#### ...Decisions...Decisions



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1.	Apologies for Absence	None	DLG (A Newman)
2.	Declarations of Interest	None	DLG (A Newman)
3.	Minutes		
held	approve the minutes of the meeting on 24 May 2022 ( <b>CA3</b> ) and to receive mation arising from them.	Approved	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)
4.	Questions from County Councillors	See Annex	
5.	Petitions and Public Address	10. Report from the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee Cllr Jane Hanna  11. SEND top-up funding for schools Carole Thomson  13. Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Cllr Charlie Hicks Graham Smith John Center Deborah Glass Woodin Danny Yee	

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	14. Vision Zero Alison Hill Peter Barnett Danny Yee Cllr Dan Levy  15. National Bus Strategy – Enhanced Partnership Danny Yee	
	17. HIF1 Grant Determination Agreement Greg O'Broin Chris Hancock Richard Harding Cllr Robin Bennett Cllr Charlie Hicks Cllr lan Middleton	
6. Annual Performance Report 2021- 2022 and Provisional Revenue Outturn 2021/22		
Cabinet Members: Finance and Corporate Service Forward Plan Ref: 2022/067 Contact: Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes, louise.tustian@oxfordshire.gov.uk; Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy, 07788 302163		
Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development & Resources (CA6).		
<ul> <li>a. To note the Annual Report for 2021/22.</li> <li>b. To note the summary of the provisional year - end financial position for 2021/22 along with the year-end position on general</li> </ul>	Recommendations agreed	CDCODR (L Tustian) / DF (K Wilcox)

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balances and earmarked reserves as set out in Annex B.  c. To note the virements set out in Annex B-2.  d. To agree that the surplus on the On-Street Parking Account at the end of the 2021/22 financial year that has not yet been applied to fund eligible expenditure in accordance with Section 55(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, can be carried forward to the 2022/23 financial year as set out in Annex B-3c.  e. To approve the transfer of £4.6m underspends to general balances as set out in paragraph 6.6.  f. To approve the updated risk share arrangements for the pooled budgets for Live Well and Age Well services from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 as set out in paragraph 8.1.  g. To approve the use of directorate underspends to offset the £1.2m overspend on COVID-19 costs related to High Needs in Children's Services as set out in paragraph 7.1.		
7. Provisional Capital Outturn 2021/22		
Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2021/225 Contact: Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy Tel: 07788 302163		
Report by Director of Finance (CA7).		

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The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the performance against the capital programme for 2021/22 as set out in the report.	Recommendations agreed	DF (K Wilcox)
8. Treasury Management Annual Performance Report		
Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2022/027 Contact: Tim Chapple, Treasury Manager, 07917 262935		
Report by Director of Finance (CA8).		
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report, and to RECOMMEND Council to note the council's treasury management activity in 2021/22.	Recommendations agreed	DF (T Chapple)
9. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 4 - January-March 2022		
Cabinet Member: Corporate Services Forward Plan Ref: 2021/220 Contact: Karen Edwards, Director of Human Resources Tel: 07825 521526		
Report by Director of Human Resources (CA9).		
Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.	Recommendations agreed	DHR(K Edwards)
10. Report from the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Care Homes/National Covid Enquiry		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:-	Cabinet agreed to give a response within 28 days.	CDAS (K Fuller)
Consider the letter endorsed by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny		

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Committee on 09 June 2022 and propose its response.		
11. SEND top-up funding for Schools		
Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Young People's Services Forward Plan Ref: 2022/064 Contact: Kate Bradley, Head of SEND, 07584 262422		
Report by Corporate Director for Children's Service (CA11).		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations agreed	CDCS (K Bradley)
a) Agree to continue the current enhancement in Top-Up funding for Early Years settings, mainstream Primary, mainstream Secondary and Special School forecast at approximately £4.1M for academic year 2022-23.  b) Agree an approach that timetables the 2023-24 Top-Up		
funding decision as part of the Councils annual budget setting process to allow schools more time for planning		
12. Cabinet response to Transgender Motion from Council		
Cabinet Member: Public Health & Equality Forward Plan Ref: 2022/065 Contact: Emily Schofield, Acting Head of Strategy, 07881 311707		
Report by Corporate Director Customers, Organisational Development & Resources (CA12).		CDCODR
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations agreed	(E Schofield)

