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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 (<u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</u>.)

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<b>1. Minutes</b> To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2019 ( <b>CC1</b> ) and to receive information arising from them.	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May 2019 were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to 'lan' being	DLG (DM)
2. Declarations of Interest	changed to 'Liam' in Minute 39/19.	
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.	In order to avoid confusion, in relation to Agenda Item 17, Councillor John Howson confirmed that he was no longer a trustee of the Children not Heard Charity, although he remained listed on their website as a trustee.	DLG (A. Newman)
3. Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Suzanne Bartington, Tim Bearder, Maurice Billington and Lawrie Stratford.	
4. Official Communications	Council noted that the Chairman had sent a letter of Condolence to the Chief Constable on behalf of the Council expressing deep sorrow for PC Andrew Harper's family and friends.	All to note
	Council gave a vote of thanks to Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service for their hard work over the exceptionally busy summer period. The Chairman asked the Chief Fire Officer to convey Council's appreciation to all staff.	CFO

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	The Chairman announced that his Charity Dinner would be held on Friday 18 October 2019 at the Holt in Steeple Aston. Invites would be sent out shortly.	All members to note.
5. Appointments		
To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other	Council noted the following appointments:	
committees on the nomination of political groups.	Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel - named substitute, Councillor Kevin Bulmer;	
	OCC appointments to Joint Shared Services & Personnel Committee:	
	Councillors Ian Hudspeth, Ted Fenton, Jeannette Matelot, Liz Brighouse and Liz Leffman;	DLG (s. Whitehead/ A. Bartlett)
	Named substitutes for the same body:	
	Councillors Judith Heathcoat, Mike Fox-Davies, Laura Price and Richard Webber.	
6. Petitions and Public Address	Council Received the following Petition and public address:	
	Petition	
	Mr Chris Knowles, presented a petition on behalf of the Clean Air in Chippy Campaign, asking the County Council "How and When Oxfordshire County Council were going to remove HGVs from Chipping Norton?".	CDC (j. Larkcom)
	Public Address	
	Mr Bill MacKeith, representing Oxford and District Trades Union Council,	

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	spoke in support of Agenda Item 14 (Motion by Deborah McIlveen on the Living Wage).	
	Ms Maria Semmonds, representing Children Heard and Seen in support of Agenda Item 17 (Motion by Councillor Neville Harris on Children Heard and Seen).	
7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public	There were none.	
8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council	12 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.	
	In relation to question 8 (Question from Councillor Turnbull to Councillor Lindsay- Gale), Councillor Lindsay-Gale gave an undertaking that the appeals would be undertaken as quickly as possible and to provide Councillors with an update on the situation at the end of the month.	DCS (K. Mace)
9. Report of the Cabinet		
Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 16 July 2019 ( <b>CC9</b> ).	Council received the report of the Cabinet.	
	In relation to paragraph 1 of the report (Business Management & Monitoring Report) (Question from Councillor Leffman to Councillor Bartholomew and Heathcoat) Councillor Bartholomew gave an undertaking that the Business Management & Monitoring Report format would be looked at with a view to refining and developing the report and providing a 'key highlights' or a 'summary of changes' in the report.	DF (s. Jones)
	In relation to paragraph 8 of the report (Bus Access to Queen Street, Oxford) (Question from Councillor Johnston to	CDC (J. Larkcom)

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	Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance gave an assurance that there would be no further applications to reduce the number of buses in Queen Street. In relation to paragraph 8 of the report (Bus Access to Queen Street, Oxford) (Question from Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor Constance) Councillor Constance gave an assurance to bring the state of the paving (including uneven slabs and poor patching) in front of the Westgate entrance to	CDC (j. Larkcom)
	officers' attention for action. In relation to paragraph 9 of the report (Provisional Revenue Outturn Report) (Question from Councillor Roberts to Councillor Bartholomew/Constance) Councillor Constance gave an undertaking to provide a written answer detailing in relation to the on/off street parking surplus, which projects had been identified for the spending of the surplus.	DF (K. Jurczyszyn)
<b>10. Investment Strategy</b> Report by the Director for Property, Investment and Facilities Management &		
Director of Finance ( <b>CC10</b> ). In line with revised statutory guidance (April 2018) the Council is formally required to have a Capital & Investment Strategy in place. This was approved by Council in Feb 2019. This overarching strategy includes the Treasury Management Strategy and makes reference to the development of an Investment Strategy, which will form a sub- section of that strategy, and requires Council approval.		
The strategy sets out a new investment framework, under which the Council can		

