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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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1. Minutes		
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2019 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2019 were approved and signed as an accurate record.	
2. Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Banfield, Billington and Stratford.	
3. Declarations of Interest 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.	Councillor Arash Fatemian declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 10 (Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances) by virtue of his position as Chairman of HOSC.	
4. Official Communications	Council paid tribute and held a minute's silence in Memory of Alderman Tony Williamson.	
5. Appointments		
To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.	Council noted the appointment of Councillor Lynda Atkins as Military Veterans' Champion.	
6. Petitions and Public Address	Council received the following Petitions and Public address:	
	Ms Margaret Wareing presenting a petition requesting a zebra Crossing	

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	on Oxford Road, Littlemore;	
	Ms Helen Marshall, CPRE, spoke against the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway;	
	Ms Sarah Lasenby, spoke against the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway and in support of the Climate Change Motion at Agenda Item 17;	
	Ms Hazel Dawe, spoke against the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway;	
	Mr David Williams spoke in support of Motion 17 (Climate Change);	
	Ms Nell Davies-Small spoke in relation to Motion 17 (Climate Change).	
7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	Council received 3 Questions with Notice from Members of the Public (See Annex 1).	
8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	13 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.	
	In relation to question 1 (Question from Councillor Turnbull to Councillor Lindsay-Gale) Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to all she could to improve the situation of Section 17 Children having access to free school meals.	
	In relation to question 2 (Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance gave an assurance that the Council would be responding to the 16-19 Bursary consultation.	

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	In relation to question 4 (Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to provide Councillor Howson with an answer outlining the next steps of the Cowley Branch line re-opening once it was available in the Autumn.	
	In relation to question 6 (Question from Councillor Reynolds to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to instruct officers to put temporary traffic orders in place in the event of rat running/traffic problems on minor roads as a result of the HS2 construction.	
	In relation to question 9 (Question from Councillor Bartington to Councillor Hudspeth) Councillor Hudspeth undertook to provide an update on the Shores Green Junction to the localities meeting to be held at the end of April if it is available.	
	In relation to question 11 (Question from Councillor Pressel to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to apply a sense of urgency in export what is learned in Oxford City to other towns as soon as possible and to encourage districts to do all they can now.	
	In relation to question 12 (Question from Councillor Pressel to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to keep members up to date with a quarterly report.	
9. Report of the Cabinet	The Council received the report of the Cabinet.	
Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 18 December 2018, 22 January 2019 and 27 February 2019 (CC9).	In relation to paragraph 4 of the report (Question from Councillor Afridi to	

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	Councillor Ian Hudspeth) Councillor Hudspeth undertook to ask Councillor Stratford to provide a written answer detailing when there would be an update to all members on the innovation fund for the cohort from the first session last year.	
	In relation to paragraph 4 of the report (Question from Councillor Turnbull to Councillor Lindsay-Gale) Councillor Lindsay-Gale undertook to write to all members with the timetable for the transformation of Northfield School, the funding application for Didcot and the future plans which are in the SEND efficiency Strategy.	
	In relation to paragraph 7 of the report (Question from Councillor Johnston to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to consider appointing extra consultations if further slippage is threatened to ensure the plans stay on schedule.	
	In relation to paragraph 8 of the report (Question from Councillor Mathew to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance undertook to report the progress or delay in the Flood Channel Plan construction and it's cost to Council.	
10. With the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances	Councillor Fatemian declared a direct pecuninary Interest and the left the Council chamber until the debate and	
The Independent Remuneration Panel was asked to consider whether changes should be made to certain aspects of the Scheme of Members' Allowances and if so what those changes should be.	wote was concluded. With the consent of Council, Councillor Gill Sanders moved the recommendations, amended at the suggestion of Councillor Howson (as	
This report sets out the areas the Panel	set out in Annex 1 of the schedule of	

