

## ***Delegated Decisions by Deputy Leader of the Council***

***Tuesday, 18 October 2011 at 4.00 pm following Cabinet and on the rising of the Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions for Police & Policy Coordination, whichever is the later County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

### ***Items for Decision***

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Wednesday 26 October 2011 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

**These proceedings are open to the public**



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Note: Date of next meeting: 15 November 2011

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## Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am on the working day before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. **Petitions and Public Address**
4. **Services to Third Parties, including Academies** (Pages 1 - 4)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2011/171

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Report by Director for Environment & Economy (**CMDDL4**).

The Constitution states that Cabinet approval must be obtained before work can be undertaken for third parties. A number of schools have either converted to academies or are likely to convert to academies. In addition other council services may be externalised in future. This places a risk on the the cost and quality of services to the remaining internal services.

In order to mitigate the risk of reducing income levels, approval is sought to undertaking work for any academy or free school or organisations where the relevant services were previously provided directly by the County Council.

This will not fully protect income levels because some academies for example will seek their support services from elsewhere. In order to further mitigate against the risk of reducing income, it is proposed that work is undertaken for similar organisations, academies and free schools where support services were previously undertaken by an adjacent authority.

**The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to adopt the following policy in order to protect the cost and quality of internal services:**

**i. work may be undertaken for:**

- (a) Previously maintained schools which have converted to academies;**
- (b) New academies, Free Schools or University Technical Colleges in Oxfordshire;**
- (c) Other educational institutions in Oxfordshire;**
- (d) Any organisation in Oxfordshire providing services for children and vulnerable adults, including work to cover safeguarding issues;**
- (e) Any organisation in Oxfordshire that is providing services that were previously provided directly by the County Council;**
- (f) Any public body in Oxfordshire.**

**ii. the charges for undertaking such work shall be reviewed each year as part of the Fees and Charges report to the Cabinet; and**

**iii. work may be undertaken to the same organisations in i. above that are operating in:**

- (a) Buckinghamshire;**
- (b) Milton Keynes; or**
- (c) Other neighbouring local authority areas.**

**subject to working with the knowledge of and in reasonable co-operation with the relevant local authority, rather than against their wishes.**

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