

County Council

10 July 2018

Schedule of Business

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 10 JULY 2018

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

Members are asked to note that there will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council following the ordinary meeting of Council at 3.30 pm or on the rise of Council.

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1.	1		10.00	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2018 (CC1).</p> <p>Members are asked to note the following correction to the minutes:</p> <p>Remove Cllrs Atkins, Gawrysiak and Evans from the list of those present.</p>	
2.	2			Apologies for Absence	<p>Cllr Kirsten Johnston Cllr Lynda Atkins</p>

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3.	2			Declarations of Interest	
4.	2			Official Communications	
5.	2			Appointments	
6.	2			Petitions and Public Address	<p>Dr D Stork CPhys FInstP, Hon Chairman, Group Against Reservoir Development in support of Agenda Item (Motion by Councillor Mike Fox-Davies;</p> <p>Ms Julia Hammett, Chair, Oxfordshire Badger Group in support of Agenda Item (Motion by Councillor Sussana Pressel</p> <p>Dr Elizabeth Peretz, Oxfordshire Keep our NHS Public in support of Agenda Item 20 (Motion by Councillor Laura Price</p>

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7.	2			Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	Mr Al Chisolm to Councillor Ian Hudspeth.
8.	2	30 mins	10.30	Questions with Notice from Members of the Council (1) Clarke to Constance (2) Field-Johnson to Constance (3) Howson to Hibbert-Biles (4) Howson to Hibbert-Biles (5) Howson to Hibbert-Biles (6) Buckley to Hudspeth (7) Buckley to Hudspeth (8) Buckley to Constance (9) Pressel to Constance (10) Clarke to Constance	

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9.	2	45 mins	11.00	Appointment of a joint Chief Executive for Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Brighthouse S Corkin S Mathew S Webber S Roberts S Buckley S Leffman S R Smith S Fawcett S Johnston S Harris S Cherry S Price
10.	3	15 mins	11.45	Annual Report of the Transition Fund for Children's Services	(M) Gray (SEC) Hudspeth S Fawcett S Pressel

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11.	3	30 mins	12.00	2018/19 Requests for Supplementary Estimate	(M) Bartholomew (SEC) Hudspeth (AM) Brighthouse (SEC) Phillips S Roberts S Howson S Webber S Pressel
12.	4	25 mins	12.30	Corporate Plan	(M) Heathcoat (SEC) Hudspeth S Mathew S Buckley S Fawcett S Pressel S Fatemian S Phillips

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13.	4	30 mins	2.00 pm	Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committees	(M) Brighthouse (SEC) Waine S Leffman S Hannaby S Howson S E Smith S Rooke S Pressel S Price

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14.	2	30 mins	2.30	Report of the Cabinet Leader (Ian Hudspeth) Deputy Leader (Judith Heathcoat) Adult Social Care (Lawrie Stratford) Environment (Yvonne Constance) Finance (David Bartholomew) Local Communities (Mark Gray) Public Health & Education (Hilary Hibbert-Biles)	Q. Pressel (1) Q. Price (3,4) Q. Afridi (5) Q. Buckley, R Smith, J Sanders (6), J Sanders (7), Johnson, J Sanders (10) Q. Phillips (11,12) Q. Pressel (13), Pressel, Price (14) Q. E Smith, Howson, Turnbull, McIlveen (16)

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15.	5	30 mins	3.00	Motion by Councillor Liz Brighthouse	(M) Brighthouse (SEC) Waine (AM) Brighthouse (SEC) S Hibbert-Biles S Howson S E Smith S Hannaby S Turnbull S Evans
16.	3.	15 mins	3.30	Motion by Suzanne Bartington	(M) Bartington (SEC) Cherry (AM) Bartington (SEC) (AM) Johnston (SEC) Rooke

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17.	6	35 mins		Motion by Councillor Richard Webber	(M) Webber (SEC) Price S Reeves S Buckley S Hannaby S Howson S Roberts S Johnston S Harris S Pressel S Brighthouse
18.	6	15 mins		Motion by Councillor Mike Fox-Davies	(M) Fox-Davies (SEC) Webber (AM) Johnson (SEC) Fawcett
19.	6			Motion from Councillor Susanna Pressel	(M) Pressel (SEC) S Gray S Field-Johnson

