



County Council

14 April 2015

Agenda

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, or

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members’ conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Glenn Watson on (01865) 815270 or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.

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To: Members of the County Council

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 14 April 2015 at 10.00 am

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND



Joanna Simons
Chief Executive

April 2015

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Items 3, 7 and 9 will be recorded. The purpose of recording proceedings is to provide an *aide-memoire* to assist the clerk of the meeting in the drafting of minutes.

Members are asked to sign the attendance book which will be available in the corridor outside the Council Chamber. A list of members present at the meeting will be compiled from this book.

A buffet luncheon will be provided

AGENDA

1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 24 March 2015 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note

Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.

4. Official Communications

5. Appointments

To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.

6. Petitions and Public Address

7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public

8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council

9. Report of the Cabinet (Pages 9 - 16)

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS WITH NOTICE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PROPER OFFICER IN WRITING BY 9.00 AM ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING

10. Motion From Councillor Patrick Greene

“This Council is concerned and alarmed at the recent number of major traffic accidents that have occurred on the A34 in the Oxfordshire County area in recent months that have caused real damage not only to the Oxfordshire economy but to that of the country.

It is recognised that much of the problems arise from the volume of heavy goods vehicles that are restricted to 60mph. Much frustration to fast lane vehicles arises when two heavy vehicles are in the process of overtaking and with vehicle governors that may well be slightly at variance causing the overtaking procedure to last much too long.

In recent times there has been talk of making heavy goods vehicles travel in convoys, however the matter is extremely urgent and this Council asks the leader to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask that he makes urgent representation to Highways England to request that there is an enforcement order

made to restrict all heavy goods vehicles to only use the slow lane between junction 13 on the M4 to junction 9 on the M40. This measure will in all respects make these vehicles travel in convoys and make the road safer and less liable to accidents.”

11. Motion From Councillor Bob Johnston

“After decades of a lack of support by this Council for the rail infrastructure, the promotion of the East West rail link and the developments on the Cowley branch are welcome news. However more could be achieved by a comprehensive plan encompassing the whole County, reducing strain on our road infrastructure that we have responsibility for maintaining. This could include the re-opening of stations at places like Grove/Wantage and Yarnton and the line to Witney and Carterton as well as the redoubling of the remainder of the Cotswold line within Oxfordshire. Rail services can play an important part in the future economic and social life of the County. For example the proposed services directly to Heathrow could be extended to both Banbury and Bicester rather than terminating in Oxford.

In the meantime the Council needs to lobby the Department For Transport and others for modern electric rolling stock for the newly electrified lines to Oxfordshire.”

12. Motion From Councillor Tanner

"The Council calls on each of the candidates in the five Oxfordshire constituencies:

- (a) to speak up for local government;
- (b) to pledge to build the homes and provide the improved transport that Oxfordshire desperately needs;
- (c) to support our schools, colleges and universities;
- (d) to back a vibrant low carbon economy;
- (e) to commit to a Living Wage and a more equal society;
- (f) to promote an international, tolerant and safer county;
- (g) to respond to the needs of our scientific, automotive, agricultural and military communities;
- (h) to invest in our hospitals and the National Health Service in the county;
- (i) to support and safeguard our elderly and disabled residents, and our young people;

We expect those elected to represent Oxfordshire in the House of Commons to work tirelessly for a prosperous, fairer, greener and more beautiful Oxfordshire for all and urges every resident who can to use their vote in the General Election on May 7th.

13. Motion From Councillor Neville Harris

“I move that, at the earliest possible time following the General Election, the Oxfordshire County Council decant (travel) to the House of Commons Westminster en - bloc to meet, at individual members own expense or otherwise, and to enable its unified case in relation to Oxfordshire's future to be put directly to the County's Members of Parliament. The discussions and representations to include 'cross council' concerns on present and future Government funding and policies on all matters affecting Oxfordshire's residents including: all types of infrastructure, the Council's full range of services and the discharge of its statutory duties.

