

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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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 07 November 2017 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>Approved and signed subject to the amendments set out on the schedule of Business.</p>	<p>CLO (D. Miller)</p>
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Bulmer, Fawcett, Field-Johnson, McIlveen and R. Smith.</p>	<p>CLO (A. Newman)</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p>4. Official Communications</p>	<p>The Chairman reported as follows:</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all those who attended her Charity dinner on Saturday evening, raising over £1,400 for the local Oxfordshire charity OOSO who support those with cancer and their carers.</p> <p>Council congratulated over 100 members of staff here in County Hall for receiving their Long Service Awards, which had been awarded for 25 years of service.</p> <p>Council expressed its appreciation for the hard work of the Highways Team who had spent many long hours, day and night keeping Oxfordshire's roads clear during the period of bad weather</p> <p>Council paid tribute and observed a</p>	<p>All Staff to note</p> <p>DEE and Staff</p>

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	minute's silence in memory to former county councillor Sam Segaran.	
<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>	<p>Council Agreed the following appointment nem con:</p> <p>Planning & Regulation Committee</p> <p>Councillor Richard Webber in place of Councillor Kirsten Johnson.</p>	<p>CLO (G. Warrington/ A. Bartlett)</p>
<p>6. Petitions and Public Address</p>	<p>Ms Naomi Richardson spoke in relation to Agenda Item 13 (Motion From Councillor Emily Smith). She asked Council to set aside the motion that was before them and instead address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of school places; • the deliberate off-rolling of kids; • the crisis in child and adolescent mental health; • the issue of young carers; • the failure of schools to adequately provide for SEN pupils; <p>In those cases, families who were struggling had already come to the attention of social services, health services, sometimes the police, before the decision to home educate; in her opinion it was a failure of process that saw those families not followed up properly, not a lack of powers. She urged Council to table a motion round the above issues, commenting that home educators would be very happy to help draft it.</p>	
<p>7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	

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<p>8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</p>	<p>2 questions with notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers will be set out in Annex 1 to the minutes.</p>	
<p>9. Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 28 November 2017 (CC9).</p>	<p>Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p>	
<p>10. Treasury Management Mid Term Review (2017/18)</p> <p>Report by Director of Finance (CC10).</p> <p>The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2017/18 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year.</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the revision to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2017/18.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed (nem con).</p>	
<p>11. Annual Partnerships Update</p> <p>Report by the Assistant Chief Executive CC11.</p> <p>The report provides an update on the activities of the Oxfordshire-wide partnerships that are key for building thriving communities and progressing county-wide priorities around health and wellbeing, safeguarding, community safety and economic growth.</p> <p>Each partnership report addresses the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The current focus for the Partnership; •The personnel (Chairman and supporting 		

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<p>staff) of the Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Partnership's governance arrangements; •The Partnership's key achievements in the last year; •The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead; •The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward. <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed (nem con).</p>	<p>ACE (K. Read)</p>
<p>12. Motion From Councillor Kieron Mallon</p> <p>“We as elected members of this Council deplore the use of social media to denigrate members of the public and elected members at all levels of public life.</p> <p>In the words of the Prime Minister:</p> <p><i>“All of us should have due care and attention to the way we refer to other people and should show those within public life the respect they deserve.”</i></p> <p>And in the words of the Leader of Her Majesty’s opposition:</p> <p><i>“So I say to all activists, cut the personal abuse, cut the cyber bullying online.”</i></p> <p>We therefore pledge that as elected members and representatives of our political parties we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not ourselves misuse social media; • seek out and stop any personal attacks by our own political parties, the elected members of our parties, paid up members and activists of our political parties; and • show due respect to the people we represent and to our elected 	<p>Motion approved by 56 votes to 0, with 1 abstention.</p>	