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21.	7			Motion by Councillor Laura Price	(M) Price (SEC) Brighthouse S Harris
22.	7			Motion by Councillor John Howson	(M) Howson (SEC) Turnbull (
Extraordinary Meeting					
4.				Appointment of a Joint Chief Executive for Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council	(M) Hudspeth (SEC) Brighthouse

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Agenda Item 11 – 2018/19 Requests for Supplementary Estimate – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Liz Brighthouse

Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the use of the £123,909 underspend on the Transition fund for open access children's services ~~which will be transferred to~~ and until required for this purpose transfer to the Budget Priorities Reserve until required.

Agenda Item 15 Motion From Councillor Liz Brighthouse – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Liz Brighthouse

"This Council believes that children with SEND should not have their transport to and from schools and associated activities cut. This Transport enhances their lives and enables their parents to work and contribute to the economy.

The Council asks the Director for Children's Services to consider, with the affected Schools' Heads and other interested parties, this issue in order to come up with other options to curtail these costs rather than withdrawing provision from these vulnerable children and their families. Such options to include working with schools to maximise the use of the maintenance grants and looking at alternative procurement practices including better use of the integrated transport service.

The results of this work to be considered by the Education Scrutiny Committee as part of their policy development role before being determination at Cabinet ***Council endorses the use of*** ~~Any shortfall in the budget to be funded from reserves~~ ***in the event of any shortfall in the Budget*** until such time as all the options have been considered.

Cabinet is requested to defer implementation of the recent changes to the home to school transport policy until these alternative options have been diligently pursued and evaluated."

Agenda Item 16 – Motion From Councillor Suzanne Bartington - Amendment to be moved by Councillor Suzanne Bartington

The rate of global plastic production has increased in recent years with an estimated 8-12 million tonnes of plastic entering the world's oceans each year. Plastic production and pollution on this scale is unsustainable and harmful to our planet, health and wildlife.

"This Council welcomes the proposals by the Government **plans to reduce waste from single use plastics (SUP'S) including a ban on the sale of plastic straws plastic stirrers and plastic-Stemmed cotton buds and consultation for extension of the 5p plastic bag charge and introduction of a bottle deposit return scheme. These proposals, demonstrate** the government's commitment **within the 25-year Environment Plan to eliminating all avoidable** ~~reduce the use of plastic waste by 2042.~~

This Council asks **resolves to work towards elimination of all avoidable plastic waste and calls upon the that Cabinet Member for Environment to bring** ~~comes forward proposals by with a realistic timetable to stop using plastic straw, plastic stirrers, plastic cotton bud, non-recyclable cups and single use plastics by the Autumn 2018 to:~~

~~This Council asks that the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Environment congratulating him on his progressive proposals:"~~

(i) Phase out the use of avoidable SUPs in all County Council premises.

(ii) Work with contracted partners to end purchase and procurement of avoidable SUPs through the Council supply chain.

(iii) Incentivise traders on County Council sites to avoid SUPs as a condition of their event permission.

Agenda Item 18 – Motion From Councillor Mike Fox-Davies – Amendment to be moved by Councillor Bob Johnston

"The Thames Water Draft Resources Management Plan (dWRMP19), consultation was opened on the 8th. February and closed on the 29th April. The plan proposes a new reservoir near Abingdon to serve the forecast needs of not only the Thames Water area, but also the wider South East.

The consultation response from OCC looks for clarification on:-

- the population forecast figures;
- how much water will be sold to other water companies

- how Thames Water will speed up their programme of leakage reduction

This Council supports the position of- GARD in response to the plan which asks Thames Water to:-

- Reduce leakage by half by 2050
- Improve water-use efficiency to match the norms of other companies
- Provide a proper analysis of water available through other measures, including Teddington DRA; ~~Severn-Trent water transfer~~ and water re-use.

Which together should together solve the water shortage issue and provide a 1 in 200 severity drought resilience.

And calls on the Leader of the Council to write to Thames Water, Defra, the Environment Agency and Ofwat, requesting that a second consultation be undertaken due to incomplete information or errors on the information used to base their recommendations."