Detailed organisational arrangements to be made by the relevant officers in conjunction with group leaders and other pertinent members.”

14. Motion From Councillor David Williams

“Knowing the impact that the reductions in revenue support grant have had over the last 5 years on vital services and the likely impact of even stronger cuts will have on the most vulnerable in our Community in future years, Oxfordshire County Council calls on the party leaders of the Conservative Labour and Liberal Democrats to abandon their plans to impose even further cuts on local Government and to recognise that local Government plays a vital role in our community and should no longer bear the burden of an economic policy known as ‘Austerity’ that is of dubious merit and limited effectiveness.

The Chief Executive to write to all three party leaders with a copy of this motion.”

15. Motion From Councillor Coates

“Having undertaken a deep review of the future Transport Strategy the County Council is of the opinion that one of the key issues to easing congestion on Oxfordshire roads is to encourage more travellers to take non car options such as walking, cycling and public transport by bus and train.

Knowing that choices of transport modes essentially comes down to an economic decision based on the cheapest options this Council calls on the Government to divert part of the £18billion already committed for road building to rail expansion and reductions in rail fares , bus subsidies and new cycle support networks.

The County Council also considers that now is maybe the time to consider bringing ALL of the rail system back into public ownership and control and to end rail franchises that see large scale public funding underpinning massive profit taking by private companies.

The Chief Executive to forward copies of this motion to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Transport on the 11 May 2015.”

16. Motion From Councillor Coates

“The County Council is concerned at the recent report by the World Wildlife Fund Living Planet Index that 50% of wildlife has gone from the planet over the last 45 years. Clearly this includes substantial numbers of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish disappearing from, the Oxfordshire ecosystem since 1970.

One estimate for UK wildlife decline since 1970 is about a 58% reduction. The Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust has said this report is valid for our area, in terms of their observations.

The County Council has already shown its concern with bee colony collapse and is

pledged to support the species with a programme designed to assist bee communities to prosper. However the WWF Living Index Research suggests a deeper and even more serious concern across a wide spectrum of creatures that constitute our local Oxfordshire Wildlife.

The Council requests that the report currently being undertaken by the Local Nature Partnership is circulated to all members and considered by Cabinet to illustrate what may be done to reverse the decline in wildlife population numbers here in Oxfordshire.”

17. Motion From Councillor David Williams

“This Council notes with dismay the continued expansion of the Academy and Free Schools programme endorsed in the 2015 manifestos of the Conservative and Labour Parties. The Council calls on the Leaders of the Parties to follow the example of the Swedish Government and end this experiment in Governance and return all schools to democratic control and accountability with clear universal professional standards, commitment to a similar curriculum, non-selective criteria and general equity in funding.

The Council is concerned at the billions of pounds that have been diverted from mainstream education to try to make Free Schools work and the dramatic impact this has had on local authority schools funding.

The Council would seek to illustrate to the Secretary of State for Education the advantages of maintaining and enhancing the ‘ Local Education Authority ’ with its excellent central role in providing collective services to schools in a wide range of areas. The Council is concerned that the obvious advantages in collectively improving the quality of local education provision provided via the LEA are being wasted in the fragmentation and atomisation that Academies and Free Schools generate.

The Chief Executive to forward copies of this motion to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education on the 11 May 2015.”

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 13 April at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March 2015 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 12.45 pm.

Present:

Councillor Anne Purse – in the Chair

Councillors:

Lynda Atkins	Janet Godden	Neil Owen
Jamila Azad	Patrick Greene	Glynis Phillips
Mike Beal	Tim Hallchurch MBE	Susanna Pressel
Maurice Billington	Pete Handley	Laura Price
Liz Brighthouse OBE	Jenny Hannaby	G.A. Reynolds
Kevin Bulmer	Nick Hards	Alison Rooke
Nick Carter	Neville F. Harris	Rodney Rose
Louise Chapman	Steve Harrod	Gillian Sanders
Mark Cherry	Mrs Judith Heathcoat	John Sanders
John Christie	John Howson	Les Sibley
Sam Coates	Ian Hudspeth	Lawrie Stratford
Yvonne Constance OBE	Bob Johnston	John Tanner
Steve Curran	Stewart Lilly	Melinda Tilley
Surinder Dhesi	Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Michael Waine
Arash Fatemian	Sandy Lovatt	Richard Webber
Neil Fawcett	Mark Lygo	David Williams
Jean Fooks	Kieron Mallon	David Wilmshurst
Mrs C. Fulljames	Charles Mathew	
Anthony Gearing	David Nimmo Smith	

