

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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

If you have a query please contact Deborah Miller (Tel: (01865) 815384; E-Mail: [deborah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk))

## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p><b>1. Minutes</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2015 (<b>CC1</b>) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2015 were approved and signed.</p>	<p>HLC (A. Bartlett)</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence</b></p>	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Constance, Godden, Langridge and Patrick.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> to approve, for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the absence of Councillor Zoe Patrick from any meeting of the Authority from the date of this meeting for six months on the grounds of ill health.</p>	<p>HLC (A. Newman)</p>
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p><b>4. Official Communications</b></p>	<p>The Chairman reported as follows:</p> <p>At the last Council Meeting in May, a collection was made for the Oxfam Nepal Earthquake Appeal. The grand total collected was £372. The Chairman thanked Council for their generosity.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

**COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

<i>RECOMMENDATIONS</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
	<p>Councillor Nick Carter, Cabinet Member for Business &amp; Customer Services had asked the Chairman to remind members of the Carillion Visit arranged for Tuesday 21 July at Bartholomew School in Eynsham to see an example of the new Modular Construction method for school buildings and to meet some of the team in Property and Facilities partnership. All members were welcome to attend.</p>	All to note
<p><b>5. Appointments</b></p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> to note the following appointment:</p> <p>Councillor Liz Brighouse to replace Councillor Gill Sanders on the Remuneration Committee.</p>	HLC (S. Whitehead)
<p><b>6. Petitions and Public Address</b></p>	<p>The following petitions were received by the Chairman of the Council:</p> <p>MRS Gena Leveson, on behalf of residents seeking Traffic Calming Measures and a Safe Crossing Place in Quarry Hollow to alleviate high volumes of traffic, including HGV's driving dangerously and inadequate provision for Pedestrians and to encourage more people to walk to school and to make Quarry Hollow a more connected community.</p> <p>The petition was referred to the Director of Environment &amp; Economy.</p> <p>Mr John Handley, on behalf of residents of Sunderland Avenue seeking peak traffic road closures on the west and central entrances to Sunderland Avenue (North) during peak traffic flows (&amp;am – 10 am) and (3.30 pm – 5.30 pm) during the A40 roadworks.</p>	DEE (J. Larkcom)

**COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

<i>RECOMMENDATIONS</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
	The petition was referred to the Director of Environment & Economy.	
<b>7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public</b>	There were none.	
<b>8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</b>	<p>10 questions with notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and the supplementary questions and answers (where asked) are set out in Annex 1 to the Minutes.</p> <p>In relation to Question 9 (Question from Councillor Tanner to Councillor Nimmo Smith) Councillor Nimmo Smith gave an undertaking to ask officers calculate the cost of placing double yellow lines at Donnington Bridge and provide Councillor Cherry with a written answer.</p>	<p>Cllr Nimmo Smith</p> <p>HLC (Y. Staniford)</p>
<p><b>9. Report of the Cabinet</b></p> <p>Report of the Cabinet meetings held on 19 March 2015, 21 April 2015, 26 May 2015 and 23 June 2015 (CC9).</p>	<p>The Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 1 (Addressing the Council's Future Challenges) (Question from Councillor Smith) Councillor Hudspeth gave an undertaking to give consideration to how members could be kept informed on outcomes from all boards, partnerships and alliances.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 4 (Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 3) (Question from Councillor Liz Brighthouse) Councillor Rose gave an undertaking to request that the LEP and other boards and partnerships report into Performance Scrutiny.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 10 (The Councils response to the findings of the Serious Case Review for Children</p>	<p>Cllr Hudspeth</p> <p>HLC (M. Peacock)</p> <p>Cllr Rose HLC (Y. Staniford)</p> <p>Cllr Tilley</p>

**COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
	<p>A-F and further action taken in response to Child Exploitation in Oxfordshire) (Question from Councillor Dhesi) Councillor Tilley gave an undertaking to ask the Youth Offending Team to provide a written answer detailing how many children looked after end up in crime.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 11 (Support for Children Looked After and leaving Care into Employment, Education &amp; Training) (Question from Councillor Dhesi) Councillor Tilley gave an undertaking to ask the Youth Offending Team to provide a written answer detailing how many children looked after end up in crime.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 12 (Recommendations of the Early Intervention Cabinet Advisory Group)) (Question from Councillor Rooke) Councillor Tilley gave an undertaking to re-look at the admissions policy in relation to 'family needs'</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 15 (2014/15 Financial Monitoring &amp; Business Strategy Delivery Report – February 2015) (Question from Councillor Brighthouse) Councillor Stratford undertook to provide a written answer detailing what savings had been made following the Facilities Management Contract.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 16 (Provisional 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Outturn) (Question from Councillor Pressel) Councillor Stratford undertook to provide a written answer regarding consultation undertaken prior to the bid for the 'Riverside Routes Scheme'.</p>	<p>Cllr Tilley</p> <p>Cllr Tilley</p> <p>Cllr Stratford</p> <p>Cllr Stratford</p>
<b>10. Senior Officer Appointments</b>		

