee;</p>	<p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Hudspeth had given notice that Councillor Fatemian was standing down as Cabinet Member for Finance and was to be replaced by Councillor Stratford and that Councillor Chapman was standing down as Cabinet Member for the Fire Service & Corporate Plan and that her portfolio duties would be taken over by Councillor Rose. The change having been duly notified would take effect from Monday 1 September 2014.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to agree the following appointments:</p> <p>(i) Councillor Constance in place of councillor Stratford on the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee;</p>	<p>HLC (S. Whitehead/ A. Bartlett)</p>

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(iii) appoint Councillor Harrod in place of Councillor Stratford on the Performance Scrutiny Committee; (iv) appoint Councillor Hoare in place of Councillor Stratford on the Audit & Governance Committee.	(ii) Councillor Hallchurch in place of Councillor Stratford on the Education Scrutiny Committee; (iii) Councillor Harrod in place of Councillor Stratford on the Performance Scrutiny Committee; (iv) Councillor Hoare in place of Councillor Stratford on the Audit & Governance Committee; (v) Councillor Jamila Azad in place of Councillor Surinder Dhesi on the Audit & Governance Committee.	
6. Petitions and Public Address	There were none.	
7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	There were none.	
8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	<p>19 Questions with notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and the supplementary questions and answers (where asked) will be set out in Annex 1 to the Minutes.</p> <p>In relation to Question 3 (Question from Councillor Tanner to Councillor Rose) Councillor Rose gave a commitment to circulate the consultation document for the 2015 pension scheme to all members of the County Council.</p> <p>In relation to Question 17 (Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Rose) Councillor Rose undertook to investigate possible savings by providing more information on the Website in relation to FOI requests.</p>	<p>Cllr Rose HLC (Y. Staniford)</p> <p>Cllr Rose HLC (Y. Staniford)</p>

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<p>9. Treasury Management Outturn 2013/14</p> <p>The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2013/14 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.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2013/14.</p>	<p>Agreed (nem con).</p>	<p>CFO (L. Gosling)</p>
<p>10. Partnerships Update Report</p> <p>This Annual report to Council aims to set out some of the key activities over the past year of both the Oxfordshire Partnership, and a number of the key formal partnerships within which the County Council plays a part.</p> <p>This report provides an update on the Oxfordshire-wide partnerships which are critical in progressing key countywide priorities, enabling partners to work across the themes of a thriving Oxfordshire, including economic growth, health and wellbeing, thriving communities, and support to the most vulnerable.</p> <p>Each partnership report addresses the following points: the current focus for the Partnership; the personnel (Chairman and supporting staff) of 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.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>	<p>Agreed (nem con)</p>	<p>CEO (J. Courouble)</p>

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<p>11. Director of Public Health Annual Report</p> <p>Report by the Director of Public Health (CC11).</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report.</p>	<p>Agreed (nem con)</p>	<p>DOPH</p>
<p>12. Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 15 July 2014 (CC12).</p>	<p>The Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 3 (Didcot Great Western Park – Primary School) (Questions from Councillors Hards and Howson) Councillor Carter gave an assurance to circulate details on the progress made on the Stage 2 Full Business Case and award of the construction contract.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 9 (Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Review of Statement of Community involvement) (Question from Councillor Hoare) Councillor Nimmo Smith gave an assurance to circulate an update on the Statement of Community Involvement.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 10 (2014/15 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report – May 2014) (Questions from Councillors R Smith and Howson) Councillor Stratford undertook to provide the members with a written response on the shortfall in funding for the expansion of Cheney School, taking into account the fact that the school is an academy.</p>	<p>Cllr Carter HLC (Y. Staniford)</p> <p>Cllr Nimmo Smith HLC (Y. Staniford)</p> <p>Cllr Stratford HLC (Y. Staniford)</p>