The Council considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

1/15 MINUTES
(Agenda Item 8)

The Minutes of the Meeting were approved and signed subject to Councillor Zoe Patrick being removed from the vote on page 7 of the Minutes and to the following being added to Minute 97/14:

“Councillor Harris raised a point of order in relation to the constitutional status of the report which was answered by the County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer at the time.”

2/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bartholomew, Gray, Hibbert-Biles, Langridge, Patrick and R. Smith.

The Leader of the Council announced that Councillor Gray had sadly suffered a family bereavement.

RESOLVED: to ask the Chairman of the Council to write to Councillor Gray to convey Council's warm wishes and condolences for his loss.

3/15 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

(Agenda Item 3)

The Chairman announced that she would be hosting a Charity Dinner on 15 May 2015 to raise funds for Thomley Hall in Oxford. She hoped that all members would support this event.

4/15 APPOINTMENTS

(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED: to note the following appointments, notified to the Proper Officer by the Leader of the Council:

- (a) Councillor Stewart Lilly in place of Councillor Simon Hoare on Performance Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) Councillor Yvonne Constance OBE in place of Councillor Simon Hoare on Audit & Governance Committee;
- (c) Councillor Richard Langridge in place of Councillor Yvonne Constance OBE on Education Scrutiny Committee.

The Leader of the Council paid tribute to Councillor Hoare for his service on the Council.

5/15 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda Item 5)

Mrs Julie Hankey addressed the Council on behalf of Oxfordshire against Gravel Extraction (OXAGE) against the recommendations set out in Agenda Item 6 (Minerals & Waste Local Plan) on the basis that inadequate consultation had been undertaken and that a key reason for consultation, as stated in the statement of Community Involvement was to help strengthen the county's minerals plan. The Council were today being asked to agree to a minerals plan which had not involved the community. In the light of this, she urged the Council to support the amendment put forward by Councillor Lynda Atkins. Without community consultation, the weaknesses in the plan would go unchallenged, and now ran the risk of being judged to have failed the tests of soundness and legal compliance by the Inspector at the Examination in Public.

Mr John Taylor addressed the Council on behalf of OXAGE against the recommendations set out in the report at Agenda Item 6 as he believed the Plan to be flawed on the basis that it lacked any supporting evidence. He urged the Council to support the amendment put forward by Councillor Lynda Atkins to defer consideration of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan to allow further consultation on the methodology used to prepare the Local Aggregates Assessment, particularly with the local communities affected. He urged caution that if this was not done the Council could face further challenge.

6/15 OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS & WASTE LOCAL PLAN

(Agenda Item 6)

The County Council had a statutory duty to prepare a new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, to provide an effective planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and management of waste in the County. The Council had before them the Core Strategy (CC6) which would form the central part of the new Plan, setting out the Council's vision, objectives, spatial strategy and core policies for the supply of minerals and management of waste in Oxfordshire to 2031. It was a strategic policy document that required full Council approval before it was published for representations to be made and then submitted to the Government for independent examination.

The Cabinet on 25 November 2014 resolved to agree a draft of the Core Strategy in principle for recommendation to Council. A final amended draft of the Core Strategy had now been prepared. This took into account comments received on the February 2014 consultation draft document, the outcomes of engagement under the duty to co-operate, further technical work and current national planning policy and guidance; and it should be found to be legally compliant and sound when examined by an inspector.

