

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

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies for Absence</p>	Councillors Grey and Hudspeth.	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note opposite</p>	Councillor Corkin declared an interest on Item 14 on the grounds of being a non executive director on the board of Graven Hill Village Development Co. Ltd, an arms length business owned by CDC	MO (A. Newman)
<p>3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2020 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	Agreed.	SW/DM
<p>4. Questions from County Councillors</p>	See attached annex.	
<p>5. Petitions and Public Address</p>	Item 7 – Councillor John Sanders Item 9 – Councillor Glynis Phillips Item 10 – Councillor Glynis Phillips Councillor Liz Brighthouse Item 11a – Councillor John Sanders	
<p>6. Oxfordshire Growth Board Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding <i>Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2020/097 Contact: Sue Halliwell, Director of Planning</i></p>		

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<p>& Place Tel: 07500 109185</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>(a) Approve the Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding at Annexes 1 and 2 respectively</p> <p>(b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Growth Board, to make minor amendments to these documents as required to support the operational efficiency of the Growth Board's work.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DPP (S. Halliwell)</p>
<p>7. Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund: Preferred Scheme Alignments</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Highway Delivery & Operations <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/043 <i>Contact:</i> Aron Wisdom- Programme Lead (HIF 1) Tel: 07776 244856/Gavin Belcher, Senior Transport Planner Tel: 07557 082580</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) <u>Approve</u> the identified preferred alignments as illustrated in Figure 1 as the basis to progress into the next stage of scheme design for the four schemes that constitute the Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure programme.</p> <p>(b) <u>Note</u> the various optioneering exercises that have informed the preferred alignments set out in paragraphs 24 to 30.</p> <p>(c) <u>Note</u> the findings of the recent consultation exercise set out in paragraphs 31 to 36 which sought the views of local people and other stakeholders to be taken into</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p> <p>Councillor Walker advised that there would be all councillor briefing on 29 July.</p>	<p>DGE (A. Wisdom)</p>

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<p>consideration in the next stage of design, yielding a predominantly positive response to the preferred scheme alignments.</p> <p>NB: Slight variations to alignments maybe required during the next design phase. Any significant changes would be brought back for decision or managed through the CPO process as necessary.</p>		
<p>8. Housing Infrastructure Fund - A40 (HIF2) Public Report</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Environment</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2020/059</i> <i>Contact: Hannah Battye, Growth Manager, Central Tel: 07808 573932</i></p> <p><i>N.B. The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public. Exempt information is contained in the confidential annexes at Item 12 below. In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in the Annex to Item 7, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of that Annex by passing a resolution in relation to that item.</i></p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) Subject to the confirmation from Homes England that the contract pre-conditions have been met and due diligence has been completed to manage programme and financial risk to the Council, authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment to:</p> <p>i) approve any final detailed amendments of the drafted Heads of Terms.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DGE (H. Battye)</p>

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<p>ii) approve the Grant Determination Agreement (GDA).</p> <p>(b) Subject to the satisfactory completion of recommendation (i) approve the inclusion of all three elements (identified in para. 4 and Appendix 1) of the programme into the Capital Programme and report the governance of these projects at a HIF2 programme level with an overall budget provision of £102m subject to the implementation of the grant determination agreement with Homes England.</p> <p>(c) Note the draft Heads of Terms (Annex 1) that form the basis of grant determination agreement between Homes England and Oxfordshire County Council for West Oxfordshire Housing Infrastructure Fund Grant Award.</p> <p>(d) Note the Assurance Framework (explained in para 27) which sets out the background to the Housing Infrastructure Funding process and establishes the approach to reporting and monitoring implementation.</p>		
<p>9. Treasury Management 2019/20 Outturn</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/027 <i>Contact:</i> Tim Chapple, Treasury Manager Tel: 07917 262935</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report, and to RECOMMEND Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2019/20.</p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DF (T. Chapple)</p>

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<p>10. Financial Monitoring Report - July 2020</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Cabinet Member for Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/091 <i>Contact:</i> Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the contents of this report (b) to ask officers to identify plans to address the potential overspend in 2020/21 arising from COVID-19 and report back to the next meeting with recommendations for action.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DF (H. Doney)</p>
<p>11. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> All <i>Contact Officer:</i> Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001213</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>An additional meeting to be held on 18 August was noted.</p>	<p>SW/AB</p>
<p>11(a) Department of Transport Active Travel Emergency Fund – Tranche 2</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Environment <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2020/108 <i>Contact:</i> Melanie Graham, Group Manager: Service & Business Improvement; Tel: 07741 607801</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) Note the criteria of Tranche 2 of the Department of Transport Active</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DPP (M. Graham)</p>

