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The decisions take effect at the time and date specified, unless before that time written notice is given in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules requiring the decision to be called in for review by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

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REC	COMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED	DECISIONS	ACTI	ON
1.	Apologies for Absence	None.	HLC Dunn)	(R.
2.	Declarations of Interest	None.		
3.	Minutes			
held	approve the minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2014 (CA3) and to receive mation arising from them.	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 May were approved and signed subject to the following amendment:	HLC Miller)	(D.
		Minute 46/14, paragraph 5 " neither of them had been unable able to attend"		
4.	Questions from County Councillors	See attached Annex.		
5.	Petitions and Public Address	Item 6 – Councillor Nick Hards, Councillor John Tanner		
		Item 7 – Councillor Liz Brighouse, Councillor Nick Hards		
		Item 8 – Councillor Laura Price		
		Item 11 – Councillor Liz Brighouse, Councillor Michael Waine, Councillor Mrs Fulljames, Councillor Lawrie Stratford		

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6. Provisional 2013/14 Revenue and Capital Outturn				
Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2014/001 Contact: Stephanie Skivington, Corporate Finance Manager Tel: (01865) 323995				
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED:	Recommendations agreed.	CFO (S.		
(a) in respect of the 2013/14 outturn to:		Skivington)		
i. note the provisional revenue and capital outturn for 2013/14 along with the year end position on balances and reserves as set out in the report;				
ii. approve the carry-forwards and virements as set out in Annex 2a;				
iii. recommend Council to approve the virements greater than £0.5m for Children, Education & Families, Social & Community Services and Environment & Economy Directorates as set out in Annex 2a;				
iv. agree that the surplus on the On-Street Parking Account at the end of the 2013/14 financial year, so far as not applied to particular eligible purposes in accordance with Section 55(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, be carried forward in the account to the 2014/15				

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financial year.		
(b) in respect of the 2014/15 revenue budget and Capital Programme to:		
i. approve the virements for 2014/15 as set out in Annex 7;		
ii. approve the allocation of £1.740m funding to the Didcot Parkway Station Forecourt project from corporate capital programme contingencies in order to increase the total budget by £1.365m to £8.055m;		
iii. note the approval of the £1.800m increase in the budget and full business case for the Kennington/Hinksey Hill Interchange scheme by the Leader of the Council and Chief Finance Officer.		
7. Oxfordshire Growth Board		
Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2014/052 Contact: Tom Flanagan, Service Manager – Planning, Environment & Transport Policy Tel: (01865) 815691		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree:	Recommendations agreed.	DEE (T. Flanagan)
(a) the draft Terms of Reference and their relationship to the requirements to deliver the Strategic Economic Plan, City Deal, SHMA and Local Transport Board programmes;		

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(b) that details of the final agreement is delegated to the Director of Environment & Economy in consultation with the Leader of Council, the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer;			
(c) the current position with regard to support for the Spatial Planning & Infrastructure Partnership, City Deal and LTB, and how this will need to develop to support the wider activities of the Growth Board.			
8. Section 75 Agreement Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2014/013 Contact: Ben Threadgold, Strategy Performance Manager Tel: (01865) 328219			
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the variations to the Section 75 Agreement for All Client Groups, subject to the inclusion of any necessary changes in the text which may be required following consideration by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and finalisation of the financial contributions of both parties as agreed by the Director for Social & Community Services after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Services.		CEO (B. Threadgold)	
9. Appointments 2014/15			
Cabinet Member: Leader Forward Plan Ref: 2014/061 Contact: Sue Whitehead, Principal			

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	cabinet is RECOMMENDED to: agree the appointments as set out in the Annex to this report, subject to any amendments at the meeting; RECOMMEND to Council to add the Local Government Association Fire Commission to the list of 'strategic' Outside Bodies to which the Cabinet makes appointments and subject to their agreement to the above to make an appointment.	Recommendations agreed with the following addition: (c) confirm Councillor lan Hudspeth as the Council's representative on the Oxfordshire Growth Board and Councillor Rodney Rose as his named substitute.	HLC (A. Bartlett/S. Whitehead)
10.	Forward Plan and Future Business		
Cabinet Member: All Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)			
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.		Noted.	
11.	Reconsideration of a Decision Referred back from the Performance Scrutiny Committee following Call in - Middleton Stoney Road, Bicester: Proposed Road Humps and Puffin Crossing		
Perfo consi Meml 2014	their meeting on 5 June the frmance Scrutiny Committee dered the decision of the Cabinet ber for Environment made on 15 May following proper notice of a call in. Committee AGREED to refer the	The Cabinet Agreed by 6 votes to 3, with 1 abstention not to go back out to consultation with local Bicester County Councillors and to confirm the Decision of the Cabinet Member for Environment made on 15 May 2014:	DEE (M. Kemp) HLC (G. Warrington)

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decision back to Cabinet for it to consider in the light of the following material concerns this committee has about the following aspects of the decision: lack of proper consultation with local Bicester County Councillors.	to approve the implementation of proposals as advertised. (Councillor Chapman asked that her vote against be recorded).		