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question from Mr Al Chisolm to the Leader of the Council

In March this year, a motion was passed unanimously by the councillors in this room calling on the Pension Fund Committee to take the best and latest advice on ESG matters, with reference to the Norwegian Sovereign Pension fund's divestment from oil and gas. This is to be welcomed and is in line with the warning from the Pensions Minister, Guy Opperman, who in March told the House of Commons Environmental and Audit Committee that many trustees are failing to fulfil their duty to consider climate risk.

Since the motion was passed, yet another report has been published, this time by the highly reputable London School of Economics, demonstrating that removing investments from fossil fuel companies has no detrimental effect on returns, but that continuing to invest in them comes with the serious risk of stranded assets. The case for getting out of fossil fuels couldn't be clearer or more urgent as many major investors, including New York State, have understood.

The Pension Fund Committee has the means to act in line with the motion to protect the Pension Fund from climate risk. The Brunel Pension Partnership offers Low Carbon and Sustainable funds, but so far the committee has rejected these options. There is no evidence that the motion passed by full council was even discussed at the subsequent Pension Fund Committee meeting.

There appears to be a glaring gap between rhetoric and action on mitigating climate risk. What concrete action has been taken in response to the Council's motion and how will you hold the Pension Fund Committee to account on this matter?

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QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ANNEX 2

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 CLARKE</p> <p>Better management of plastic waste is now a major public concern. Will the Cabinet member please report what the County is doing to respond to this issue?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Oxfordshire has consistently had one of the best recycling and composting rates in the country, with the one of the lowest rates of waste per head. The Oxfordshire Environment Partnership (OEP) consisting of the county, district and city councils lead on this issue, and are committed to ambitious reduction, reuse and recycling targets.</p> <p>OEP has established that almost half of the general waste (disposed of in black bags) could have been recycled, some of this is plastics, but a lot of it is food waste. We know from our consultation in January that residents want to recycle, but are confused, especially about which plastics are recyclable, and are concerned about the amount of packaging provided with products.</p> <p>OCC and our partners are working on several projects on plastics including introducing recycling of hard plastics at HWRCs, and planning to get information out to residents in each District/City about which plastics are recyclable, and how to differentiate them. OCC support the work that WRAP is doing with manufacturers and retailers on the Plastics Pact, aiming to reduce the amount of single use plastics used and make what is used reusable, recyclable or compostable.</p> <p>The County Council also champions efforts to reduce plastics use. The Community Action Group network is now made up of over 60 local groups, including SESI (a local social enterprise) who have 7 refill stations for detergents around the county, and several Refill groups in towns across the county, signing up and promoting businesses who will refill a water bottle for</p>