The County Council also had before it the Statement of Community Involvement (CC6). This set out how the Council would involve the community in preparing and reviewing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and in making decisions on planning applications. It was a policy document that required a decision by full Council to be adopted. The current Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement was adopted by the Council in 2006 and now needed to be revised. Following consultation on a draft earlier in 2014, the Cabinet on 25 November 2014 agreed to recommend a revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement to Council for adoption.

Councillor Nimmo Smith moved and Councillor Hudspeth seconded that the recommendations set out in the report and on the face of the agenda be moved.

Councillor Lynda Atkins moved and Councillor Constance seconded the following amendment:

The Council is RECOMMENDED to:

In respect of A:

- (a) ~~approve~~ ***defer consideration of*** the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy at Annex 4 ***to allow consultation on the methodology used to prepare the Local Aggregates Assessment (LAA) with those interested parties who were consulted on the methodology for the previous Local Aggregates Assessment, but who were not consulted on the methodology in the current LAA*** for publication and submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Regulations 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and
- (b) ***asks the Cabinet to have careful regard to the outcome of the additional consultation before final consideration of the draft Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy by Council.***
- ~~(b) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to finalise the text, tables, diagrams and plans in the Core Strategy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, and to finalise the supporting documents, provided that the strategy and policy content of the Core Strategy is not materially changed; and~~
- ~~(c) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to publish the Core Strategy and supporting documents in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and~~
- ~~(d) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to consider any representations received on the published Core Strategy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and to finalise and submit the Core Strategy and other required documents and information to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and~~
- ~~(e) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to represent the Council, present evidence and respond to any comments made by other parties and any relevant changes in legislation or national policy or guidance during the examination of the Core Strategy and, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to put forward to the Inspector any necessary changes to the Core Strategy if required during the examination.~~

In respect of B:

- (a) adopt the Revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement at Annex 6 to replace the existing Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement adopted on 7 November 2006; and

- (b) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to carry out final editing and preparation of the Revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement for publication.

Following a lengthy debate in which those supporting the amendment expressed deep regret at the lack of consultation with local communities, together with their concern over the robustness of the Plan going forward, the amendment was put to the vote and was lost by 26 votes to 23, with 7 abstentions.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was carried by 39 votes to 15, with 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: (by 39 votes to 15, 2 abstentions)

In respect of A:

- (c) approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy at Annex 4 for publication and submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Regulations 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and
- (d) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to finalise the text, tables, diagrams and plans in the Core Strategy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, and to finalise the supporting documents, provided that the strategy and policy content of the Core Strategy is not materially changed; and
- (e) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to publish the Core Strategy and supporting documents in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and
- (f) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to consider any representations received on the published Core Strategy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and to finalise and submit the Core Strategy and other required documents and information to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and
- (g) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to represent the Council, present evidence and respond to any comments made by other parties and any relevant changes in legislation or national policy or guidance during the examination of the Core Strategy and, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to put forward to the Inspector any necessary changes to the Core Strategy if required during the examination.

In respect of B:

- (a) adopt the Revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement at Annex 6 to replace the existing Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement adopted on 7 November 2006; and
- (b) authorise the Director for Environment and Economy to carry out final editing and preparation of the Revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement for publication.

7/15 CHIEF EXECUTIVE & HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

(Agenda Item 7)

At the Full Council meeting of the 17 February 2015, a decision was taken relating to the restructuring of the Senior Management Team of the Council resulting in the deletion of the post of Chief Executive and the resultant decision to give Joanna Simons notice of dismissal from that role by reason of redundancy, and consequently from the position of Head of Paid Service. Following that decision, a Notice of Dismissal was issued to the Chief Executive.

The rationale for the restructuring was set out in the earlier report of the County Solicitor and concerned the need to introduce a new operating model to address the serious funding challenges and embrace a more distributed model of managerial leadership.

Concerns were raised by some members regarding the legality of the process that was followed in the light of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001. To address any uncertainty that may have remained and so there could be confidence in the integrity and transparency of the decision; to avoid legal challenges and the resultant costs and delays, the Council had before it a report (CC7) for further consideration.