Annex

Questions From County Councillors

From Councillor Howson to Councillor Tilley

1. How many Oxfordshire schools imposed fines for absence by pupils during the autumn term of the current academic year; and what was the percentage of these fines paid?

Answer

During the Autumn term (terms 1&2) there were 441 Penalty Notice Warning letters issued by the Attendance and Engagement Team on behalf of Oxfordshire Schools. Of this number 26 resulted in Penalty Notices being issued. Some Oxfordshire Schools may have issued Penalty Notice Warnings without informing the Attendance and Engagement Team.

There were 6 prosecutions taken between 1st September 2013 and 28th February 2014 for failing to pay a Penalty Notice.

Question

Would the Cabinet Member make representations to the School Commissioner and Ofsted as to why there is a very high rate on non-attendance at St. Gregory the Great and to see what can be done about it?

Answer

The School Improvement Officer is actually at the School today to try and establish what the underlying cause of the high absence rate is. We have requested that an analysis of poor attendance be undertaken on a class by class and year by year basis. We have found in the past that this has been successful in improving attendance. Should this not improve attendance we can then maybe look to Ofsted?

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From Councillor Tanner to Councillor Nimmo Smith

2. In preparing for the 6 months of road works at the Hinksey Hill and Kennington roundabouts what consideration was given in the final scheme to improving the situation for bus passengers, Park & Ride users and cyclists? Why are there no bus lanes, no better access to Redbridge Park and Ride and no safer routes for cyclists in the scheme? How much extra traffic will be drawn along Abingdon Road in my division as a result of the increase in traffic on the ring road?

Answer

The scheme when completed will deliver substantial improvement in congestion which will benefit all vehicles, including buses, as the Abingdon Road/A423 is a key bus corridor route. This will make getting into and out of the Park & Ride site easier for cars and buses. As part of the Kennington Roundabout improvements, a new subway is being provided under the 'hamburger' lane to ensure the existing, good quality cycle routes between Kennington and Abingdon Road/A423 are maintained. The scheme has previously undergone a full consultation exercise back in 2012, and the results carefully considered to finalise the design.

An additional scheme is being developed as part of the City Deal initiative, which is aiming to provide a bus lane coming off the A34 northbound offslip at Hinksey Roundabout, with the specific aim of improving bus journey times/reliability at peak times along the Oxford/Abingdon corridor.

Traffic modelling undertaken for the scheme indicates that residents on the Abingdon Road using the Kennington Roundabout will experience improvements in journey times at peak hours.

Question

Will the bus lane works be carried out along with the other works scheduled to finish in November or will the bus lane be implemented after that causing further delay and congestion for the residents of Oxford?

Answer

The funding available is for the current works being undertaken at the moment. We will have to come back and implement the Bus Lane when the funding becomes available.

Question

Can you say when that will be?

Answer

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No.

From Councillor Phillips to Councillor Nimmo Smith

3. In the minutes of the 13th May Cabinet meeting in response to a question I raised about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing on the A40 at the bottom of Collinwood Road the Leader advised that he would investigate the possibility of directing section 106 funding to this project. Can I be advised of the results of these investigations?

Answer

The general principle is that S106 monies are intended to ameliorate the effects of individual developments on existing infrastructure, in this case the highway

With no significant developments in the vicinity of Collinwood Road then there is no specific S106 money which could be used for this project

We are able to pool S106 monies in Oxford so that larger strategic projects (such as Thornhill Park & Ride extension and the improvements at Frideswide Square) can progress, but we must still show that there is a relationship between the traffic arising from the development and the project concerned. I'm advised that officers do not consider that such a linkage could be made in the case of a pedestrian facility for Risinghurst.

From Councillor Phillips to Councillor Nimmo Smith

4. In the minutes of the 13th May Cabinet meeting in response to a question I raised about the timetable for the rebuilding of the London Road in Headington the Leader advised that further details would be sent to me about widening the scope of the original scheme as a result of receiving additional DfT funding. When will this information be sent to me?

Answer

The A420 London Rd Improvement and Maintenance scheme continues to be developed. With the additional £0.491 DfT maintenance funding, we are now able to deliver a more comprehensive scheme and therefore an appropriate longer service life/durable carriageway reconstruction treatment is being finalised.

The road works are programmed to commence late summer 14 and be completed by late Spring 15 with a break of road works during the Christmas Embargo period.

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