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undertake investments against the following broad categories:		
<ul> <li>investments in property funds, bond funds, equities and multi asset classes;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>maximising the use of and value of our own assets (land &amp; buildings);</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>acquisitions &amp; investments, which derive a service outcome or Council priority, and which generate a commercial return;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>investments for policy, social, community benefits.</li> </ul>		
Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the Investment Strategy document. The text from this document, will become a sub-section of the overall Capital & Investment Strategy.	Recommendations agreed by 46 votes to 0, with 11 abstentions.	DF (A. Fairweather )
11. Treasury Management 2018/19 Outturn		
Report by Director of Finance ( <b>CC11</b> ).		
The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA's) 'Code of Practice on Treasury Management (Revised) 2009' requires that the Council and Audit & Governance Committee receives an updated report on Treasury Management activities at least twice per year. This report is the second report for the financial year 2018/19 and sets out the position as at 31 March 2019. The report will be also considered by Audit and Governance committee on 17 July.		
Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2018/19.	Recommendations Agreed nem con. Councillors Bartholomew and Carter paid tribute to Donna Ross and Lorna Baxter for their work in this area.	DF (D. Ross)
12. Motion by Councillor Liz Brighouse		

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<ul> <li>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA</li> <li>"This Council is concerned that Local Government in general and Oxfordshire in particular may have to make further cuts in staff and services for the most vulnerable people as result of an emergency Spending Review which is required to fund Brexit.</li> <li>The Leader is asked to write to the PM and Chancellor:</li> <li>Expressing the Councils deep concern about the impact of further cuts and in particular the impact of a one year ad hoc Spending Review.</li> <li>Telling them of the Transition Program which Oxfordshire has funded in order to ensure future stability and of the Innovative Partnership which has been established to make Service Delivery more efficient and effective.</li> <li>That this work undertaken by Oxfordshire could be seriously damaged given that Local Government has already suffered crippling austerity cuts and now needs stability."</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DECISIONS</li> <li>With the consent of Council, Cllr Brighouse moved her motion, amended at the suggestion of Councillor Reeves as set out in bold italics and strikethrough below:</li> <li>"This Council is concerned that Local Government in general and Oxfordshire in particular may have to make further cuts in staff and services for the most vulnerable people as a result of an emergency Spending Review. which is required to fund Brexit.</li> <li>The Leader is asked to write to the PM and Chancellor:</li> <li>Expressing the Council's deep concern about the impact of further cuts and in particular the impact of a one-year ad hoc Spending Review.</li> <li>Telling them of the Transitionformation Programme which Oxfordshire has funded in order to ensure future stability and of the Innovative Partnership which has been established to make Service Delivery more efficient and effective.</li> <li>That this work undertaken by Oxfordshire could be seriously damaged given that Local Government now needs stability. has already suffered crippling austerity cuts and now needs stability."</li> <li>The motion as amended was carried by 57 votes to 0 (unanimously).</li> <li>RESOLVED:</li> </ul>	ACTION
	"This Council is concerned that Local	Leader

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	Government in general and Oxfordshire in particular may have to make further cuts in staff and services for the most vulnerable people as a result of an emergency Spending Review.	CE (K. Buttery)
	The Leader is asked to write to the PM and Chancellor:	
	• Expressing the Council's deep concern about the impact of further cuts and in particular the impact of a one-year ad hoc Spending Review.	
	• Telling them of the Transformation Programme which Oxfordshire has funded in order to ensure future stability and of the Innovative Partnership which has been established to make Service Delivery more efficient and effective.	
	• That this work undertaken by Oxfordshire could be seriously damaged given that Local Government now needs stability."	
13. Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves		
"This Council welcomes the additional investment from government ('DfT') in our highways, which amounts to: 1. £10,000,000.00 in the financial year	With the consent of Council, Councillor Reeves moved an amendment to his motion as set out below in bold itailic/strikethrough:	
<ol> <li>2018/19; and</li> <li>a further £15,000,000.00 in 2019/20.</li> </ol>	"This Council welcomes the additional annual investment from government ('DfT') in our highways, through our maintenance block allocation, and any additional funding that we have	
This Council notes that the additional monies from the Highways Maintenance	been awarded through the pot hole fund and the challenge fund, which	