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was asked to consider together with the Panel's recommendations on them. An annex to the report includes the Panel's full report including the recommendations and their rationale for them. Council is asked to endorse the recommendations.	business). The recommendations as amended were agreed nem con. RESOLVED: (nem con)	
Council is RECOMMENDED to endorse the following recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel for amendments to the Scheme of Allowances and the future operation of the Panel:	Independent Remuneration Panel	
(1) a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) should be paid to the Chairman of Horton Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that the allowance should be 75% of the SRA for the Chairman of a (permanent) scrutiny committee;	(1) a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) should be paid to the Chairman of Horton Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that the allowance should be 75% of the SRA for the Chairman of a (permanent) scrutiny	
(2) an SRA should be paid to an Oxfordshire County Council representative who is Chairman of the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel equivalent to the allowance for the Chairman of a (permanent) scrutiny committee; (3) the uplift for allowances for	committee; (2) an SRA should be paid to an Oxfordshire County Council representative if they are Chairman of the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel equivalent to the allowance for	
(3) the uplift for allowances for 2019/20 should be at the same rate as the annually agreed pay award for staff; and	the Chairman of a (permanent) scrutiny committee; (3) the uplift for allowances for 2019/20 should be at the same	
(4) the Panel should conduct its next review in the autumn of 2019 and it should meet annually after that or whenever structural changes are made;	rate as the annually agreed pay award for staff; and (4) the Panel should conduct its next review in the autumn of	
(5) the next recruitment process should create a pool of seven panel members.	2019 and it should meet annually after that or whenever structural changes are made;	
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11. Motion by Councillor Tim Bearder		
"Most people accept that building more roads creates more traffic. What is certain is that building an Expressway to connect a million new homes, in what will become the country's first linear conurbation, will definitely bring more traffic. What it will not do is relieve the congestion on the A34. It is obvious that any temporary, short-term relief that might occur on the A34 is being used as a "stalking horse" to railroad through a much bigger project designed to create the UK's own Silicon Valley in an arc outside the M25 and between our two prominent University cities. This radical experiment, together with all the building that will be needed to pay for it will impact on the local environment, existing infrastructure and the climate, and is deeply concerning for Oxfordshire residents. Council instructs that the Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment to jointly write to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government — demanding that a full consultation is carried out asking local residents if they want an Expressway and associated construction before any route is considered. The Leader and Cabinet Member should also ask the Minister whether the million extra houses outlined in the National Infrastructure Commission's vision for housing along the route of the arc are, in addition to, or included in, the 100,000 houses planned for by the Oxfordshire authorities outlined in the growth deal."	The amendment by Councillor John Sanders (set out in Annex 1 to the schedule of business) was lost by 31 votes to 29. The amendment by Councillor Arash Fatemian (set out in Annex 1 to the schedule of business) was carried by 32 votes to 28. The motion as amended was carried by 47 to 0, with 13 abstentions. RESOLVED: (47 votes to 0, 13 abstentions) "Most people accept that building more roads creates more traffic. Council instructs that the Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment to jointly write to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government – demanding that a fuller consultation is carried out asking local residents if they want an Expressway and associated construction before any route is considered. The Leader and Cabinet Member should also ask the Minister whether the million extra houses outlined in the National Infrastructure Commission's vision for housing along the route of the arc are, in addition to, or included in, the 100,000 houses planned for by the Oxfordshire authorities outlined in the growth deal."	

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"This Council opposes the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway project on the grounds that it will not benefit the people of Oxfordshire causing damage to the countryside and unnecessary cost without reducing the impact of traffic in the area and therefore the Council asks the Leader of the Council to Lobby Government to cancel this unnecessary project."	The Motion was lost by 31 votes to 29.	
13. Motion by Councillor Dr Simon Clarke		
"This Council is proud to have been part of the East-West rail partnership that will deliver phase 2 of the programme by 2023, linking Oxford to Milton Keynes. This will remove a large number of freight vehicles from the A34 but the road will still be at capacity in places, with substandard lay-by facilities and poor layout of some junctions. This Council recognises that more work needs to be done to improve capacity and safety on the A34 to avoid the gridlock that frequently happens, causing problems for businesses, commuters, towns and villages along the route as drivers try to find alternate routes. This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to work with Central Government and its agencies to improve the A34."	With the consent of Council, Councillor Clarke moved an amendment to his motion at the suggestion of Councillor Emma Turnbull as shown in bold italics and strikethrough below: "This Council is proud to have been part of the East-West rail partnership that will deliver phase 2 of the programme by 2023, linking Oxford to Milton Keynes. This will remove a large number of freight vehicles from the A34, but the road will still be at capacity in places, with substandard lay-by facilities and poor layout of some junctions. This Council recognises that more work needs to be done to improve capacity reduce congestion and	
	pollution and improve safety on the A34 to avoid the gridlock that frequently happens, causing problems for businesses, commuters, towns and villages along the route as drivers try to find alternate routes.	
	This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to work with Central Government and its agencies to improve the A34, <i>by promoting</i>	

