

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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RECOMMENDATIONS	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2015 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2015 were approved and signed.</p>	<p>HLC (A. Bartlett)</p>
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p>4. Official Communications</p>	<p>The Chairman reported as follows:</p> <p>The Chairman sought approval to an item of urgent business to be taken directly after Agenda Item 9 on the Agenda (Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report) and for Maggie Blyth, Chair of the OSCB to introduce the report.</p> <p>Council's approval was sought to extend the Council Meeting for 1 hour until 4.30 pm.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded all members that the Leader would be holding a meeting for all councillors on the rising of Council for a discussion around Unitary. The Meeting would be held in the Member's Board Room.</p> <p>The Council held a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Betty Standingford who passed away on</p>	

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	Saturday, 24 October 2015. Councillor Standingford was elected as a member of the County Council for New Marston division in 2001, serving until May 2005.	
<p>5. Appointments</p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	There were none.	
<p>6. Petitions and Public Address</p>	<p><u>Public Address</u></p> <p>Ms Kate Joyce on behalf of Workers' Educational Association (WEA) Oxford in support of Agenda Item 14 (Motion From Councillor David Williams).</p> <p><u>Petition</u></p> <p>Mr Trevor License, Resident of Witney asking the Council to save the Witney Town Service bus route (services 213, 214 & 215).</p>	DEE (J. Larckom)
<p>7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public</p>	There were none.	
<p>8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</p>	<p>19 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.</p> <p>In relation to Question 1 (Question from Councillor Mathew to Councillor Stratford) Councillor Stratford undertook to provide Councillor Mathew was a written response confirming whether or not the level of borrowing was £380m.</p>	CFO (L. Baxter)

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	In relation to Question 19 (Question from Councillor Janet Godden to Councillor Carter) Councillor Carter gave an undertaking to ask Carillion to ensure that all reports produced for locality meetings state the original completion date as well as the current completion date.	DEE (C. Harris)
<p>9. Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet meetings held on 15 September 2015 and 20 October 2015 (CC9).</p>	The Council received the report of the Cabinet.	
<p>10. Urgent Business - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) Annual Report for 2014/15</p> <p><i>Under the provisions set out in Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the above item can be taken as urgent business, following Agenda Item 9, because of the need for Full Council to have an opportunity to discuss the report at the earliest opportunity.</i></p> <p>The attached annual report from the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board provides an independent analysis of the safeguarding services provided to the County's children over 2014/15, and outlines the challenges ahead over the next year.</p> <p>Council IS RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) note that the child protection partnership is working effectively across Oxfordshire but there are severe pressure points in relation to the increased complexity of cases and activity in the system;</p> <p>(b) consider the implications for the partnership in relation to the</p>	<p>Carried (nem con) with the additional recommendation (d):</p> <p>(d) to note that the report is yet to go to the Performance Scrutiny Committee and Health & Well Being Board, whose comments are to be fed back to Council.</p>	<p>Maggie Blythe</p> <p>HLC (J. Dean/ S. Whitehead/ D. Miller)</p>

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<p><i>deficits in appropriate provision for those adults that disclose abuse or exploitation from childhood;</i></p> <p>(c) <i>ensure that they prioritise attendance at the Member safeguarding briefing on 8 December 2015.</i></p>		
<p>11. Adult Services Workforce Strategy</p> <p>The Adult Social Care sector in Oxfordshire is facing significant challenges with workforce capacity and capability, arising from growing demand for care and support and the increasing complexity of care and support needs.</p> <p>Modelling by the Council has established that the county's social care workforce needs to grow by up to 750 every year for the next 10 years just to keep pace with the growing numbers of people requiring care.</p> <p>To address the longer term workforce issues, Oxfordshire County Council worked with stakeholders during 2014/15 to develop and produce the Oxfordshire Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy 2015/18 and draft implementation plan.</p> <p>The purpose of the Workforce Strategy is to build the capacity and capability of the workforce and the implementation plan outlines practical steps to achieve this.</p> <p>On 20 October, the Cabinet considered and approved the Workforce Strategy and agreed that the report be presented to full Council.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>	<p>Carried (nem con).</p>	<p>CFO (K. Jurczyszyn)</p>

