

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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<b>1. Apologies for Absence</b>	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tim Bearder and Dan Levy.	DLG (A Newman)
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	There were none.	
<b>3. Minutes</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2024 were approved as a correct record.	DLG (C Reynolds)
<b>4. Questions from County Councillors</b>	See annex.	
<b>5. Petitions and Public Address</b>	There were no requests received.	
<b>6. Appointments</b>	There were no appointments to report to Cabinet at this meeting.	
<b>7. Reports from Scrutiny Committees</b>  Cabinet will receive the following Scrutiny report:-  Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee report on Community Wealth Building and Wider Social Value.	Cabinet received the report and will respond in due course.	DLG (T Hudson)

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<p><b>8. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2023-24</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children, Education and Young People's Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/248 <i>Contact:</i> Laura Gajdus, Business Manager laura.gajdus@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Children's Services <b>(CA8)</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the annual report of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board senior safeguarding partners and to consider the key messages.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DCS (L Gajdus)</p>
<p><b>9. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023-24</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/247 <i>Contact:</i> Steven Turner, OSAB Business Manager steven.turner@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Adult Social Care</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the content of the annual report which appears at the annex to this report</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DASC (S Turner)</p>
<p><b>10. Local Aggregate Assessment for 2023</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment &amp; Future Generations</p>		

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<p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/279</i>  <i>Contact: Charlotte Simms, MWLP Principal Planner</i>  <i>charlotte.simms@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Economy and Place  <b>(CA10)</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p><b>a) Approve the Local Aggregate Assessment presented in Annex 2.</b></p> <p><b>b) Authorise the Director of Economy and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations to make any revisions and publish the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment for the calendar year 2023 on the Council website.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEP (C Simms)</p>
<p><b>11. Budget and Business Planning Report</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i>  <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/218</i>  <i>Contact: Kathy Wilcox, Head of Financial Strategy</i>  <i>Kathy.wilcox@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p><b>a) Endorse the report and note the assumptions that will form the starting point for the 2025/26 budget as well as updates since</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (K Wilcox)</p>

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<p>the Medium Term Financial Strategy was agreed in February 2024 that need to be considered;</p> <p>b) Approve the budget and business planning process for 2025/26;</p> <p>c) Approve a three-year period for the medium-term financial strategy to 2027/28 and ten-year period for the capital programme to 2034/35</p> <p>d) Delegate to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance the decision on whether to continue to be a member of the North Oxfordshire Business Rates Pool and;</p> <p>e) Note the requirement for the council to set a sustainable balanced budget which shows how income will equal spending plans</p>		
<p><b>12. Capital Programme and Monitoring Report (August Monitoring)</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i>  <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/222</i>  <i>Contact: Natalie Crawford, Capital Programme Manager</i>  <i>Natalie.crawford@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Capital Programme</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the capital monitoring position for 2024/25 set out in this report and summarised in Annex 1.</li> <li>2. Approve the updated Capital Programme at</li> </ol>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (N Crawford)</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annex 2 incorporating the changes set out in this report.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Budget Changes / Budget Release</b></p> <p>3. approve the submission of a bid for £2.800m to Sustrans T8 (pending potential funding from Active Travel England) for a number of schemes to improve the National Cycle Network and to note the total match funding of £0.355m required. Match funding will be met by a combination of Community Infrastructure Levy funds, S106 funding and corporate resources. (para 68)</p> <p>4. a. approve the submission of a bid to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme: Phase 4 (PSDS4) to support the programme to implement decarbonisation measures across the corporate estate.</p> <p>b. delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer and Director of Property and Assets to approve the grant offer letter in the event of a successful award of</p>		

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<p> <b>funding for PSDS4 and</b>   <b>c. note the required match funding for PSDS4 which is estimated to be between £6.00m and £9.00m, which will be addressed as part of the 2025/26 business planning process. (para 71)</b> </p> <p> <b>5. approve the carry forward of £1.651m from the current Early Years Programme and include new funding of £1.286m received from the Department for Education Childcare Expansion Capital Grant to support the extension of early years childcare and wraparound provision for children in working families. (para 73)</b> </p>		
<p> <b>13. Hyer Power project</b>   <i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment &amp; Future Generations  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/315  <i>Contact:</i> Paul Gambrell, Team leader – Zero Emission Vehicles, Innovation Service            paul.gambrell@oxfordshire.gov.uk         </p> <p>           Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer         </p>		

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<p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve a key decision to permit the procurement of a hydrogen production and refuelling rig that will be fully funded by an external grant and will be installed on the Highways Depot at Drayton.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (P Gambrell)</p>
<p><b>14. Delegated Powers Report for July to September 2024</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/246  <i>Contact:</i> Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Democratic Services Manager  <a href="mailto:Colm.ocaomhanaugh@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Colm.ocaomhanaugh@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Director of Law and Governance.</p> <p>There were no uses of delegated powers in the period July to September 2024 to report to Cabinet.</p>	<p>There were no uses of delegated powers during the period July to September 2024 to report to Cabinet.</p>	
<p><b>15. Forward Plan and Future Business</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> All  <i>Contact Officer:</i> Chris Reynolds, Senior Democratic Services Officer,  <a href="mailto:chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk">chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include “updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting”. Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at <b>CA</b>. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.</p> <p>The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity to identify any further changes they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.</p> <p><b><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></b></p>		
<p><b>16. For information only: Cabinet response to Scrutiny item</b></p> <p>Customer Experience Strategy</p>	Noted.	



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**ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

<p><b>1. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS</b></p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member believe that Oxfordshire County Council should be adopting the Welsh Government's approach to road investment decisions, applying the same purposes and conditions as set out in the report, "The Future of Road Investment in Wales"? If so, does he believe that it would be right for the County Council, in the upcoming budget, to fund road schemes that are currently in the Housing &amp; Growth Deal list, but which will miss the March 2025 spending deadline, especially where these schemes have not been tested on meeting, or proven to meet, the above purposes and/or criteria for investment?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR PETE SUDBURY, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS</b></p> <p>Yes – the Welsh Government's approach is one of the criteria which Oxfordshire County Council will use to assess road investment decisions.</p> <p>For those schemes currently in the Housing &amp; Growth Deal list which will not complete by the March 2025 spending deadline, these schemes are all well-developed through the Housing &amp; Growth Deal and ready to deliver, giving us confidence in any investment decisions.</p> <p>These are schemes which have long been recognised as being priority improvements to both their local and the overall transport network, leading to their inclusion in the Housing &amp; Growth Deal list.</p> <p>Some of these schemes provide additional public realm benefits, for example by removing traffic from Town or Village centres and or improving cycling and walking routes.</p> <p>Importantly, the new housing associated with these schemes is already approved and coming forward - and in some cases is already in place – so it is, therefore, both right and sensible for OCC to invest in seeing these schemes completed and so providing the necessary infrastructure which both new and existing residents deserve.</p>
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