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	<p>free, preventing more single use packaging from being bought.</p> <p>We are also looking at our own operations. Single use plastics such as disposable water cups and plastic stirrers are already being phased out and we are working with our own waste contactor to maximise the amount of material recycled from our buildings.</p> <p>We want Oxfordshire to be the best at recycling and composting in the country, and are looking to take another step change in our recycling rates. As part of this we will be focussing on encouraging the public to separate their food waste for recycling but would welcome ideas and engagement from communities and other stakeholders interested in sustainability issues.</p>																					
<p>2. COUNCILLOR NICK FIELD-JOHNSON</p> <p>In the last five years, how much has been paid by Oxfordshire residents and businesses in road tax; and in the last five years, how much has been received back from the Government to repair our roads in Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Officers are unable to provide information on how much has been paid in Road Tax by Oxfordshire residents as this is collected by Central Government, nor are they able to comment on funding for the M40, A34 and A43 as these roads are operated by Highways England and data of specific funding for these roads is not available.</p> <p>The table below shows the funding that Oxfordshire has received from Government in Grant Funding:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="936 1142 1559 1372"> <thead> <tr> <th>DfT Grants (m)</th> <th>13/4</th> <th>14/15</th> <th>15/16</th> <th>16/17</th> <th>17/18</th> <th>18/19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Annual DfT SM Block Allocation</td> <td>£12.8</td> <td>£12.1</td> <td>£16.7</td> <td>£15.3</td> <td>£14.8</td> <td>£13.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Incentive Fund (Band 2)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£0.9</td> <td>£1.3</td> <td>£2.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DfT Grants (m)	13/4	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	Annual DfT SM Block Allocation	£12.8	£12.1	£16.7	£15.3	£14.8	£13.4	Incentive Fund (Band 2)				£0.9	£1.3	£2.0
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	National Productivity Fund					£1.7	£1.6												
	Challenge Fund		£2.9	£2.0	£8.0														
	Additional Highway Maintenance	£2.3	£1.2																
	Severe Weather		£1.8																
	Pothole Grant		£3.1	£1.0	£3.6	£0.5													
	Additional available for Incentive Fund Band 3						£0.8												
	Total	£15.1	£19.3	£19.6	£19.2	£29.4	£18.3												
<p>COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>What will be the effects of leaving the EU on Oxfordshire Schools?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION</p> <p>Cllr Hibbert-Biles has decided to field this question on the day and won't be providing a response to this beforehand.</p>																		
<p>COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>How many EU teachers are currently employed by maintained schools in Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION</p> <p>There are currently 90 Teachers (including Head teachers, Assistant Head-teachers and Teachers of all levels) in maintained schools. As highlighted in the table below the count of nationality and schools.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="936 1257 1473 1426"> <thead> <tr> <th>Nationality</th> <th>Count of NI No</th> <th>EU</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>American</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Australian</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangladeshi</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>							Nationality	Count of NI No	EU	American	3		Australian	2		Bangladeshi	1	
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	British	1974	
	Canadian	2	
	Cypriot	1	Yes
	Dutch	1	Yes
	Finnish	69	Yes
	French	2	Yes
	Greek	2	Yes
	Hungarian	1	Yes
	Indian	9	
	Irish	6	Yes
	Norwegian	1	Yes
	Not Known	16	
	Polish	2	Yes
	Romanian	1	Yes
	South African	2	
	Spanish	4	Yes
	Zimbabwean	1	
	Grand Total	2100	90
		School Name	Count of NI
	SS Philip & James CE		6
Carterton Com. College		5	
Cumnor CE Primary		3	
Dunmore Primary		3	
East Oxford Primary		3	
Fitzharrys School		3	
Valley Road Primary		3	

Questions	Answers	
	Carswell Primary	2
	Church Cowley St James	2
	Hardwick Primary	2
	John Hampden Primary	2
	John Watson School	2
	Larkrise Primary	2
	North Kidlington Primary	2
	Sandhills Primary	2
	Springfield School	2
	St Ebbe's CE	2
	St Joseph's RC (Oxford)	2
	William Fletcher Primary	2
	Windmill Primary	2
	ACE Centre	1
	Bardwell School	1
	Beckley CE Primary	1
	Brookside Primary	1
	Bure Park Primary	1
	Caldecott Primary	1
	Chesterton CE Primary	1
	Chilton Primary	1
	Drayton Primary	1
	Dry Sandford Primary	1
	Fritwell CE Primary	1
	Great Tew Primary	1
	Hailey CE Primary	1
	Hook Norton CE Primary	1
	Kingham Primary	1

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	Kings Meadow Primary	1
	Kirtlington CE School	1
	Launton CE Primary	1
	Little Milton CE Primary	1
	Long Furlong Primary	1
	Mill Lane Primary	1
	Oxford Hospitals	1
	Radley CE Primary	1
	Ridgeway CE Primary	1
	Shellingford CE Primary	1
	Sonning Common Primary	1
	South Stoke Primary	1
	St Edmund's RC Primary	1
	St Francis' CE	1
	St John Evangelist CE	1
	St Leonard's CE Primary	1
	St Mary's (Ch Norton) CE	1
	Stockham Primary	1
	Sunningwell CE Primary	1
	Sutton C All Saints' CE	1
	Wood Farm Primary	1
	Wootton CE Primary	1
	Wychwood CE Primary	1
	Grand Total	90