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a)	Agree the commissioning of research to provide an evidence base to underpin prioritisation and delivery			
b)	Agree to update our Including Everyone framework to set out our commitment to transgender and non-binary residents			
c)	Agree the approach to providing gender inclusive bathrooms through the council's Property Strategy			
d)	Agree the approach to providing consistent and inclusive language			
e)	Agree to the development of an LGBTIQA+ guidance document			
f)	Agree to an annual review of progress			
13.	Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP)			
Mana Strat Form Cons Lead Good	inet Member: Highway agement/Travel & Development egy ard Plan Ref: 2021/237 tact: Joseph Kay, Strategic Transport I Tel: 07827 979234 / Melissa dacre, Infrastructure Team Leader Tel: 25 314780			
	ort by Corporate Director Environment ace (CA13).			
Cabi	inet are RECOMMENDED to	Amended recommendations were	CDEP (J Kay / M	
а)	Approve the content of the LTCP document, and the supporting	agreed as follows:  a) Approve the content of the LTCP	Goodacre)	

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b)	strategies for adoption by the County Council on 12th July 2022, and  Delegate the decision on the final LTCP document, including graphical format to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy.	document, and the supporting strategies subject to consideration of the recommendations from the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for adoption by the County Council on 12th July 2022, and  b) Delegate the decision on the final LTCP document, including consideration of the recommendations from the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee and graphical format to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy.		
Form Com Card Mana card Repo	inet Member: Highway Management ard Plan Ref: 2022/082 tact: Paul Fermer, Asst Director amunity Operations, 07825 273984 / Oline Coyne, Assistant Project ager, line.coyne@oxfordshire.gov.uk  Ort by Corporate Director Environment ace (CA14).  Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to  Approve the County Council Vision Zero commitment to: "Eliminate all fatalities and severe injuries on Oxfordshire's roads and streets, to have a safer, healthier, and more equitable mobility for all. Work closely with partners and stakeholders to take a whole system approach, working together on	Recommendations agreed	CDEP (P Fermer / C Coyne)	

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RE	technology and legislation to achieve this change"	DECISIONS	ACTION
(b)	To note the proposed 'Vision Zero' programme and governance arrangements being assembled as set out within this report.		
(c)	To note the drawdown of initial funding of £0.25m from the Budget Priorities Reserve to develop and start to progress the implementation of Vision Zero. Required for additional resources and delivery of key infrastructure changes at known areas of concern for road users.		
15.	National Bus Strategy - Enhanced Partnership		
Form Cons Strat	inet Member: Highway Management Leard Plan Ref: 2021/214 tact: John Disley, Infrastructure tegy & Policy Manager, 07767006742 ort by Corporate Director Environment		
	ace (CA15). inet is RECOMMENDED to	An amendment was agreed to Annex	CDEP (J
a)	Approve the draft Oxfordshire Enhanced Partnership Document (attached as Annex 1) for submission to the Department for Transport.	A of Oxfordshire Enhanced Partnership Plan & Scheme:  On page 667 in the row headed "Bus Lanes" it currently states under "Timescale": "Existing facilities to be retained at least at current hours of	Disley)
b)	Consult on the draft Enhanced Partnership Document with all Oxfordshire Bus Operators, for the statutory 28 objection period.	operation".  Append " – bus lanes will only be removed if modelling can show that alternative bus priority measures would improve bus journey times and cycle and pedestrian safety."	

