

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 10 July 2018 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2018 were approved and signed subject to the figure for the number of Finnish Teachers set out in Annex 2, page 19 being amended to read 1, and to 'Susanne' being changed to 'Suzanne' on page 9.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>In relation to Minute 226/18, Councillor Constance reported that the Agency Agreement had now been signed and the promised guidance for Councillors would be circulated shortly.</p>	<p>DLG (D. Miller)</p>
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor, Gawrysiak and Handley.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Newman)</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note</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>Councillor Howson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 16 (Motion by councillor Kieron Mallon) by virtue of his position of Vice President of the Magistrates Association for England and Wales.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Newman)</p>
<p>4. Official Communications</p>	<p>The Chairman reported as follows:</p> <p>The Chairman reminded members</p>	<p>All to note.</p>

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	<p>that she would be holding her Chairman's Dinner on Friday 23 November, invites would be sent out shortly;</p> <p>Council paid tribute to Peter Clark, thanking him for his time with the Authority, most notably as Chief Executive;</p> <p>Council Congratulate Staff on the very successful Open Doors event, paying tribute to Tim Stimpson.</p>	
<p>5. Appointments</p> <p>(a) Council is asked to note the following:</p> <p>The Leader of the Council has given notice of a number of changes to Cabinet Member portfolios and membership. There will no longer be a post of Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education with the responsibilities transferring to the newly named Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care & Public Health and Education & Cultural Services respectively. See the new and revised portfolios on the Agenda which will come into effect on 1 September.</p> <p>(b) to make any further changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	<p>Council noted the appointments for the Cabinet, Horton HOSC, Audit & Governance and the Cherwell Partnership Working Group as set out on the Agenda and Schedule of Business, subject to adding Councillor Kieron Mallon to the Horton HOSC Membership.</p>	<p>DLG (S. Whitehead/ J. Dean)</p>
<p>6. Petitions and Public Address</p>	<p>Council received a Petition from Sixth Form Pupils at Burford School requesting that the Council reduce the speed limit outside the school entrance from 40 mph to 30 mph to bring it in line with all other schools in Oxfordshire and to ensure the safety</p>	<p>DEE (J. Larkcom)</p>

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	of the pupils.	
7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	There were none.	
8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	<p>4 Questions with Notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers will be set out in the annex to the minutes.</p> <p>In relation to question 4 (Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Howson with a written answer explain when the County Council took the decision to install electric charging points in his division.</p>	DEE (J. Larkcom)
<p>9. Themed Debate - Fit for Future</p> <p>The Operating Model is a detailed description of how the Council will work in the future, with the key aims of putting better outcomes for residents and the delivery of the Thriving Communities Vision at the centre of all plans and operations.</p> <p>Development activity since March has produced a detailed design for the Operating Model and Cabinet is due to consider the proposal on 18 September 2018.</p> <p>Ahead of that meeting, Council is invited to discuss the proposals within the Operating Model through a Themed Debate.</p> <p>The draft Cabinet Report and Annexes, including an Executive Summary for the full Business Case for the Target</p>	The Council held a Themed debate on 'Fit for Future' the results of which will be fed into the Cabinet Meeting on 18 September 2018.	

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<p>Operating Model are attached at (CC9).</p> <p>The Full Business case (330 pages) can be found on the Website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk or a copy can be obtained on request from deborah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>		
<p>10. Joint Working Arrangements between Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council: Governance Arrangements</p> <p>Report by Director for Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer (CC10).</p> <p>Cabinet agreed on 4 June 2018 to enter into a joint working arrangement with Cherwell District Council. These arrangements are governed by a formal "Section 113 Agreement".</p> <p>Section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local authorities to enter into agreements with one another for the placing at the disposal of each other their respective officers for carrying out their respective functions. The Section 113 Agreement establishes a structure to enable proposals for joint working to be approved with the necessary Member oversight.</p> <p>The Section 113 Agreement envisages that the two Councils will establish "such joint committees to facilitate joint appointments working as agreed by the two councils".</p> <p>It is proposed that Council appoint two such Joint Committees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Personnel Committee – to take decisions on certain staffing matters arising from and necessary for 		

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<p>implementing, the shared service approach;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Appeals Committee – to hear and determine staffing appeals arising from the shared service proposals. <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>(a) establish a Joint Personnel Committee and a Joint Appeals Committee;</p> <p>(b) delegate to the Audit and Governance Committee the decision to approve the final Terms of Reference of both of the Joint Committees;</p> <p>(c) ask the Director of Law and Governance to exercise his delegated authority to give effect to the wishes of Group Leaders and to make appointments to these Joint Committees; and</p> <p>(d) ask the Monitoring Officer to exercise his delegated authority to make the necessary and consequential changes to the Constitution to reflect these decisions.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed by 56 votes to 1.</p>	<p>DLG (G. Watson/S. Whitehead)</p>
<p>11. Report of the Cabinet</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 17 July 2018 (CC11).</p>	<p>The Council received the Report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 4 (Performance Scrutiny Household Recycling Deep Dive Recommendations) Question to Councillor Constance from Councillor John Sanders, Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Sanders with a written answer detailing what income was generated from the charging of certain non-Household recycling at the recycling centres against the cost of additional</p>	<p>DEE (J. Larkcom)</p>

