

Divisions-N/A

COUNTY COUNCIL – 21 May 2024

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations

1. Future Generations Mission Statement

(Cabinet: 23 April 2024)

Cabinet considered a report on a proposed mission statement on Future Generations. The Council had passed a motion setting out a commitment to considering Future Generations in decision-making, and as part of this there has been the appointment of a Future Generations Member Champion and Future Generations included in a Cabinet portfolio.

The next steps were to set out the approach and ambition to be one of the leading English councils in this space. A mission statement had been developed to set out the scale of the Council's goals, along with some initial actions of where to start work in this space.

Cabinet agreed the principle of Future Generations and approved the mission statement that set the direction of Oxfordshire County Council's work in this space.

2. Climate Action Programme Update

(Cabinet: 23 April 2024)

Cabinet had before it a report which provided an update on work to address the Climate Emergency, including delivery of the 2023/24 Climate Action Programme workstreams.

The report noted the council's success in becoming the highest ranked county council in the UK for its Climate Action in Climate Emergency UK's Climate Scorecard and receiving an A- score in a shadow submission to the industry-leading CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) reporting framework. The report also provided an update on delivery of the council's Carbon Management Plan for 2023/24.

Members welcomed the progress detailed in the report and that the Council was being recognised, nationally, for its performance on climate change initiatives.

Cabinet noted the biannual update on the delivery of the workstreams in the Climate Action Programme and approved adjustments to the programme for 2024/25 and the draft outcome measures for monitoring progress to a net zero Oxfordshire.

Cabinet Member: Community & Corporate Services

3. Approval of a new Managed Service Recruitment Contract

(Cabinet: 23 April 2024)

Cabinet had before it a report on the award of a managed service recruitment contract to a strategic supplier for the Council's contingent labour workforce.

Cabinet approved the award of the contract and delegated the finalisation of terms and conditions to the Director of Workforce and Organisational Development in consultation with the Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer and Head of Procurement.

Cabinet Member: Finance

4. Capital Programme Approvals – April 2024

(Cabinet: 23 April 2024)

Cabinet had before it a report which set out changes to the Capital Programme requiring Cabinet approval that would be incorporated into the agreed programme and included in the next update to the Capital Programme in June 2024.

Cabinet approved the inclusion of the £2.384m Active Travel Fund 4 Extension (ATF4e) Grant into the capital programme to deliver active travel schemes across Oxfordshire and £1.260m grant funding from the Department for Transport Safer Roads Funds to carry out a specific package of road safety works. The drawdown of £2.000m of funds from the Parking Account to reinvest into three Park and Ride sites requiring maintenance work; and the inclusion of Faringdon Community College, a scheme to replace temporary buildings with permanent accommodation, into the Capital Programme with an indicative budget of £6.006m to be fully funded from held & secure s106 contributions; were also approved.

Cabinet Member: Transport Management

5. Vision Zero Strategy

(Cabinet: 23 April 2024)

Cabinet had before it a report on the Vision Zero Strategy and action plan which set out how the Council aimed to achieve its target of a reduction in collisions to zero fatalities and life changing injuries from road traffic collisions by 2050: with an interim target of 25% reduction by 2026 and 50% reduction by 2030. The strategy aimed to ensure that the Council's highway network was safely designed, implemented, and maintained with Vision Zero at the heart of decision making.

Members heard from a number of speakers at the meeting and referred to the valuable role played by the Council's co-production partners in the development of these strategies.

Cabinet approved the Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan 'Oxfordshire – Safe Roads through Vision Zero to 2030'

6. Reports received from Scrutiny Committees

(Cabinet: 23 April 2024)

Cabinet received the following Scrutiny reports and will respond in due course.

Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee report on Vision Zero.

Education and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee report on Draft Action Plan.

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