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<ul> <li>and Integrated Transport Block monies make Oxfordshire one of the most heavily invested counties in the South of England with only significantly larger counties such as Hampshire and Kent receiving markedly more funding in recent years.</li> <li>This Council further notes the success of its internal and prudential borrowing policy, which is already yielding welcome improvements to roads across Oxfordshire.</li> <li>This Council resolves to:</li> <li>1. review ways in which non-ringfenced DfT funds can be leveraged alongside s. 106 and Councillors' Priority Fund ('CPF') monies with a view to improving roads and school crossings where there is demonstrable need;</li> <li>2. consider extending the date for allocating any unspent CPF monies beyond January 2020 where members are in discussions with officers regarding complementary s. 106 monies that may be used to generate more comprehensive solutions and said officers are in need of more time; and</li> <li>review traffic congestion management arrangements in our market towns with a view to working with both District partners and Thames Valley Police to explore opportunities for decriminalised parking and residents' parking schemes in areas of acute need."</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>amounts to around £13,500,00 each year.</li> <li>The Council has chosen to invest in highway maintenance from our additional £120,000,000 into infrastructure over ten years, plus investing £40,000,000 into street lighting. This amounts to: <ol> <li>£10,000,000.00 in the financial year 2018/19; and</li> <li>a further £15,000,000.00 in 2019/20.</li> </ol> </li> <li>This Council notes that the government allocated additional monies from the Highways Maintenance and Integrated Transport Block monies make Oxfordshire one of the most heavily invested counties in the South of England, with only significantly larger counties such as Hampshire and Kent receiving more funding in recent years.</li> <li>This Council further notes the success of its internal and prudential borrowing policy, which is already yielding welcome improvements to roads across Oxfordshire.</li> <li>This Council resolves to:</li> <li>review ways in which nonringfenced DfT funds such as the Integrated Transport Block allocation of £3,700,000 can be leveraged alongside s.106. and Councillors' Priority Fund ('CPF' monies with a view to improving roads and school crossings where there is demonstrable need;</li> <li>consider extending the date for</li> </ul>	

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	allocating any unspent CPF Councillor's Priority Fund monies beyond January 2020 where members are in discussions with officers regarding complementary s.106 monies that may be used to generate more comprehensive solutions and said officers are in need of more time; and	
	3. review traffic congestion management arrangements in our market towns with a view to working with both District partners and Thames Valley Police to explore opportunities for decriminalised parking and residents' parking schemes in areas of acute need."	
	The motion, as amended was agreed by 41 votes to 15, with 1 abstention.	
	RESOLVED:	
	"This Council welcomes the annual investment from government ('DfT') in our highways, through our maintenance block allocation, and any additional funding that we have been awarded through the pot hole fund and the challenge fund, which amounts to around £13,500,00 each year.	
	The Council has chosen to invest in highway maintenance from our additional £120,000,000 into infrastructure over ten years, plus investing £40,000,000 into street lighting. This amounts to:	
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	4. a further £15,000,000.00 in	

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14. Motion from Councillor Deborah McIlveen		

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15. Motion by Councillor Lynda Atkins		
"The way in which the County Council governs itself is a subject which should be carefully considered and regularly reviewed. The selection of our Chairman	With the consent of Council, Councillor Atkins moved her motion, amended at the suggestion of Councillor Brighouse as shown in bold	

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and Vice-Chairman is particularly important, as we all rely on the Councillor	italics and strikethrough below:	
in the Chair to bring at least some semblance of order and civility to all our proceedings, and to help us get our job as	"The way in which the County Council governs itself is a subject which should be carefully considered and	
a Council done.	regularly reviewed. The selection of our Chairman and Vice-Chairman is	
The current arrangements for the selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman, involving rotation of the posts between the 3 main political groups, have currently been in place for 6 years (having been set up many years ago, with a 4-year interregnum	particularly important, as we all rely on the Councillor in the Chair to bring at least some semblance of order and civility to all our proceedings, and to help us get our job as a Council done.	
between 2009 and 2013) and so the time is right for us to consider whether they work well or could perhaps be improved.	The current arrangements for the selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman, involving rotation of the posts between the 3 main political	
Council asks the Leader of the Council to set up a cross-party group to look at how our Chairman and Vice-Chairman are selected, and if necessary to make recommendations to the Council for change, bearing in mind that any choice is always subject to the overriding	groups, have currently been in place for 6 years (having been set up many years ago, with a 4-year interregnum between 2009 and 2013) and so the	
	time is right for us to consider whether they work well or could perhaps be improved.	
requirement for the Council to accept any nomination."	Council asks the Leader of the Council to set up a cross-party group	
	to look at how our Chairman and Vice- Chairman are selected, and if necessary, to make recommendations	
	to the Council for change, bearing in mind that any choice is always subject to the overriding requirement for the	
	Council to accept any nomination." consider changes to the current	
	arrangements of selecting the Chair and vice Chair as part of the normal constitution review.	
	The motion as amended was agreed nem con.	
	"The way in which the County Council governs itself is a subject which should be carefully considered and regularly reviewed. The selection of our Chairman and Vice-Chairman is	DLG (G. Watson)