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	Recommendations agreed with the amendment above.	
In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in Annex 1 to Agenda Item 17 or the Annexes to Agenda Item 18, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for	It was agreed that there was no need to go into private session.	
the consideration of the Annex by passing a resolution in relation in the following terms:		
"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annexes since it is likely that if they were present during that discussion there would be a disclosure of "exempt" information as described in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and specified below the item in the Agenda".		
NOTE: The reports do not contain exempt information and are available to the public.		
THE EXEMPT ANNEXES TO THE ITEMS NAMED HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.		
17. HIF1 Grant Determination Agreement		
Cabinet Member: Travel & Development Strategy Forward Plan Ref: 2022/045 Contact: Hannah Battye, Head of Infrastructure Delivery, 07808 573 932		

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	ort by Corporate Director Environment ace (CA17).			
that	information in this case is exempt in it falls within the following prescribed gories:			
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	ex 1 containing exempt information or the above paragraph is attached.			
The	Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:	Recommendations agreed	CDEP Battye)	(H
1.	Approve the amendments to the Grant Determination Agreement (GDA)			
2.	Seek an additional letter of comfort from Homes England and Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).			
3.	Authorise the signing of the Grant Determination Agreement by the Director for Transport and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, Director of Finance, Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy and Cabinet Member for Finance.			

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18. HIF 2 Smart Corridor – Amendment of Grant determination Agreement / Deed of Variation		
Cabinet Member: Travel & Development Strategy Forward Plan Ref: 2022/080 Contact: Hannah Battye, Head of Infrastructure Delivery, 07808 573 932		
Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place (CA18).		
The information in this case is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed categories:		
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)		
and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.		
Annexes containing exempt information under the above paragraph are attached.		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to	Recommendations agreed	CDEP (H Battye)
a) Note the draft terms of the proposed Deed of Variation		
b) Authorise the Director of Transport & Infrastructure, in consultation with the Director of Law & Governance and Director of Finance, to finalise the terms of, and enter the Deed of Variation to the Grant Determination Agreement.		

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19. Forward Plan and Future Business		
Cabinet Member: All Contact Officer: Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Committee Officer Tel: 07393 001096		
The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.	Noted	DLG (C Ó Caomhánai gh)

Questions	Cabinet Member	
1. COUNCILLOR FREDDIE VAN MIERLO	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT	
Streetlights around Cuxham Road roundabout, industrial estate and Willow close in Watlington have not been working for 9 months. SSE had been contracted to fix the lights on 06/04/2022 but have failed to do so, despite requests by myself and officers to do so. Will the cabinet member for highways write to SSE to urgently rectify the issue?	We echo your concerns with this issue and as you will appreciate that as SSE own this network, we have to rely on the timescales they present. However, we have contacted them again and pushed for them to confirm when the work will be carried out and that they endeavour to prioritise this work.	
2. COUNCILLOR SALLY POVOLOTSKY	COUNCILLOR CALUM MILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE	
The Household Support Fund, how much is being requested from government to support our most vulnerable, and increasingly vulnerable families and individuals in the county, what agencies are we working with and how is this funding being distributed into our society given the funding has to be committed between April 2022 and September 2022? Also what % of increase does this council project will need additional help, and how will be resource that assistance, throughout our services and the wider community initiatives that are being created by the week and lifelines to their local residents.	Residents in Oxfordshire, as across the UK, are facing a cost of living emergency. As food, fuel and transport costs rise well beyond the planned increases in welfare payments and the proposed increases in wages the Council does expect many households to be increasingly affected. As an example, many households are now struggling with the costs of fuel and power – which together account for a higher proportion of family spending in low income households. Extrapolating from national data (The rising cost of living and its impact on individuals in Great Britain - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)), and adjusting for Oxfordshire's levels of deprivation, we estimate that 24,000 adults in Oxfordshire would state that they are behind on payments for gas and electricity. The scale of the challenge is beyond the means of the Council so we will continue to press for a more ambitious and sustained response from national government. For now, direct support from government is limited and time-bound. Taking account of this, the Council has can play a role in directing our support to the most economically vulnerable in our communities.	