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<p>12. Virements to Council</p> <p>As set out in the Financial Monitoring and Business Strategy Delivery Report to Cabinet on 20 October 2015 there are two virements that under the virement rules need to be agreed by Council. The virements are in respect of the un-ring-fenced grant received by the Council relating to the closure of the Independent Living Fund and the transfer £2.0m from Public Health reserves to the Capital Programme for the Children's Homes Project. Details are set out in Annex 1 to the report.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to agree:</p> <p>(a) <i>the virements in respect of the unring-fenced grant received by the Council relating to the closure of the Independent Living Fund;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>the transfer £2.0m from Public Health reserves to the Capital Programme for the Children's Homes Project.</i></p>	<p>Carried (nem con).</p>	<p>CFO (E. Greenland)</p>
<p>13. Oxfordshire Devolution - Themed Debate</p> <p>On 4 September, the Leaders of the six Oxfordshire Authorities, along with the Local Enterprise Partnership and the Clinical Commissioning Group submitted an expression of interest to government setting out initial proposals for devolution in Oxfordshire for discussion with government. This is attached at Annex A. The proposals request greater local control over significant funding for transport, skills training and health services.</p> <p>At its meeting on 20 October Cabinet agreed that a debate should be held at full council in order to understand all members' views. This paper is provided to inform</p>		

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<p>discussions. It contains an overview of the context, the proposals, the current work underway and sets out the next stages in the process.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report and to consider the possible implications of devolution to Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>Carried (nem con)</p> <p>A detailed note of the debate will be circulated with the minutes of the Meeting.</p>	<p>HPS (M. Scott)</p>
<p>14. Motion From Councillor Liz Brighthouse</p> <p>“This Council, being deeply disturbed at the cuts it has already implemented, those it has agreed but not yet implemented and the additional cuts which will be required as it sets next year's budget, calls on the Government not to set a limit on the Council Tax increase as such a restriction stifles local democracy and will severely hamper our ability to meet the needs of Oxfordshire's Citizens. If such a restriction is subsequently set it asks officers in consultation with Group Leaders to set up an informal survey on the attitude of Oxfordshire's residents to a referendum to meet those needs by an increase in the Council Tax.”</p>	<p>Carried (Unanimously).</p>	<p>Leader of the Council (Y. Staniford)</p>
<p>15. Motion From Councillor David Williams</p> <p>“Having taken into account the comments that have been made during the consultation period thus far, the Council requests that the Cabinet reconsider that the closure of any of the Children's Centres be set aside and not included in the forthcoming budget settlement as an action to assist with further savings. The Council recognises that the closures may be a false economy, the impact on families being such that closure will in all probability result in greater financial pressures on the social services and the local NHS. As individuals, mostly women will be forced to</p>	<p>With the agreement of Council, Councillor Williams accepted the proposed amendment by Councillor Smith as follows:</p> <p><i>'Council recognises that early intervention services for young families need to be very local and would like to see additional options that respond more fully to this need.</i> “Having taken into account the comments that have been made during the consultation period thus far, the Council requests that the Cabinet</p>	