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	particularly important, as we all rely on the Councillor in the Chair to bring at least some semblance of order and civility to all our proceedings, and to help us get our job as a Council done. The current arrangements for the selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman, involving rotation of the posts between the 3 main political groups, have currently been in place for 6 years (having been set up many years ago, with a 4-year interregnum between 2009 and 2013) and so the time is right for us to consider whether they work well or could perhaps be improved.	
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16. Motion by Councillor David Bartholomew		
"Reading Borough Council is proposing to build a vast new bridge to alleviate Reading's traffic problems. It is included in their Draft Local Plan as a top priority. The bridge would take off at the Thames Valley business park near Reading and land near Playhatch in Oxfordshire. The only onwards option for traffic would be through the congested streets of Henley or along the narrow B481 country road through Oxfordshire villages.	Motion Agreed by 54 votes to 0, with 1 abstention.	Leader CE (K. Buttery)
Reading and the other Berkshire councils supporting the scheme are focusing almost entirely on the costs of building the bridge and the benefits it will bring to Reading. They recognise that the bridge would have a substantial impact on the Oxfordshire road network, but blithely state this will be dealt with by unspecified and uncosted		

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'mitigation measures'.		
This council calls on the Leader to write to council leaders at Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell, plus MPs John Howell, John Redwood, Matt Rodda and Theresa May, stating that:		
a) In the context of the Climate Emergency a car-based solution to a car-based problem that would pour thousands of cars and HGVs into Oxfordshire is totally inappropriate and should a new bridge be built it should be restricted to public transport, cyclists and pedestrians;		
b) Notwithstanding the above, if a car- based solution is pursued, the bridge and necessary mitigation measures (i.e. improvements to the Oxfordshire road network) must not considered as two separate projects, but as <u>one project</u> so that the benefits, disadvantages and costs of the scheme can be holistically assessed."		
17. Motions by Councillor Neville Harris		
"Council are delighted to note that the Oxfordshire Charity "Children Heard and Seen " were amongst the 2019 recipients of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.	The time being after 3.30 pm, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.	
The Council further note that:		
The Charity's work minimises the effects of parental imprisonment on young people through mentoring, group working and other interventions. Just listening to the thoughts of these young people promises benefit; realising they are not alone in facing problems is often pivotal.		
Annually c312,000 children lose a parent to custody in England and Wales, c17,000 following the imprisonment of mothers. The		

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Ministry of Justice advise that 65% of boys with a convicted parent go on to offend themselves.		
The Charity's services are mainly reactive, identifying and encouraging children to take part is difficult and time consuming. Developing and fulfilling individual potential, seeking to reduce intergenerational crime and cut parent re- offending, this work impacts positively in Oxfordshire. Over 160 young people are on projects at present, c500 have participated since the Charity's formation in 2014. Commercial sector and grant foundation, purpose specific, funding and c40 volunteers make this endeavour possible.		
I move that the Council agrees that: it recognises, "Children Heard and Seen", as vital community initiative originating in Oxfordshire. It further agrees to invite, the Charity to prepare a brief written report on its work, needs and aspirations and to present this report to a meeting of the Council's Performance Review Scrutiny Committee and\or to such other Committee the Council may decide appropriate."		
18. Motion by Councillor John Sanders		
"Given the inadequate response from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government to the concern of this Council regarding the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway this Council asks the Leader to write to MHCLG and Highways England in the following terms:	The time being after 3.30 pm, this motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.	
Oxfordshire County Council will work with Highways England on the development of the vision for the English Economic Heartland and the Oxford to Cambridge Arc on the understanding that they will expedite the realisation of the East West Rail Link.		

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The development of the railway line will ensure the delivery of the growth and housing required without the environmental impact of a road cutting across the centre of rural England.		
Building the Expressway flies in the face of Oxfordshire's commitment to reduce the use of the car. An action which is necessary to tackle the Climate Change Emergency which Local Government, including Oxfordshire, has signed up to. Oxfordshire does not support the building of the Expressway irrespective of which route is chosen."		