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<p>13. Motion From Councillor Emily Smith</p> <p>“The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) Annual Report highlights a 21% increase in the number of children being educated at home. Many children being electively home educated thrive academically and socially in this setting, but others do not. This Council offers some information and support to families and children who are educated at home but contact with us is voluntary and take up is inconsistent.</p> <p>Professionals have limited opportunities to identify those children who are not receiving a satisfactory education and for safeguarding concerns to be identified. Parents can refuse access to the home and the child, which poses a safeguarding risk, especially in the case of vulnerable children.</p> <p>This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to government requesting local authorities be given greater powers and funding to access and assess children who are home educated, to help ensure they are receiving a satisfactory education and are safe.”</p>	<p>With the Consent of Council, Councillor Emily Smith moved an alteration to her Motion as shown in bold italics/strikethrough below:</p> <p>“The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) Annual Report highlights a 21% increase in the number of children recorded as Electively Home Educated being educated at home. Many children being electively home educated thrive academically and socially in this setting, but others do not there are a small number who may not be getting the support they need. This Council offers some information and support to families and children who are recorded as Electively Home Educated educated at home but contact with us is voluntary and take up is inconsistent.</p> <p>Professionals have limited opportunities to identify those children who are not receiving a satisfactory education and for safeguarding concerns to be identified. Parents can refuse access to the home and the child, which poses a safeguarding risk, especially in the case of vulnerable children.</p> <p>This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to government requesting local authorities be given greater powers and funding to access and assess children who are categorised as home educated in our data, to help ensure they are receiving a satisfactory education and are safe.”</p> <p>The motion as amended was put to the vote and was carried</p>	<p>DCS Leader of the Council (C. Harris)</p>

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<p>14. Motion From Councillor Jamila Azad</p> <p>"We all have the right to be treated without discrimination. This Council is gravely concerned with reports of significant increases in racially motivated crimes in Oxford since the EU Referendum from an average of 16 per month to an average of 23 per month. This Council takes pride in Oxfordshire's diversity and Community cohesion and condemns all acts of racism, xenophobia, homophobia and anti-religious expressions against any religion. This Council is committed to work with all our partners to challenge prejudice.</p> <p>All Hate Crimes are wrong, but that which is motivated by hatred and prejudice because of race, faith, sexual orientation or Gender identity are particularly offensive. In Britain today we are from a rich mix of races, culture, beliefs attitudes and life styles. Tackling hate crimes matters because of the damage it causes to the victim and his/her family; also effectively tackling it can help foster strong and positive relations between different sections of the community and support community cohesion.</p> <p>The lead from tackling hate crimes must come from local level, with professionals, the voluntary sector and communities working together to deal with local issues.</p> <p>This Council asks the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council to write to the Prime Minister with a request for an independent review of hate crime penalties open to the courts, including measures to tackle online hatred and abuse."</p>	<p>The Motion was Agreed (unanimously)</p>	<p>CFO Leader of the Council (C. Harris)</p>

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<p>15. Motion From Councillor Lynda Atkins</p> <p>"The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has been the subject of much comment and concern within the County. The process which is proposed means that Highways England will select a route with no opportunity for members of the public or their representatives to comment on the assessment of need for the road or the local impact of any particular proposed route. This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to Highways England, the National Infrastructure Commission and the relevant government departments calling for a Public Enquiry into the need for the road and the selection of a route, so that everyone involved has the opportunity to have their views properly taken into account, and to set up a cross-party Committee to look at all aspects of the impact of the Expressway."</p>	<p>The Motion was carried by 49 votes to 5, with 1 abstention.</p>	<p>DEE (J. Larkcom) Leader of the Council (C. Harris)</p>
<p>16. Motion From Councillor Jenny Hannaby</p> <p>"Council agrees that the intention of Universal Credit (UC) to make benefits less complicated and to allow those in low paid work to keep more of their wages is a good idea, but believes that the evidence demonstrates that the UC process is flawed and causing unnecessary hardship to local families.</p> <p>Council notes that UC was deliberately introduced on a slow rollout so that any issues could be seen and corrected before the benefit was introduced to all claimants.</p> <p>Council further notes that the evidence of district councils and others across the country is that UC is causing huge increases in rent arrears and in general debt levels amongst claimants, many of</p>	<p>Councillor Constance moved the following amendment shown in strikethrough below:</p> <p>"Council agrees that the intention of Universal Credit (UC) to make benefits less complicated and to allow those in low paid work to keep more of their wages is a good idea, but believes that the evidence demonstrates that the UC process is flawed and causing unnecessary hardship to local families.</p> <p>Council notes that UC was deliberately introduced on a slow rollout so that any issues could be seen and corrected before the benefit was introduced to all claimants.</p>	

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ANNEX