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	green transport infrastructure, improving public transport networks, strengthening road safety measures, and transferring freight from road to railway"	
	The amendment by Councillor Johnston shown below in bold italics was carried by 30 votes to 29 (the Chairman having exercised her casting vote):	
	"This Council is proud to have been part of the East-West rail partnership that will deliver phase 2 of the programme by 2023, linking Oxford to Milton Keynes. This will remove a large number of freight vehicles from the A34, but the road will still be at capacity in places, with substandard lay-by facilities and poor layout of some junctions.	
	This Council recognises that more work needs to be done to improve capacity and safety on the A34 to avoid the gridlock that frequently happens, causing problems for businesses, commuters, towns and villages along the route as drivers try to find alternate routes.	
	This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to work with Central Government and its agencies to improve the A34- and provide alternatives. These could include the re-opening of the Wantage/Grove station and a feasibility study into the re-opening of the Didcot to Winchester railway line. the latter would provide the capacity to take much intermodal traffic going from Southampton to the midlands off the A34 altogether."	

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	The substantive motion as amended was carried unanimously (58 votes to 0).	
	RESOLVED: (58 votes to 0)	
	"This Council is proud to have been part of the East-West rail partnership that will deliver phase 2 of the programme by 2023, linking Oxford to Milton Keynes. This will remove a large number of freight vehicles from the A34, but the road will still be at capacity in places, with substandard lay-by facilities and poor layout of some junctions.	
	This Council recognises that more work needs to be done to reduce congestion and pollution and improve safety on the A34 to avoid the gridlock that frequently happens, causing problems for businesses, commuters, towns and villages along the route as drivers try to find alternate routes.	
	This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to work with Central Government and its agencies to improve the A34, by promoting green transport infrastructure, improving public transport networks, strengthening road safety measures, and transferring freight from road to railway" including providing alternatives. These could include the re-opening of the Wantage/Grove station and a feasibility study into the re-opening of the Didcot to Winchester railway line. the latter would provide the capacity to take much intermodal traffic going from Southampton to the midlands off the A34 altogether."	

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"This Council welcomes the £150 million improvement works to be delivered by March 2023 as part of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal, which will accelerate the delivery of 6,500 new homes across the county and have a positive impact in providing much-need infrastructure to support these new homes and ensure that they and their communities are sustainable places in which to live and work.	Motion agreed by 46 to 0, with 14 abstentions.	
This Council welcomes the excellent work of Cherwell District Council in delivering new homes at a record rate and further welcomes the Oxfordshire Growth Board's planned improvement works for Tramway and Hennef Way, which will serve to improve traffic circulation in and around Banbury's bus and train stations, access to and from the M40 to the North of the town centre and support the creation of new homes.		
This Council notes the historic problems associated with traffic circulation to the South of Banbury town centre which would be ameliorated by the creation of a J10A to alleviate the flow of traffic from and to the M40 to the South of Banbury town centre and which could assist the creation of further sustainable growth across the broader 'Banburyshire' area, if delivered.		
This Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Environment to lobby the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Highways England and the Department for Transport with a view to ascertaining what further funding and progress can be made to deliver a J10A and the sustainable growth to which such a project could lead."		

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"Cherwell District Council and Oxford City Council are phasing in electric vehicles in their Council fleet of vehicles. Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment including Transport to commission a costed study for the introduction of electric vehicles and the phasing out of diesel vehicles over the next five years."	bold italics and strikethrough below: "Oxfordshire County Council along with Cherwell District Council and Oxford City Council are phasing in	
16. Motion by Councillor Suzanne Bartington "Recycling delivers multiple environmental and health benefits, including conservation of natural capital, reduction in energy consumption and mitigation of pollutant emissions. The critical role of recycling for	With the consent of Council, Councillor Bartington Withdrew her Motion on the grounds that it would appear on the July Agenda.	

