

County Council Decisions

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

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COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>1. Election of the Vice Chairman for the Remainder of the 2014/15 Council Year</p>	<p>Councillor John Sanders was elected as Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2014/15 Council Year.</p> <p>The Chairman undertook to write to former Councillor Smith with thanks for her work whilst Vice Chairman and with the best wishes of Council.</p>	<p>HLC (A. Newman)</p> <p>Cllr Purse A.</p>
<p>2. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 (CC2) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>Agreed and signed.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>3. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Councillor Hallchurch and Councillor Reynolds.</p>	<p>HLC(A. Newman)</p>
<p>4. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>5. Official Communications</p>	<p>The Chairman reports as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The 4624 Squadron at Brize Norton received the Freedom of the County and have given to the County Council an embroidered Squadron Crest which can be seen in the Members Board Room. 2) The Minerals and Waste Development Plan is currently making its way through Cabinet on route to Council. The intention was that it would be considered by Cabinet in November and then Council in December. However by December there will still be 	

	<p>some evidence outstanding and I have therefore agreed that an extraordinary meeting of full Council be held on the morning of 27 January 2014* with the express purpose of agreeing the Minerals and Waste Development Plan.</p> <p>*Note: Since agreed to start at 10.00 am</p>	
6. Appointments	None.	
7. Petitions and Public Address	<p><u>Item 12 – Themed Debate on Fracking:</u> Paul Mobbs, spoke against fracking in Oxfordshire Dr Evelyne Godfrey, spoke against fracking in Oxfordshire</p>	
8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	None.	
9. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	12 questions with notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and the supplementary questions and answers (where asked) will be set out in Annex 1 to the Minutes.	
10. Report of the Cabinet Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 16 September 2014 and 21 October 2014 (CC10).	<p>The Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 14 (Frideswide Square Construction Works) (Questions from Councillors Tanner, Pressel and Godden) Councillor Nimmo Smith undertook to circulate information relating to measures to ensure the safety of vulnerable pedestrians in the shared areas, measures to assist cyclists to navigate the Square and measures to ensure that buses were aided to cross it safely.</p>	Cllr Nimmo Smith/DEE (M. Kemp)
11. Requests for Virements and the Use of Reserves Under the Council’s Financial Regulations, Council approval is required for temporary virements of £0.500m or more and where		

<p>they represent a change in policy. The one-off transfer of funds of £0.500m or more between revenue and capital budgets also requires Council approval.</p> <p>The Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report to Cabinet on 21 October 2014 set out the following requests which require approval in accordance with the Financial Regulations and the Virement Rules for 2014/15.</p> <p>Council is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) approve the release of £2.751m contingency to Children’s Social Care (CEF2-3) within CE&F on a one – off basis;</p> <p>(b) agree that that £1.500m one – off funding from the Older People and Physical Disability Pooled Budget reserves will be used to offset part of the in – year pressure across the pools (SCS1) including the Learning Disabilities Pool;</p> <p>(c) approve the request to release £0.500m one – off funding from the Efficiency Reserve to SCS1-4 for the Adult Social Care Improvement Programme;</p> <p>(d) approve the transfer of £1.193m from the Carry Forward reserve to the Budget Reserve; and</p> <p>(e) approve a £0.850m contribution to capital from the Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant funding to increase capacity for two year olds.</p>	<p>Agreed (nem con)</p>	<p>CFO (K. Wilcox)</p>
<p>12. Themed Debate - Fracking</p> <p>At its Meeting on 1 July 2014, the County Council agreed a Motion from Councillor John Sanders in the following terms:</p> <p>"Oxfordshire has been identified as one of the areas where there could be a potential to frack for shale gas. Rightly many residents particularly in the north of the County are concerned about the implications for their communities. This Council believes that its members need to</p>	<p>The report and comments were noted.</p> <p>N.B A summary of members’ comments and of the issues raised will be circulated to all members and made available on the County Council web site.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

have the opportunity to discuss the issues and asks that a Themed Debate is organised in the near future to allow that to happen."

Accordingly, two briefing papers are attached for members' information (CC12).

RECOMMENDATION

The Council is invited to note the matters identified in the report.