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<p>Travel Emergency Fund; and</p> <p>(b) Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment (and Transport), the final sign off of the Oxfordshire County Council's bid for the Department of Transport Active Travel Emergency Fund Tranche 2 submission.</p>		
<p>12. Exempt Item</p> <p>THE ANNEXES AT ITEM 13 HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.</p> <p>THE REPORT AT ITEM 14 HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS STRICTLY PRIVATE TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.</p> <p>THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE ANNEXES SET OUT AT ITEM 13 AND THE WHOLE REPORT AT ITEM 14 SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE MADE.</p>	<p>Agreed recommendation:</p> <p>That the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annexes at Item 13 and the report at Item 14 since it is likely that if they were present during that 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>	
<p>13. Housing Infrastructure Fund - A40 (HIF 2) - Exempt Annexes to Item 8</p> <p><i>The information in this case is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:</i></p> <p><i>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</i></p>	<p>Received and noted in conjunction with Item 8</p>	<p>DGE (H. Batty)</p>

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<p><i>and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that a negotiation is ongoing and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of that negotiation and the Council's standing generally in relation to such matters in future, to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority</i></p> <p>The annexes containing exempt information under the above paragraph are attached.</p>		
<p>14. Bicester Garden Town Capital Funding - Junctions Improvement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2020/060 Contact: Hannah Battye, Growth Manager, Central Tel: 07808 573932</i></p> <p><i>The information in this case is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:</i></p> <p><i>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</i></p> <p><i>and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that a negotiation is ongoing and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of that negotiation and the Council's standing generally in relation to such matters in future, to the detriment of the Council's</i></p>	<p>Agreed the recommendations to enter into an agreement to receive and spend funding related to Bicester Garden Town from Cherwell District Council.</p>	<p>DGE (E. Owens/H. Battye)</p>

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<p><i>ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority</i></p> <p>This proposal has been developed in partnership with Cherwell District Council (CDC) who will be taking a sister report through their formal governance process. For the purpose of this proposal CDC will be the accountable body for the funding, and OCC will be the delivery body for the schemes described.</p> <p>The report details the proposed schemes and the current position on each.</p>		



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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Questions	Answers
<p>COUNCILLOR MATHEW</p> <p>How many trees has Oxfordshire County Council cut down in the last five years and how many of those were replaced. How many new plantings were there all together?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council have had to remove 2297 trees on the highway verge it is responsible for as Highway Authority. This figure includes some trees that have failed during adverse weather conditions (but not necessarily all) or due to factors beyond our control. In that period, the council have planted 75 trees. There has been no funding for tree replacements or new planting.</p> <p>Currently there is no budget allocation for tree planting. The only tree related budget is for Highway Tree Maintenance.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>The east riverbank along the Thames towpath above Osney Bridge behind Abbey Road was beautifully reinforced by the County Council about 10 years ago. It is part of the Thames Path and classed as highway. Unfortunately, in some places the timber has rotted or been damaged and the bank has eroded or been scoured out. It</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</p> <p>This stretch of Thames towpath behind Abbey Road is being put forward as a potential scheme to be funded by the DfT Covid Recovery programme under Tranche 2.</p> <p>If funding is secured from the Tranche 2 allocation, work will commence as soon as possible. If not, it will be added to the Infrastructure Operations capital programme and it's priority will be assessed alongside other pending</p>



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<p>is now quite dangerous in places and I fear that an accident could happen any day. This stretch of towpath is now really popular and well-used, especially by people exercising or avoiding public transport. If the temporary bus gates go in, it will be even more heavily used.</p> <p>Please can it be repaired urgently?</p>	<p>schemes.</p> <p>In the meantime, Officers will continue to monitor the situation and are working with Oxford City Council, who now own this land, and the Thames Path National Trail team to remove encroaching vegetation to move use away from the river edge and reduce the risk this poses to the public. This section of Thames towpath is well known to us and as the Councillor notes, was repaired using a technique called willow spilling, which was promoted by the Environment Agency at the time but has had mixed results on this highly trafficked route.</p>