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	<p>fly-tipping?</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 6 (Capital Programme Monitoring Report) Question to Councillor Reeves from Councillor Phillips, Councillor Reeves undertook to either meet with Councillor Phillips or to provide Councillor Phillips with a written answer detailing what progress had been made in moving the Children from Maltfield House.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 6 (Capital Programme Monitoring Report) Question to Councillor Bartholomew from Councillor Roberts, Councillor Bartholomew undertook to provide Councillor Roberts with a written answer detailing whether the basic needs programme had been looked at to ascertain whether any items have already met or failed to meet their purpose.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DF</p>
<p>12. Motion by Councillor Nick Field Johnson</p> <p>“This Council is concerned about the widely reported over use of combined sewer overflows which should only discharge untreated sewage into our rivers in exceptional conditions. It appears that this has not been the case and these sewage overflows are used much more frequently.</p> <p>The Council is aware the Windrush and all but one of Oxfordshire’s rivers are receiving treated effluent which is greatly inferior to that which is required for rivers in Sites of Special Scientific Interest, for example:</p> <p>The River Windrush and about 80% of British rivers are failing to achieve the good</p>	<p>The Motion was carried unanimously (58 votes to 0).</p>	<p>Leader’s Office (C. Harris)</p>

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<p>health standard required by the European Water Framework directive. There is a real risk that such rivers run the risk of turning from assets to liabilities for our communities and businesses. The potential designation of the Cotswolds as a National Park makes this even more pertinent for Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Council calls for the Leader to write to the Minister for the Environment, the Chief Executive Officer of Thames Water and the Head of the Environment Agency, supporting the long and short term aims to fight Against Sewage Pollution in our rivers. The focus of this motion is on the Windrush but its success will impact positively on all of Oxfordshire's river and streams affected by sewage pollution."</p>		
<p>13. Motion by Councillor Richard Webber</p> <p>"The impact of Brexit (hard or soft) will affect all Oxfordshire residents.</p> <p>This Council believes that with Brexit fast approaching, it is both sensible and realistic that the potential risks and impact of Brexit on Oxfordshire - good and bad, short term and long term - are fully understood as far as is possible and aired in public together with detailed discussion on how these impacts can be mitigated.</p> <p>To achieve this, this Council undertakes to organize and co-ordinate a public conference/symposium in autumn 2018 in which Oxfordshire's experts and leaders in business, science, engineering, education, social services and other areas are invited to participate, together with elected representatives at all levels. As the largest organisation in the County representing most of the interests most likely to be affected, OCC is uniquely placed to lead this initiative by immediately setting up a</p>	<p>The motion was lost by 30 votes to 27.</p>	

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<p>Cross Party Working Group. The findings and conclusions of the symposium would be presented as a report to full Council and other authorities.”</p>		
<p>14. Motion by Councillor Alison Rooke</p> <p>“Council fully supports the requirement for meaningful public consultation following the suggestion of any significant change of provision by any of Oxfordshire's NHS healthcare providers, including the closure of community hospital beds and GP surgeries, prior to any decisions being made by the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG).</p> <p>Consultation on phase two of the sustainability and transformation plan, which was promised would happen two years ago, will not now take place. The CCG refuse to say how or when any consultation will take place regarding the future of Oxfordshire's community health service provision.</p> <p>Communities across Oxfordshire are left in limbo regarding the future of their local health services, and Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the OCCG requesting that they publish their future plans as a matter of extreme urgency.”</p>	<p>The Motion was carried unanimously (53 votes to 0).</p>	<p>Leader's Office (C. Harris)</p>
<p>15. Motion by Councillor Bob Johnston</p> <p>"The current CEO of Network Rail, Mark Carne has stated that the organisation should end its scrapyard mentality. Thus far nothing has happened. The Council therefore calls on the Leader of the Council to write to Network Rail calling for effective action to clear up the County's railway system from the piles of discarded rails, left over base tubes and all the other metallic detritus currently disfiguring it. The metal concerned is high quality steel and has a high scrap value, the proceeds</p>	<p>The Motion was carried unanimously (53 votes to 0)</p>	<p>Leader's Office (C. Harris)</p>

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of which could be reinvested in the County's Railway Network."		
<p>16.Motion by Councillor Kieron Mallon</p> <p>"This Council decries the Ministry of Justice's decision to close the Banbury Magistrates' and County Court.</p> <p>This Council notes that "the Banbury Court" is an integral part of the fabric of the town, and is already a combined justice centre hearing both civil and criminal cases. The Council therefore rejects any suggestion that it is underused and further observes that the Banbury Magistrates' and County Court provides an important alternative venue for criminal and civil justice, both in Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties, given the high volume of cases now heard out of Oxford.</p> <p>This Council further notes the additional pressure that the closure would place on the Oxford Combined Court Centre and considers that further centralisation of services to Oxford will put additional strain on City congestion and, notably, on local Banbury people and those in the surrounding area in need of access to justice, including the elderly, families with young children or without independent means of transport and those on low incomes.</p> <p>Accordingly, this Council instructs the Leader to write to the Ministry of Justice to engage with local councils, particularly in light of the joint strategic partnership now in train between Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council, with a view to exploring the options of utilising space in public buildings to continue supporting locally administered justice and the needs of the people of North Oxfordshire, and the neighbouring counties."</p>	<p>The Motion was carried unanimously (50 votes to 0).</p>	<p>Leader's Office (C. Harris)</p>

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