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<p>5. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>Which Oxfordshire schools have the largest proportion of EU pupils in 2017-18?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION</p> <p>As Cllr Howson is aware the DfE does not publish citizenship data at school level as part of its Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics statistical releases and the data we hold is for our maintained schools.</p> <p>Below is a list of our schools with a percentage of pupils with EU citizenship (other than GBR) over 10% in our maintained schools.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="936 550 1720 1430"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="936 550 1189 663">%EU Citizenship other than GBR</th> <th data-bbox="1189 550 1720 663">School</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 663 1189 740">5%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 663 1720 740">Oxfordshire's Maintained Schools</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 740 1189 783">10%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 740 1720 783">New Hinksey C.E. Primary</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 783 1189 826">10%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 783 1720 826">East Oxford Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 826 1189 869">10%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 826 1720 869">Wood Farm Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 869 1189 912">11%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 869 1720 912">Rose Hill Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 912 1189 987">12%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 912 1720 987">St Aloysius' Catholic Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 987 1189 1031">12%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 987 1720 1031">Ewelme CE (VA) Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1031 1189 1074">12%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1031 1720 1074">St. John's R.C. School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1074 1189 1117">13%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1074 1720 1117">St Edmunds RC Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1117 1189 1192">14%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1117 1720 1192">SS Philip and James' Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1192 1189 1267">15%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1192 1720 1267">Clifton Hampden C.E Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1267 1189 1310">16%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1267 1720 1310">Hardwick Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1310 1189 1353">17%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1310 1720 1353">The Slade Nursery School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1353 1189 1430">18%</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1353 1720 1430">St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	%EU Citizenship other than GBR	School	5%	Oxfordshire's Maintained Schools	10%	New Hinksey C.E. Primary	10%	East Oxford Primary School	10%	Wood Farm Primary School	11%	Rose Hill Primary School	12%	St Aloysius' Catholic Primary School	12%	Ewelme CE (VA) Primary School	12%	St. John's R.C. School	13%	St Edmunds RC Primary School	14%	SS Philip and James' Primary School	15%	Clifton Hampden C.E Primary School	16%	Hardwick Primary School	17%	The Slade Nursery School	18%	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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<p>6. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>Oxfordshire is currently a major recipient of EU research grants, especially to Harwell, Culham and Oxford University (which is currently receiving more EU research funding than any other university in the EU). This will cease after Brexit. The Government has made no commitment to make up the funds lost, beyond 2020. Would the Leader of the Council please explain what he is doing, to press the Government to replace all of the EU research funds that will be lost, to minimise damage to research in Oxfordshire: widely acknowledged to be an important driver of the county's economy.</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>You are correct to highlight the fact that the Conservative government has confirmed the funds until 2020, this is good news for Harwell, Culham and Oxford University, I'm sure that once all the negotiations are dealt with the Conservative government will show similar commitment beyond 2020 and I wrote to the Secretary of State some time ago to highlight Oxford and Oxfordshire's interest in maintaining European, and indeed global, scientific cooperation.</p> <p>Countries associated with the Horizon 2020 programme stretch from Iceland to Armenia, via Turkey and Israel, so I see no barrier to the UK continuing to participate after Brexit. Third countries are in any event eligible for funding from the programme, and the EU explicitly publishes a list of such countries - this list spans the globe, including Cambodia, Iran, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe. I therefore have every confidence we will remain closely engaged in scientific co-operation, and in the unlikely event that the EU were to exclude us it would, given the above, say more about them than about us.</p> <p>What I'm doing is working with Government along with the City and Districts councils to ensure that Oxfordshire has the infrastructure to grow the economy making it the best area in the country to invest in. We have been successful in bidding for £215 million of funds for the Growth Deal, we have moved to the next stage of bidding for Housing Infrastructure Fund bids for Didcot and the A40 worth £300million, with this level of investment in Oxfordshire; Harwell, Culham and Oxford University will all be able to grow to attract even more investment.</p>	