Councillor Hudspeth moved and Councillor Rose seconded the recommendations set out in the report and on the face of the Agenda. In moving his motion the Leader of the Council apologised for the haste with which the past decision was taken and accepted responsibility for it.

The Chairman reported that she had agreed that the vote on this item would be taken in two parts, with recommendation (a) being voted on separately followed by a vote on (b), (c) and (d) taken together.

Following a lengthy debate recommendation (a) was put to the vote and was carried by 55 votes to 0.

Recommendations (b), (c) and (d) were the put to the vote and were lost by 28 votes to 27.

RESOLVED: (by 55 votes to 0) to rescind the decision to issue a Notice of Dismissal to the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service taken on the 17 February 2015.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing

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Division(s): N/A

COUNTY COUNCIL – 14 APRIL 2015

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Leader

1. Preparing for Future Financial Pressures

(Cabinet, 27 January 2015)

In response to government announcements about future public spending cuts the Leader of the Council presented the findings of a report from Ernst and Young on the options for the future configuration of local government in Oxfordshire.

Cabinet agreed to refer the report and a further suggestion made during the meeting to Council in order that all Members can debate the issues.

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

2. Flood Risk Management Consultation Responses

(Cabinet 16 December 2014)

Cabinet considered a report presenting the outcomes of the consultation into the County Councils draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and proposed amendments arising from feedback received.

Cabinet noted the feedback from the consultation, approved the changes to the Strategy Action Plan and adopted the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

3. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 2

(Cabinet, 27 January 2015)

Cabinet noted a report that provided details of performance for quarter two (2014-15) for the Cabinet to consider. The report is required so that the Cabinet can monitor the performance of the Council in key service areas and be assured that progress is being made to improve areas where performance is below the expected level.

4. Community Risk Management 2015-16 Action Plan

(Cabinet, 24 February 2015)

Cabinet had before them for approval the Action Plan 2015-16 which had been subjected to full internal and external consultation for a period of 12 weeks. Cabinet agreed to accept all of the project proposals as set out below: The proposals for the 2015 - 2016 Action Plan are as follows:

Project 1: Implement Emergency Medical Support Services in collaboration with South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS).

Project 2: Review adverse weather resilience arrangements with the emergency planning team and other partners.

Project 3: Trial emergency cover review recommendations in the Carterton area.

Project 4: Identify opportunities to work with partners to improve health, safety & wellbeing in local communities.

5. Staffing Report, Quarter 3 2014/15

(Cabinet, 24 February 2015)

Cabinet agreed a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2014. It gave details of the agreed staffing numbers and establishment at 31 December 2014. The report also provided information on vacancies and the cost of posts being covered by agency staff.

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

6. Housing Related Report

(Cabinet, 27 January 2015)

Cabinet had before them a report that outlined the findings from the public consultation on housing related report and which set out proposals on the way forward following that consultation and consideration and approval by the members of the Health Improvement Board on 20 October 2014 and of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 13 November 2014.

Cabinet approved the proposed plan for re-commissioning of housing related support services, as revised following the consultation.

7. Adult Social Care Policy Framework

(Cabinet 24 February 2015)

Cabinet considered a report on the new Adult Social Care Policy framework. The report highlighted its impact and requested decisions on some key areas where the framework either proposed change to current practice or confirmed practice not previously included in formal policy.

Cabinet agreed the framework and authorised others to carry out reviews when appropriate while retaining oversight and responsibility, agreed various charges and procedures relating to charges, to accept complaints from people paying for their own care and support including through a Direct Payment, accepting that this may involve asking organisations providing care to investigate or sign posting to an appropriate place to investigate (for example the Local Government Ombudsman), not to charge carers a contribution to the cost of their support and continues to provide equipment free of charge before full assessment to aid independence and reduce or delay needs for care.