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<p>13. Motion From Councillor Liz Brighouse</p> <p>“This Council is deeply concerned about the effect of the cuts and other fiscal policies on Oxfordshire County Council expenditure which are due to Central Government, disproportionately placing the deficit reduction on Local Government.</p> <p>As we prepare to consider our budget for 2015/16 it asks the Leader to write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition pointing out the enormous damage which has been done, not only to services provided for the whole community and particularly those services provided for the most vulnerable but also to the workforce valiantly struggling to cope with increasing demand and expectation.”</p>	<p>The amendment proposed by Councillor Fatemian as set out in the Erratum to the Schedule of Business, Annex 1 was lost by 28 votes to 27.</p> <p>The substantive motion was carried by 30 votes to 0 with 24 abstentions.</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>HLC (M. Peacock)</p>
<p>14. Motion From Councillor John Howson</p> <p>“Council welcomes the introduction of free school meals for infant and reception class pupils in state-funded schools across the County from this September. This policy proposed by the Liberal Democrats as partners in the coalition government at Westminster is in support of the government’s aim to drive up education standards in schools across England. Council also welcomes the additional funding provided to over 80 small schools across Oxfordshire in addition to the general capital funding for distribution to all maintained schools plus the separate capital funding for voluntary schools and academies.</p> <p>Council congratulates staff in both schools and the local authority and its partners in achieving the introduction of this policy in under a year.”</p>	<p>The amendment proposed by Councillor Tilley as set out in the Schedule of Business, Annex 1 was carried by 45 votes to 11</p> <p>With the consent of Council, Councillor Brighouse withdrew her amendment.</p> <p>The amendment proposed by Councillor Williams as set out in the Schedule of Business, Annex 1 was lost by 52 votes to 2.</p> <p>The substantive motion, as amended was carried by 50 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (by 50 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions)</p> <p>“Council welcomes the introduction of</p>	<p>DFCS (J. Mitchell)</p>

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	<p>free school meals for infant and reception class pupils in state-funded schools across the County from this September. This policy proposed by the Liberal Democrats as partners in the coalition government at Westminster is in support of the government's aim to drive up education standards in schools across England. Council also welcomes notes the additional funding provided has a shortfall of £0.873m that will mean the council will have to reduce its capital programme to cover the shortfall. to over 80 small schools across Oxfordshire in addition to the general capital funding for distribution to all maintained schools plus the separate capital funding for voluntary schools and academies.</p> <p><i>Whilst recognising this policy has cost so much time and money, thus taking teaching staff away from working on the attainment of our children, Council congratulates staff in both schools and the local authority and its partners in achieving the introduction of this policy in under a year.</i></p>	
<p>15. Motion From Councillor Gill Sanders</p> <p>"This Council asks the Education Scrutiny Committee to consider asking those schools which currently do not, to provide school breakfast clubs for their pupils. In particular, it is asked to consider the impact this would have on raising attainment, improving absence rates and lateness and to investigate how sponsorship, alongside the Pupil Premium, might fund the breakfasts. This information should then be provided to all schools in the County."</p>	<p>The amendment proposed by Councillor Roz Smith as set out in the Schedule of Business, Annex 1 was lost by 44 votes to 7.</p> <p>Agreed (nem con).</p>	<p>HLC (S. Whitehead/ A. Newman)</p>

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<p>16. Motion From Councillor David Williams</p> <p>“This Council is concerned that the new system of voter self-registration with its involved system of self-identification documentation and declaration will significantly reduce the number of individuals registered to vote and thereby undermine the democratic process. With Oxfordshire having such a highly mobile population, especially in the City of Oxford, this new complex process is likely to erode the register rapidly and further reduce the already declining participation in County Council and other local elections.</p> <p>The County Council will monitor the impact of the new system on elections involving county Councillors, consulting with all the Districts authorities and the City on this issue gathering data on forthcoming elections. The County will also, in conjunction with the other authorities, prepare a report on what measures may be adopted to enhance participation of potential voters noting the influence of self-registration. This report to be considered by the County Cabinet Members at a later date with a view to commenting to the Electoral Commission and the Government of the day.”</p>	<p>With the agreement of Council, Councillor Williams accepted the proposed amendment by Councillor Tanner.</p> <p>The Motion, as amended was lost by 37 votes to 18, with 1 abstention.</p>	