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<p>give up part time employment, as a result of the planned closures. The Council also recognises that this policy will not only deeply impact on thousands of families and their children but also damage the local economy.</p> <p>During the next six months the Council will assist the Children's Centres in their ongoing quest for greater efficiency where it can. However for the foreseeable future the option of closure will be lifted and existing financial support retained for all the centres in the network. The Cabinet to take account of this full Council budgetary decision whilst formulating the accounts for the next financial year 2016-2017."</p>	<p>remove from any future budget proposals options that might involve reconsider that the closure of any of the Children's Centres. Council considers be set aside and not included in the forthcoming budget settlement as an action to assist with further savings. The Council recognises that the closures may be a false economy, the impact on families being such that closure will in all probability resulting in greater financial pressures on the children's social care services and the local NHS. As individuals, mostly women will be forced to give up part time employment, as a result of the planned closures. The Council also recognises that this policy will not only deeply impact on thousands of families and their children but also damage the local economy.</p> <p>During the next six months the Council will also assist the Children's Centres in their ongoing quest efforts for greater efficiency where it they can. However for the foreseeable future the option of closure will be lifted and existing financial support retained for all the centres in the network. The Cabinet to take account of this full Council budgetary decision whilst formulating the accounts for the next financial year 2016-2017."</p> <p>Clean Copy of amended motion</p> <p>"Council recognises that early intervention services for young families need to be very local and would like to see additional options that respond more fully to this need. Council requests that the Cabinet remove from any future budget proposals options that might involve the closure of any of</p>	

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	<p>the Children’s Centres. Council considers that the closures would be a false economy resulting in greater financial pressures on children’s social care services and the local NHS. During the next six months the Council will also assist the Children’s Centres in their ongoing efforts for greater efficiency where they can”</p> <p>The motion as amended was put to the vote and was lost by 32 votes to 30, with 1 abstention.</p>	
<p>16. Motion From Councillor David Williams</p> <p>“This Council welcomes the return of the Business Rate to local Council control but is concerned that the Chancellor is still pledged to continue to reduce the level of Rates Support Grant in his objective of achieving a free market in raising local taxation for that philosophy takes no account of the needs in various local authorities and will only serve to further widen the gap between affluent and deprived areas of the Country.</p> <p>The Council is also concerned that the ‘devolution’ of control of the Business Rate will be of limited value if it is set at a national flat rate determined by central government a flat rate that the Council cannot modify or sub divide as it sees fit.</p> <p>After more details are revealed in the New Year, a special briefing to be established that all Councillors and senior officers should be invited to attend to illustrate what this change in responsibilities will mean in financial income and what flexibility the Chancellor has actually given, if any, to local councils to implement a real devolved Business Rate service.”</p>	<p>Lost by 42 votes to 3, with 16 abstentions</p>	

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<p>17. Motion From Councillor Sam Coates</p> <p>“This Council notes the problems that are emerging with the implementation of the ‘Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015’ for teachers and social workers, as well as those in the local community, such as landlords and religious leaders.</p> <p>There is a challenge for specified authorities, including local authorities, schools, the police, health and others, to implement the new legal obligation in the exercise of their functions, in order to have ‘due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism’ and, especially for schools to promote ‘British values’, in order to ensure the protection of vulnerable adults and young people at risk of radicalisation.</p> <p>The legislation, like all laws based on ‘suspicion’ could breach free speech and professional confidentiality and with its legal obligations places responsibilities on officers of the Council that may be deemed unfair. There is also the fear that a network of false accusations could arise wasting precious police time and stigmatising specific young people. However, these fears and challenges need to be balanced with ensuring that vulnerable people are safeguarded from exploitation by extremists.</p> <p>This Council will ask the Director For Children, Education & Families to work collaboratively and sensitively with schools, professional groups, school governors, trade unions, local faith groups and others to ensure that implementation of the new duty is done constructively and in consultation with local communities as appropriate.”</p>	<p>Lost by 31 votes to 18, with 13 abstentions</p>	

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<p>18. Motion From Councillor Gill Sanders</p> <p>“This Council recognising that many parents do not take up the offer of a funded place for their 2 year olds, asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families to write to the Secretary of State asking that the criteria for receiving the grant be extended to include parents who do not have the confidence to leave their small children but who would happily take up and benefit from taking up a place if they could stay with their 2 year old.”</p>	<p>Lost by 30 votes to 28, with 3 abstentions.</p>	