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<p>7. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>Several large companies important to Oxfordshire - BMW, Airbus, Unipart - have recently highlighted the dangers facing their businesses, if Brexit does not lead to a totally frictionless Customs arrangement with the EU. Could the Cabinet member for E&E please quantify the expected consequences for Oxfordshire's economy and jobs, if Brexit forces these companies to leave the UK.</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I am not of the view that Brexit will force these companies to leave the United Kingdom despite the fact that I campaigned hard for Remain. I now see that we will have the opportunity to grow our economy without the shackles of the EU allowing for more investment in the UK. BMW have shown that they have the confidence in the Oxfordshire market by investing £500 million to produce the latest version of the Mini.</p> <p>With the support of the Conservative government that has awarded Oxfordshire a Growth deal of £215 million along with potentially up to another £300 million of HIF for Didcot and the A40 I can see more businesses and jobs in Oxfordshire in addition to the 43,000 jobs created since 2011.</p> <p>I have confidence that the Government and EU negotiators will reach a deal which delivers on the promise of Brexit, protects our European trade, and enhances our global opportunities. That companies have mentioned the US or China as alternative locations in the event of a negative outcome shows that 'frictionless customs' are not the only issue in play.</p> <p>Therefore, while individual businesses have the right to speak out on matters which affect their interests, I suspect the prophets of doom will be as wrong this time as they were when they forecast three million job losses if we didn't join the Euro, or an immediate severe recession after the Leave vote.</p>

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<p>8. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>The Oxford North development (previously known as Northern Gateway) has recently reappeared in public: a consultation is underway on outline plans for the site. Residents of my Division are extremely concerned about the potential for even worse road congestion; and the chairman of Oxford North himself has said publicly that the Loop Farm link road will be essential, to divert A40/A44 traffic away from Oxford North. Can the Cabinet member for E&E now give residents a definite commitment that this road will be built, commencing in 2019?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Work on the A40-A44 Link Road project has been extended in light of the proposed Garden Village at Eynsham and Cherwell Modifications to their local plan, and the possible route/corridor of the Expressway. All of which will have an impact in this area and will need to be assessed within the transport modelling.</p> <p>Once this assessment has been completed, further design work on the A40-A44 Link Road can continue, but it does mean the start of works, due to begin in 2019, are likely to be extended by several months.</p> <p>In terms of the relationship between Oxford North and the A40-A44 Link Road, whilst the link road could provide wider congestion benefits it is not required to deliver a development at Oxford North. This was agreed by a Planning Inspector following an examination in public of the City Council's Northern Gateway Area Action Plan in 2015, and based on technical evidence submitted by the County Council (the North Oxford Transport Strategy). Both the Area Action Plan and Planning Inspector's report are available via the following link: https://www.oxford.gov.uk/northerngateway</p>
<p>9. COUNCILLOR SUSSANA PRESSEL</p> <p>A 20-mph limit is working well on busy stretches of some of the arterial roads in Oxford, for instance in Summertown and in Cowley Road.</p> <p>You may remember that a passionate group of residents from my division presented a petition to</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Designs for the Botley Road corridor are being developed for public consultation in November. The design team are reviewing the speed limit on the corridor as part of this work and any changes to the existing speed limits will be included in the design proposals when they are published in November so people can comment on them as part of the overall scheme.</p>

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<p>Cabinet a couple of years ago asking for a 20-mph limit in Botley Road. This followed serious road accidents involving several children. Ideally, we would like it to cover the whole length of the road, but it would certainly be better than nothing to have it along the busy stretch by the shops (including outside Waitrose, which is extremely busy and where the road is difficult to cross).</p> <p>Please can this be included in the plans for improvements to Botley Road?</p>	
<p>10. COUNCILLOR SIMON CLARKE</p> <p>What would be required for the Leader to support a move towards Decriminalised Parking Enforcement by Oxfordshire's District Councils"</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council has always supported the implementation of Decriminalised Parking across the County and the devolution of such powers to the District Councils. Indeed, in 2010 the Leader of the Council, in his role as Cabinet Member for Transport, personally led arrangements to introduce such powers into West Oxfordshire and devolve enforcement to the District Council. This arose from a joint working party between all District Councils and the County Council with only West Oxfordshire District Council deciding to proceed.</p> <p>Decriminalised Parking requires both Local Authority on Street and Off-Street Parking to be Decriminalised which are the responsibility of the County Council and District Councils respectively. Modelling undertaken at that time showed that implementation of such powers would not make a surplus and indeed was likely to require a significant subsidy from the public purse at a time when all authorities were needing to make reductions to their budgets. Surveys undertaken by District Councils at that time showed that there was insufficient demand from residents and businesses to justify such an investment. Officers from remaining authorities were mandated to review the</p>

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	matter again in 2014 however, the profiled losses from such an arrangement had increased further, with revised surveys still showing little demand. The County Council remain open to further discussions.