

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

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	None.	HLC (A. Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	HLC (A. Newman)
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2015 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	Agreed and signed.	SW
4. Questions from County Councillors	See attached annex	
5. Petitions and Public Address	Petition – Mr Rob Whitty, resident of Wolvercote – ‘petition requests a sound barrier is finally installed between Wolvercote and the A34.’ Petition – Ms Harriet Milles, resident of Wolvercote & Councillor Jean Fooks – ‘petition requesting traffic calming in Wolvercote Green.’ Item 6 - Councillor Nick Hards Item 7 – Councillor Liz Brighthouse	

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<p>6. 2014/15 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report - February 2015</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2014/176</i> <i>Contact: Kathy Wilcox, Chief Accountant</i> <i>Tel: (01865) 323981</i></p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note the report and annexes;</p> <p>(b) approve the return of £0.640m Supplementary Estimate relating to the Severe Weather Recovery Grant as set out in paragraph 64;</p> <p>(c) approve the creation of the Government Initiatives Reserve and the contribution of £0.840m as set out in paragraph 77;</p> <p>(d) approve the write off part of the developer contribution as set out in paragraph 69;</p> <p>(e) approve the changes to fees and charges set out in Part 4 and Annex 7a and 7b;</p> <p>(f) approve the changes to the Capital Programme set out in Annex 8c;</p> <p>(g) approve the release of £3.9m to expand the Broadband programme and to contractually commit to the construction of the revised programme as set out in paragraph 97; and</p> <p>(h) Approve allocation of £2.450m Local Growth Fund capital funding as a contribution towards the</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed, subject to on recommendation (e) the amendment of the introduction date of the pre-application charging for highways advice set out in Part 4 and Annex 7b to 1 July 2015.</p>	<p>CFO (K. Wilcox)</p>

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<p>construction of stages 1 and 2 of the Wantage Eastern Link Road by the developer of the Crab Hill development as set out in paragraphs 98 to 100.</p>		
<p>7. Cabinet Business Management & Monitoring Report for Quarter 3</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 23014/177 <i>Contact:</i> Maggie Scott, Head of Policy Tel: (01865) 816081</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note and discuss the performance reported in the dashboards.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>CE (M. Scott/C. Phillips)</p>
<p>8. Delegated Powers of the Chief Executive - April 2015</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2014/178 <i>Contact:</i> Sue Whitehead, Principal Committee Officer Tel (01865) 810262</p> <p>To report on a quarterly basis any executive decisions taken by the Chief Executive under the specific powers and functions delegated to her under the terms of Part 7.3 of the Council's Constitution – Paragraph 6.3(c)(i). It is not for scrutiny call in.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>SW</p>
<p>9. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> All <i>Contact Officer:</i> Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>SW/AB</p>

Question received from Councillor Phillips to Councillor Hibbert Biles

'I am disappointed to note in the Business Management and Monitoring Report Q3 that all Public Health indicators are below target. How long is the Cabinet Member going to tolerate this situation and when can we expect targets to be met in the following areas ?

- % of Primary School children classed as obese in Year 6
- % of people offered a health check who have taken up the offer
- Number of people who have received a health check that were identified as high cardiovascular risk
- Support 3800 people to become "4 week quitters per annum
- Number of opiate users who left drug treatment successfully who do not represent for treatment again within 6 months as a percentage of the total number of non-opiate users in treatment
- Number of non-opiate users who left drug treatment successfully who do not represent again within 6 months as a percentage of the total number of non-opiate users in treatment'

Answer

"The Cabinet member does not tolerate the situation, but has deliberately approved ambitious targets through the Health and Wellbeing Board to help the many organisations who are responsible to take a serious approach to Public Health issues and so keep an upward pressure on improvement.. The red targets should therefore be seen as the cabinet's fearless determination to tackle these problems head -on. The truth is that either Oxfordshire is already successful compared with elsewhere or is taking vigorous and successful action to improve the health of local people.

For example:

Childhood obesity: Oxfordshire already is well ahead of the national average and obesity is low (16.9% compared with 19.1%). Obesity is everyone's business and all individuals, families and organisations have a role to play. The target is deliberately ambitious to encourage partners such as schools and District councils to continue to play their part. We have worked closely with schools to make sure that a very high proportion of our children are weighed and measured each year, and we believe that this thoroughness makes Oxfordshire's figure slightly higher than in authorities where more children opt out of the test.

Health checks: we have the best performance on health checks in the Region and outstrip national performance (48.3% for Oxfordshire compared to 47.5% for Thames Valley and 46.4% for England). We pay general practices to carry out these checks and we keep the target ambitiously high to get the best performance from general practice and so give the people of Oxfordshire the best value for money. Oxfordshire has used an innovative approach to monitoring these contracts and is a leader on the national stage.

Smoking cessation: There has been a national trend which has shown a 20% fall in successful quitters across the board In 2014/15 and the numbers of smoking quitters in Oxfordshire followed this trend.. We were not complacent about this however and so we have let a new ambitious contract from the 1st April 2015, and expect to see improvements from the new service provider who won the contract. In short, we saw a national problem which was reflected locally and have taken the proper action to improve matters.

Opiate and non-opiate abstinence. The Council inherited this service from the NHS when performance was very poor indeed. Since the service has been under Council management, it has been completely overhauled and as a result, performance is steadily improving. As part of this programme of improvement, we have just successfully concluded a major initiative to re-let the main contract for adult services and the new service started on the 1st April 2015. We have kept the target deliberately high as a statement of ambition and to show our commitment to service improvement.”

Supplementary: With regard to childhood obesity Councillor Phillips welcomed that a high proportion of our children are weighed and measured each year and asked having found out the position what happened next. Councillor Hibbert Biles replied that they continued to be weighed and measured.