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	Government determines the allocation of Household Support Fund (HSF) to each upper tier local authority. Oxfordshire will receive £3.4m in the second round (approximately £5 per resident). The previous round of £3.4m (October 2021-March 2022) was 100% utilised. For the second round, we will continue our approach of funding free school meal equivalent support in school holiday periods through schools, colleges and early years provides. This works alongside the delegation of funds for emergency welfare schemes delivered through the city and district council in partnership with the voluntary and community sector. FSM support was funded for May half term and the City and District schemes will formally relaunch in mid-June. In developing plans we have engaged with county-wide and local advisory services and the wider voluntary and community sector.
	In addition to HSF, Council agreed £500,000 of annual revenue funding for emergency welfare support for 2022/23-2025/26. In response to the cost of living emergency we are focussing our limited funding on where we can make the most difference to the most vulnerable through two schemes. Firstly, plans are well underway for a rapid expansion of the Better Housing Better Health scheme (BHBH). BHBH works with the most at risk households to identify energy and cost saving measures that can improve quality of life and help mitigate the impact of energy price rises. Phone consultations will increase from 400 to 2700 during the year and home visits to the most vulnerable from 200 to 500 reaching in total approximately 10% of fuel poor households. The BHBH steering group are building relationships with key partners who serve residents who are likely to be in fuel poverty, such as the Agnes Smith Centre in Blackbird Leys and Citizens Advice. BHBH are training frontline staff about fuel poverty and promoting the BHBH service. The provider of the service is an expert in the field of fuel poverty and is able to triage the offer of home visits and use data to ensure we are reaching those who are most likely to be in need. Secondly, we have agreed to support the critical debt and money advice teams from our partners at

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	Citizens Advice with a grant of £210,000 to maintain capacity through 2022/23. Details of these schemes will be fully announced in the coming weeks as details are finalised with the providers.
	In addition working in partnership with the Oxfordshire Community Foundation, Community First Oxfordshire, Good Food Oxfordshire and OCVA, the Council has used one off grant funding to provide a further round of community resilience grants which will support grass-roots organisations who play a critical role in supporting the most vulnerable remain sustainable into the winter period. £300,000 will support projects across the county. The deadline for applications closed on Thursday 16 June and will be reviewed by a cross-sector grants panel. As part of this grants round, the VCS led a number of workshops to expand access to the scheme.
3. COUNCILLOR FREDDIE VAN MIERLO	COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
The Watlington Relief Road is an important piece of local infrastructure that, when delivered, will relieve heavy traffic through the centre of the historic market town, which can then be remodelled to prioritise local business and people.	OCC can confirm that the Watlington Relief Road scheme has no plans to amend or alter the current weight restriction that is currently enforced around Watlington. The Watlington Relief Road will remain within the existing area weight restriction band which is currently 7.5 tonnes.
Concerns have been expressed by some that the route would see an increase in HGV traffic. Can the cabinet member confirm that the Watlington Relief Road will fall within the existing area weight restrictions around Watlington thereby preventing through traffic of HGVs, and confirm that there are no plans to change the weight restrictions around Watlington?	

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4. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON	COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
How long do you anticipate the 'pause' in the Woodstock Road corridor scheme will last?	This scheme will be considered by Cabinet in July as part of the review of the Capital Programme.
Supplementary The Banbury Road scheme has clearly already been abandoned before even reaching the consultation stage so today I want to ask on behalf of my residents that the proposals for Moreton Road, considered part of the Banbury Road study, be actioned as a distinct small scale scheme. This would have the benefit of making any Marston Ferry Road bus gate unnecessary but also prevent traffic aiming for the ill-advised Oxford North scheme from using the Marston Ferry Road and the Moreton Road as a cutthrough.	Response Local Members' input is extremely important on this and all other schemes. I'll take those comments and discuss them further.