8. The Big Plan – Learning Disabilities Strategy, 2015/18

(Cabinet 17 March 2015)

Oxfordshire County Council is the lead commissioner of learning disability health and social care services, through a county council and clinical commissioning group pooled budget.

Cabinet had before them a report covering our commissioning plans for delivering services to people with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire, including changes made as a result of the consultation.

Cabinet considered the results of the public consultation on Oxfordshire's joint Learning Disability Strategy 2015 – 2018 and approved the way forward.

9. Care Home Fees 2015

(Cabinet 17 March 2015)

The services that care homes provide within Oxfordshire play an important role in helping to meet the needs of vulnerable adults. The Council has to ensure that there is sufficient capacity within the social care market to meet its current and future commissioning requirements.

Cabinet considered a report that described the process the Council had undertaken to review the amount it pays for care homes and gave agreement to the Target Banding Rates to be applied for 2015-16.

Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families

10. Child Sexual Exploitation Update – OSCB Report and Report on CSE

(Cabinet, 16 December 2014)

Cabinet had before them a report to update members on progress on tackling CSE and to provide assurance on how we are responding to this issue. Also attached was the annual report of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board which sets out progress on the key areas of the action plan.

noted the work that has been undertaken in relation to combatting CSE; and support the recommendation for briefings to be provided for elected members to enable them to better recognise and respond to concerns about grooming and exploitation.

11. Strategy for Special Educational Needs Infrastructure to 2030

(Cabinet, 16 December 2014)

Cabinet considered a report setting out a proposed strategy to meet the rising demand for specialist provision for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities, aged 2 to 25 years, in the short term and until 2030

Cabinet endorsed the Council's proposed strategy for meeting the demand for specialist provision for children and young people with SEN and Disabilities, aged 2 to 25 years, in the short term and until 2030.

12. Closure of Northfield School Hostel

(Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families, 8 December 2014)

The Cabinet Member considered and approved a proposal led by Oxfordshire County Council to formally remove the boarding provision at the "hostel" run as part of Northfield School, Oxford.

Note: As set out under Rule 18(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision was exempt from Call-In as it is deemed urgent and any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, in that the Cabinet's role would be negated by referral to the Schools' Adjudicator if the decisions were not taken within two months of the end of the Statutory Notices, in this case being 10 January 2015.

13. Closure of Hearing Impairment Resource Base, Rush Common School, Abingdon

(Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families, 5 January 2015)

The Cabinet Member considered and approved a proposal to formally close the Hearing Impairment Resource Base at Rush Common School in Abingdon. From September 2014 there are no children attending this resource base.

Note: As set out under Rule 18(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision was exempt from Call-In as it is deemed urgent and any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, in that the Cabinet's role would be negated by referral to the Schools' Adjudicator if the decisions were not taken within two months of the end of the Statutory Notices, in this case being 10 February 2015.

14. Proposal to Expand Hook Norton Primary School

(Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families, 9 February 2015)

The Cabinet Member considered and approved a proposal to increase the formal published admission number for Hook Norton CE Primary School from 30 to 45, on a permanent basis starting from September 2015.

Note: As set out under Rule 18(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision was exempt from Call-In as it is deemed urgent and any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, in that the Cabinet's role would be negated by referral to the Schools' Adjudicator if the decisions were not taken within two months of the end of the Statutory Notices, in this case being 10 February 2015.

15. Proposal to Close West Kidlington Nursery School and Extend the Age Range of West Kidlington Primary School to Effect a "Merger"

(Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families, 9 March 2015)

The Cabinet Member considered and approved a proposal to close West Kidlington Nursery School and alter the age range at West Kidlington Primary School to enable the establishment of a Nursery class. This will effect a "merger" between the two currently separate establishments.

Note: As set out under Rule 18(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision was exempt from Call-In as it is deemed urgent and any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, in that the Cabinet's role would be negated by referral to the Schools' Adjudicator if the decisions were not taken within two months of the end of the Statutory Notices, in this case being 4 April 2015.