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sustainable development, is reflected in ambitious targets within the Government 25-Year Environment Plan and Resources and Waste Strategy (Defra, 2018).		
In 2017/18, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) was named the best performing county council disposal authority in England for household waste recycling, with an overall rate of over 57%. This success reflects OCC's commitment to partnership working with the City and District Councils to continuously improve waste services and protect our natural environment.		
However, performance could be further improved, through coordinated action to identify areas for improvement, disseminate best practice and strive for optimal performance. These efforts would aim to improve overall rates and reduce geographical variation across Oxfordshire:		
 SODC 63% Vale of White Horse 60.4% WODC 59.6% Cherwell 55.6% Oxford City 50.8% 		
This Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Environment to instigate a programme to achieve this goal through four key objectives:		
(a) Implement closer partnership working between constituent authorities, sharing best practice and working collaboratively to identify barriers and facilitators for improvement.		
(b) Consider the benefits and any disadvantages of standardisation of collection, waste containers, and quality monitoring. (c) Explore measures to minimise the		

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(d)	environmental impacts of domestic waste. Encourage public engagement initiatives such as clearer labelling to raise awareness and promote behavioural change among residents."					
17.C	ouncillor Damian Haywood					
Chan that clima in ha	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate ge (IPCC) in their October report stated if the planet wants to avert dangerous te breakdown, we need to cut emissions If by 2030, and hit zero by the middle of entury.	With the consent of Council, Councillor Haywood moved his motion amended at the suggestion of Councillor Arash Fatemian as shown in bold italics and strikethrough below:				
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Oxfordshire County Council calls on the Leader to:

- Declare a 'Climate Emergency'; 1.
- Pledge to make Oxfordshire County 2. Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
- 3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030

Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible, but only with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local Furthermore. communities. climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.

target possible; 4. Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies; 5. Report to Council will take to address this emergency." 1. Declare acknowledge a "Climate Emergency and call for action"; 2. Pledge to make Oxfordshire County Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions; 3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible; 4. Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies; 5. Report to Council willin take not deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies; 5. Report to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency." The motion as amended was agreed unanimously (57 votes to 0). RESOLVED: (unanimous) "The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in their October report stated that if the planet wants to avert dangerous climate breakdown, we need to cut emissions in half by 2030, and hit zero by the middle of the century. Oxfordshire is already doing its bit: we are committed to reducing emissions from our own estate and activities by 3% a year. Unfortunately, our current plans are not enough. The IPCC's report suggests that the world has just a dozen years left to restrict global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. Should they increase by 2°C, humanity's capacity to prevent catastrophic food shortages, floods, droughts, extreme heat and poverty will be severely impaired. Limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible, but only with ambitious action from national and sub-national

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	communities. Furthermore, bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.	
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	 Acknowledge a 'Climate Emergency and call for action'; Pledge to make Oxfordshire County Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions; Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible; Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies; Report to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency." 	
18. Motion by Councillor Bob Johnston		
"Climate change is increasingly recognised as the most pressing global challenge humanity faces. Young people, who will face the consequences of inaction, are more concerned than others.	The time being after 4.00 pm, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.	
More and more Councils are taking on board the latest report from the UN on the likely impact of Climate Change. The stark conclusion of that report was that the planet has just 11 years to cut carbon emissions in half in order to avert environmental catastrophe. This can only be achieved by setting targets more ambitious and challenging than any set before, and that the argument that "there is nothing we can do about it" must be challenged.		
This motion calls on Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to declare a "Climate		

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Emergency" as has been declared by Oxford City Council and VWHDC including:		
1. The appointment of a Climate Emergency Officer, whose first task would be to devise and co-ordinate a plan for how OCC can make a difference, and whose post would be paid for by savings made within the plan.		
2. The setting of new ambitious targets of zero carbon output by 2030 from all activities over which OCC has some control.		
Council should advertise its ambitions with a large public, regularly updated barometer showing the Council's progress towards its targets."		
19. Motion by Councillor John Howson		
"This Council regrets the delay in the signing of the funding agreement for the Swan School by the Government. The need for a new secondary school in Oxford first appeared in the County's 2014 Pupil Place Plan, allowing plenty of time for the school to be approved and built.	The time being after 4.00 pm, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.	
This Council further regrets the steps it has had to take to manage the admission process for secondary school admissions in 2019 and for the uncertainty to parents and students about the outcome of the process.		
This Council further instructs the Leader of the Council to ask the Government to return to the County Council responsibility for the building of all future state funded schools in Oxfordshire regardless of their designation or description."		
		ANNEX