## County Council Decisions

## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>As a result of the current Chief Executive leaving the Council at the end of September 2015, it is necessary for statutory roles to be re-appointed to ensure succession, principally the role of Head of Paid Service.</p> <p>Under the Council's Constitution, the Remuneration Committee has made a recommendation to Full Council as to the appointment of Head of Paid Service to succeed the current Chief Executive. If Council accepts this recommendation, it will also be necessary for the Council to appoint a Monitoring Officer, as explained in paragraph 11 below. The Remuneration Committee has also followed its Constitutional role in making a recommendation on that eventuality.</p> <p>This report therefore sets out the procedural requirements in making such appointments together with the details of the recommendation(s) of the Remuneration Committee.</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to agree to:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>amend the Constitution's Scheme of Delegation and Articles (Officers) to reflect that the role of Head of Paid Service may be performed by any officer legally nominated by Council following a recommendation of the Remuneration Committee;</b></p> <p>(b) <b>amend the Constitution's Scheme of Delegation to reflect that the role of Returning Officer may be performed by any officer legally nominated by the Council; AND consequently;</b></p> <p>(c) <b>notify the Proper Officer of Council's intention to appoint the Chief Legal Officer as the Head of Paid Service with a view, at its next meeting, to:</b></p>	<p>Agreed by 57 votes to 0, with 1 abstention.</p>	<p>HLC (G. Watson/S. Whitehead)</p>

## County Council Decisions

## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>(i) <i>receiving the outcome of the proper consultation with members of the Cabinet on this proposal and;</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>determining whether to proceed with the specified appointment.</i></p>		
<p><b>11. County Council Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>The report of the Monitoring Officer containing the schedule of meeting dates proposed for the 2016/17 Council Year is attached (<b>CC11</b>).</p> <p>The schedule has been drawn up to reflect the various rules about frequency of meetings set out in the Council's Constitution. Attention is drawn to the following proposed changes to previous patterns:</p> <p>It is proposed that from April 2016 Education Scrutiny Committee and Audit &amp; Governance Committees meet on a Monday rather than Thursday and Wednesday respectively. Education Scrutiny Committee because Thursdays are extremely congested for meetings and Audit &amp; Governance Committee because their meetings are becoming very busy and will sometimes require an all-day meeting which is not possible on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Please note that the meeting dates in February and March 2017 are spaced to try and avoid the need for meetings, particularly Scrutiny Committee meetings in April as it is a County Council election year. On the suggestion of the Chief Finance Officer the February budget meeting is proposed for the second rather than the third Tuesday in February.</p> <p>In addition It is proposed that the April 2017 Council meeting be brought forward to before the start of the restricted period.</p>		

## County Council Decisions

## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>This would mean that there is one extra Council meeting in 2016/17 and there would be one less in 2017/18.</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to agree the schedule of meeting dates for the 2015/16 Council Year and in particular to waive Rule 2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules to allow the February 2017 budget meeting of full Council to be held on 14 February and the April 2017 full Council meeting to be held on 21 March 2017.</b></p>	<p>With the agreement of Council, Councillor Hudspeth accepted the proposed amendment by Councillor Bartholomew as follows:</p> <p>Audit and Governance Committee has been charged with setting up a working group to improve the demographic diversity of Councillors. It is therefore contrary to this objective to change Audit and Governance from a half-day meeting on Wednesday afternoons to a full-day on Monday.</p> <p>Monday mornings are probably the worst possible time for a working Councillor to have to attend a Council meeting and the potential for this to extend to a whole day is even worse.</p> <p>This Council therefore amends the proposed schedule so that Audit and Governance remains on Wednesday afternoons.</p> <p>The recommendations, as amended was carried nem con.</p>	<p>HLC (S. Whitehead)</p>
<p><b>12. Virements to Council</b></p> <p>Report by the Chief Finance Officer (CC12)</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p><b>(a) approve the virements greater than £1.0m for Children, Education &amp; Families, Social &amp; Community Services, Chief Executive's Office, and Environment &amp; Economy Directorates as set out in Annex 1;</b></p> <p><b>(b) approve supplementary</b></p>	<p>Agreed by 47 votes to 11, with 1 abstention.</p>	<p>CFO (K. Wilcox)</p>

## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p><i>estimates of £2.0m to the Efficiency Reserve and £2.7m to the Budget Reserve as set out in paragraph 3;</i></p> <p><b>(c) approve the permanent virement of £5.481m income into the Learning Disability Pool in respect of Learning Disability client contribution budgets.</b></p>		
<p><b>13. Statutory Officers - Constitution</b></p> <p>The Government has issued Regulations to change the procedures which must be followed if a Council wishes to discipline or dismiss its statutory officers – that is, the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer. As such, councils are required to adopt the new procedures no later than the first ordinary meeting of the Council in the current Council year.</p> <p>This report outlines the changes in procedure and asks Council formally to note the statutory requirements and to ask the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution accordingly.</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the changes to the statutory procedure and to ask the Monitoring Officer to amend the Council's Constitution accordingly.</b></p>	<p>Agreed (nem con)</p>	<p>HLC (G. Watson)</p>
<p><b>14. Motion From Councillor Richard Webber</b></p> <p>“The Government’s desire to increase the rate of house building has been supported by the National Planning Policy Framework. The NPPF has certainly reduced many obstacles and delays to planning approvals. House building is now steaming ahead, at least in the South of England.</p> <p>New Homes Bonus was designed to encourage planning authorities to allow</p>	<p>With the agreement of Council, Councillor Webber accepted the proposed amendment by Councillor Williams as set out in the Schedule of Business Annex 1.</p> <p>The Motion, as amended was carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (unanimously)</p>	



**COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

<i>RECOMMENDATIONS</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<p>more house building, but with the arrival of the NPPF the role of NHB has been secondary in achieving growth. With the NHB allocation of 80% to District Councils and 20% to County Councils, District Councils in the South East, have seen their finances transformed. However, the resultant need for high cost infrastructure, such as roads and schools falls to County Councils with only a 20% allocation of NHB. The increasing disparity between ever wealthier Districts and ever more financially stressed Counties is almost entirely the result of the 80:20% split of NHB.</p> <p>This Council requests that the Leader and CEO together write to the LGA and CCN expressing the Council's concern and urging them to persuade central government to revisit the issue of NHB allocation."</p>	<p>"New Homes Bonus was designed to encourage planning authorities to allow more house building, but with the arrival of the NPPF the role of NHB has been secondary in achieving growth. With the NHB allocation of 80% to District Councils and 20% to County Councils, District Councils in the South East, have seen their finances transformed. However, the resultant need for high cost infrastructure, such as roads and schools falls to County Councils with only a 20% allocation of NHB. The increasing disparity between ever wealthier Districts and ever more financially stressed Counties is almost entirely the result of the 80:20% split of NHB.</p> <p>This Council requests that the Leader and CEO together write to the LGA and CCN expressing the Council's concern and urging them to persuade central government to revisit the issue of NHB allocation."</p>	<p>Leader DEE HLC(M. Peacock)</p>
<p><b>15. Motion From Councillor Kevin Bulmer</b></p> <p>"This Council, as traffic authority for oxfordshire asks that the government should in this parliamentary session enact legislation or changes to regulations to make it compulsory for HGV to have commercial satellite navigation and use of personal satellite navigations are to be banned. The regulations need to make sure that the satellite navigation system is to be kept up to date with the latest agreed HGV routes and to include appropriate fines. This council believes this change could become part of the current HGV inspection &amp; enforcement process with little to no additional cost.</p> <p>The rural areas of Oxfordshire are being particularly effected by HGVs using</p>	<p>With the consent of Council Councillor Bulmer amended his motion. The motion as amended was carried unanimously:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (unanimously)</p> <p>"This Council, as traffic authority for Oxfordshire asks that the government should in this parliamentary session enact legislation or changes to regulations to make it compulsory for HGV to have commercial satellite navigation and use of personal satellite navigations are to be banned. The regulations need to make sure that the satellite navigation system is to be kept up to date with the latest</p>	

## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>inappropriate routes and causing both delays &amp; excessive damage to rural roads which are not capable of sustaining this traffic. Personal satellite navigation which take you on the shortest route are not suitable for HGV and are leading to excessive economic damage to the economies of the Towns, Villages &amp; Rural areas of Oxfordshire. The increased use of routeing agreements for minerals and waste developments will be made even more effective by this measure and put all HGV's on the same footing."</p>	<p>agreed HGV routes and to include appropriate <del>finer</del> <b>penalties</b>. This council believes this change could become part of the current HGV inspection &amp; enforcement process with little to no additional cost.</p> <p>The rural areas of Oxfordshire are being particularly <del>effected</del> <b>affected</b> by HGVs using inappropriate routes and causing both delays &amp; excessive damage to rural roads which are not capable of sustaining this traffic. Personal satellite navigation which take you on the shortest route are not suitable for HGV and are leading to excessive economic damage to the economies of the Towns, Villages &amp; Rural areas of Oxfordshire. The increased use of routeing agreements for minerals and waste developments will be made even more effective by this measure and put all HGV's on the same footing."</p>	<p>Leader DEE HLC (M. Peacock)</p>
<p><b>16. Motion From Councillor James Mills</b></p> <p>"Foster carers play a vital role in the community. They care for some of our most vulnerable children and work as part of a team of professionals to help transform their lives.</p> <p>The council needs to recruit more local foster carers so that: the increasing number of children coming into the care system can remain close to their schools, friends and support network; young people can remain in foster care beyond the age of 18 under 'Staying Put' arrangements; and we can replace those carers who cease fostering each year. By reducing our reliance on fostering agencies we can reduce the cost of placements to the taxpayer.</p>	<p>Agreed (nem con)</p>	

## COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>To assist in this work the Council calls on local organisations and employers to sign up to a fostering friendly 'Covenant'.</p> <p>The Covenant sets out ways in which employers and organisations can demonstrate their support to staff or members who foster, and how they can promote the role in order to create encouragement, and to help boost foster carer recruitment numbers.</p> <p>As a signatory, the County Council has increased benefits for staff that foster for the Council, introduced new incentives for all staff to recruit foster carers, and launched new initiatives to increase support to foster carers.</p> <p>Oxfam, Oxford Health, Oxford City Council, Home for Good and the Bishop of Dorchester have all pledged their support for this campaign. The Council urges Directors, other employers and organisations to join us to help make Oxfordshire the most 'fostering-friendly' county in the country."</p>		<p>All Directors DCS (J. Mitchell)</p>
<p><b>17. Motion From Councillor Sam Coates</b></p> <p>"This Council is concerned at the recent announcement of a further £13billion pounds worth of cuts in the benefits budget and at the continued additional local Government cuts announced in the recent Chancellor's Budget which would mean approximately £60million more budget reductions in Oxfordshire. This comes on top of the already draconian £88m planned reductions to be implemented over the next 3 years (in addition to £204m savings delivered between 2010/11 and 2014/15).</p> <p>The Council believe that such cuts, targeted as they are on those on the lowest income are morally wrong and will</p>	<p>Lost by 27 votes to 23, with 1 abstention</p>	

*County Council Decisions***COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

<i>RECOMMENDATIONS</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<p>further damage the economy and the social fabric of Oxfordshire and the rest of the Country. For Oxfordshire further reductions in adult social care may take the service into the realms of an unsafe provider and consequently put lives at risk.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council calls on the Government to drop the façade of 'Austerity Economics' and adopt a policy of supporting public services instead of incrementally dismantling the welfare state.</p> <p>Council asks the Leader of the Council to write directly to the Prime Minister to inform him of Oxfordshire County Councils stance on this issue."</p>		
<p><b>18. Motion From Councillor David Williams</b></p> <p>"In the Queen's speech the Government announced it would bring forward proposals for a Bill of Rights to replace the Human Rights Act. Given that many of the decisions taken and services provided by Oxfordshire County Council must take account of human rights legislation, this Council asks the Leader to make representations to the Government and to the Lord Chancellor that the County Council would wish to be consulted about any such proposals which may affect the Council's delivery of services to the people of Oxfordshire."</p>	<p>Lost by 30 votes to 23, with 1 abstention</p>	
<p><b>19. Motion From Councillor David Williams</b></p> <p>"This Council notes with dismay the continued expansion of the Academy and Free Schools programme recently announced and the resulting diversion of funds away from LEA schools in Oxfordshire. The Council calls on the Secretary of State for Education to follow the example of the Swedish Government and end this experiment in Governance</p>	<p>Lost by 30 votes to 14, with 8 abstentions</p>	

*County Council Decisions***COUNTY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

<i>RECOMMENDATIONS</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<p>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. Oxfordshire County Council is also concerned at the loss of large areas of school grounds worth hundreds of millions of pounds that once belonged to the County Council to independent sponsors.</p> <p>The Council is concerned at the billions of pounds that have been diverted from mainstream education in the County to try to make Academies and Free Schools work and the dramatic impact this has had on LEA schools funding locally . This massive in balance in expenditure is still being undertaken with very little to show in terms of real improvements to educational outcomes.</p> <p>The Council is concerned that the obvious advantages in collectively improving the quality of local education provision provided in Oxfordshire via the LEA are being wasted in the fragmentation and atomisation that Academies and Free Schools generate.</p> <p>Council asks the Leader of the Council to forward copies of this motion to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education.”</p>		