Cabinet Member: Environment

16. Follow Up to the Call In of a Decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment: Proposed Pelican Crossings – A415 Marcham Road and Ock Street, Abingdon

(Cabinet, 16 December 2014)

At their meeting on 3 November 2014 the Performance Scrutiny Committee considered the decision of the Cabinet Member of Environment made on 9 October 2014 following proper notice of call in. The Committee agreed to refer the decision back to Cabinet for it to consider in the light of the following aspects of the decision:

- (a) That neither the Officers report nor the Cabinet Members decision appeared to be based on the Department for Transport Guidance into the assessment of pedestrian crossing sites and;
- (b) The Cabinet Member did not take due account of the impact of the changes on the wider local traffic network.

Cabinet considered a report and further representations and agreed to approve implementation of proposals for two proposed Pelican crossings on A415 Marcham Road and Ock Street, Abingdon as advertised and to monitor closely the safety performance and traffic delays following the completion of the works.

17. LTP4 and Oxford Transport Strategy

(Cabinet, 27 January 2015)

Following internal, stakeholder and public consultation on goals and objectives last summer Cabinet considered and approved a report seeking approval to the consultation draft of the Plan that, will go forward for public

consultation in February/March, returning for final Cabinet approval and adoption by Full Council (as it is a statutory document) by summer 2015.

18. Compulsory Purchase Orders – Required to Deliver the City Deal

(Cabinet, 27 January 2015)

The Council's Major Infrastructure Delivery Commercial Team is managing the delivery of a number of major highway improvement schemes. Some of these schemes require additional land to enable delivery of the proposed improvements which will reduce congestion, improve movement, access and safety and encourage use of sustainable transport. Cabinet considered a report that provided a list of schemes (with supporting compulsory purchase order land details) that require additional land.

The report further requested approval for the Director for Environment and Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to exercise delegated authority for use of Compulsory Purchase powers for the purchase of land for these schemes, in the event that this land required cannot be purchased by negotiation.

Cabinet gave approval to the delegation in respect of the following schemes:

- Chilton Interchange
- Featherbed and Steventon Lights
- Harwell Phase 1
- Harwell Phase 2 - Hagbourne Hill
- Ducklington Lane Corridor Improvements, Witney

Cabinet Member: Finance

19. 2014/15 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report –

(Cabinet, 16 December 2014 and 24 February 2015)

Cabinet considered two reports that focussed on the delivery of the Directorate Business Strategies which were agreed as part of the Service and Resource Planning Process for 2014/15 – 2017/18. Parts 1 and 2 included projections for revenue, reserves and balances as at the end of October 2014. Capital monitoring was included at Part 3. Fees and Charges are included in Part 4.

In December parts 1 and 2 included projections as at the end of October 2014. Cabinet noted changes to the Treasury Management lending list, recommended Council to approve the virement to reduce the in - year income and contribution to the Parking Account, approved the virement request relating to the Shared Lives budget, approved the write off of rental income totalling £16,453 and £15,212 relating to a Section 106 agreement as set out in paragraphs 65 and 66, approved the changes to the Capital Programme, approved the removal of the capital scheme at Bicester Market Square from the capital programme and approved the allocation of £1.250m S106 funding as a contribution towards the construction of the A40/Downs Road Junction by the West Witney developer.

In February, 2015 Parts 1 and 2 included projections as at the end of December 2014. Cabinet noted changes to the Treasury Management lending list, approved virements, approved the write off of client income totalling £31,638 relating to unpaid client contributions for residential care and the write of £50,002 relating to capital works at a school, approved the creation of the Oxford Western Conveyance Reserve and the initial contribution of £0.350m, approved the fees for hiring the Riverside Centre, approved the release of the revised capital budgets of £4.100m for Cuttleslowe roundabout and £4.824m for Wolvercote roundabout to proceed to detailed design and procurement, approved the entry of the A44 – A40 Loop Farm Link Road into the capital programme and the release of a £0.676m project development budget and approved the changes to the Capital Programme.

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