

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.)

The decisions take effect at the time and date specified, unless before that time written notice is given in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules requiring the decision to be called in for review by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	There were none received.	
2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note below	There were none.	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2024 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2024 were approved as a correct record.	DLG (C Reynolds)
4. Questions from County Councillors .	See annex.	
5. Petitions and Public Address	<u>8 Henley Short Stay Hub Beds</u> Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak <u>9 Beyond Net Zero – Growing the Market for Carbon Dioxide Removals</u> Professor Steve Smith	
6. Appointments	There were none to report.	

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<p>7. Reports from Scrutiny Committees</p> <p>Cabinet will receive the following Scrutiny reports:-</p> <p>Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports on:-</p> <p>Community Asset Transfer Policy Commercial Strategy Budget 2025-26 (any formal recommendations to Cabinet from the PCSOSC meeting on 06 December will be issued as an addendum)</p>	<p>Cabinet received the reports and will respond in due course.</p>	<p>DLG (T Hudson)</p>
<p>8. Henley Short Stay Hub Beds</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2024/346</i> <i>Contact: Ian Bottomley, Lead Commissioner – Age Well Support (Ian.Bottomley@oxfordshire.gov.uk)</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Adult Social Care (CA8).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) Note the history of step-down bed provision in Oxfordshire and to endorse the Home First Discharge to Assess model of care that has been implemented countywide since January 2024</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) Note the impact of Home First Discharge to Assess for users, hospital flow and on business efficiency across the County and in the South Oxfordshire area</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DASC (I Bottomley)</p>

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<p>(c) Agree that the former Chiltern Court beds are not reinstated for the reasons set out in the paper</p> <p>(d) Note the decision of the Secretary of State for Heath not to “call in” the decision to close the Chiltern Court beds</p> <p>(e) Note the engagement that has taken place with the public and stakeholders during 2024</p> <p>(f) Endorse ongoing engagement with Oxfordshire residents around out of hospital care</p>		
<p>9. Beyond Net Zero - Growing the Market for Carbon Dioxide Removals</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Deputy Leader of the Council with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/330 <i>Contact:</i> Sarah Gilbert, Head of Climate Action (Sarah.Gilbert@oxfordshire.gov.uk)</p> <p>Report by Director of Economy and Place (CA9).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p>a) Note the underdevelopment of the market for Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) technologies, and the risk this creates for meeting net zero.</p> <p>b) Support the recommendations to</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEP (S Gilbert)</p>

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<p>scale the market for CDRs through the council's policy making and partnership activity, growing both the supply and demand side of the market, subject to funding.</p> <p>c) subject to funding, commit to go 'Beyond Net Zero' - extending the council's current carbon neutral target for the council's own estate emissions to be 'beyond zero', with a target figure to be agreed at a later date.</p>		
<p>10. Infrastructure Funding Statement</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Infrastructure and Development Strategy <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/322 <i>Contact:</i> Chris Stevenson, Planning Operations Manager Chris.Stevenson@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Economy and Place (CA10).</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Consider the content of the Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023/24</p> <p>b) Approve the publication of the report onto the Oxfordshire County Council website</p> <p>c) Delegate authority to make any minor amendments to the report prior to its publication to the Director of Economy & Place in consultation with the Chief Executive</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEP (C Stevenson)</p>

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<p>11. Response to Government Consultation on Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting at Council Meetings</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/357 <i>Contact:</i> Helen Mitchell, Interim Head of Strategy, Helen.Mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk ; Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Democratic Services Manager, colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Public Affairs, Strategy and Partnerships & Director of Law and Governance (CA11)</p> <p>The Chair of the Council has agreed that this item is exempt from Scrutiny call-in.</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree to the proposed consultation response outlined in Appendix 1.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DPASP (H Mitchell)</p>
<p>12. Workforce Report and Staffing Data - Quarter 2 - July to September 2024</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Community and Corporate Services <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/336 <i>Contact:</i> Cherie Cuthbertson, Director of HR and Cultural Change Cherie.cuthbertson@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report of the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (CA12)</p> <p>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (C Cuthbertson)</p>

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<p>13. Capital Programme and Monitoring Report - October 2024</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/224 <i>Contact:</i> Natalie Crawford, Capital Programme Manager Natalie.crawford@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (CA13)</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Capital Programme</p> <p>a. Note the capital monitoring position for 2024/25 set out in this report and summarised in Annex 1.</p> <p>b. Approve the updated Capital Programme at Annex 2 incorporating the changes set out in this report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget Changes / Budget Release</p> <p>c. Note the reduction of £0.5m budget provision from the Defect Liability Programme funded from corporate resources, thereby returning £0.5m to the capital programme which will contribute towards funding for the 2025/26 the capital budget setting process (para 68).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additions to the Capital Programme</p> <p>d. Approve the inclusion of the William Fletcher CE Primary School (Expansion) scheme in the Capital Programme with an indicative budget of £3.9m to be funded from S106 developer contributions and</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (N Crawford)</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">basic need funding (para 65).</p> <p>e. Approve the inclusion of a programme of work which will create breathing apparatus and cleaning / decontamination areas across Oxfordshire's fire stations, with an indicative budget of £1.8m, to be funded from earmarked reserves, agreed by Council in February 2024 (para 66).</p>		
<p>14. Forward Plan and Future Business</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: All</i> <i>Contact Officer: Chris Reynolds, Senior Democratic Services Officer,</i> chris.reynolds@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that 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 CA14. 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><i>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.</i></p>	Noted.	

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15. For information only: Cabinet response to Scrutiny item Community Wealth Building	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>1. COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW</p> <p>With regard to HIF1, the Council applied to itself for planning permission and refused it, resulting in a referral to the Secretary of State for a decision, who has now approved the application. What are the approximate costs to the council of the public enquiry and the inflationary increase in cost of the HIF1 project itself?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DAN LEVY, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE</p> <p>Specifically to the county council very little, as the overwhelming majority of these costs have been reclaimed from Homes England as funders for the scheme.</p> <p>The cost associated with both the CPO and Planning Public Inquiries are estimated to be around £1m. It is important to note though that the CPO enquiry was always anticipated, and that work undertaken within this figure was not needed solely for the inquiry. Also note that this figure does not include the inspector costs, which are not yet known.</p> <p>The all-party planning committee made its decision, in accordance with its duties, and can confirm that the potential costs of an appeal, or call-in, are not legitimate planning matters.</p> <p>The inflationary increase of the construction works due to the delay in commencement is estimated to be 15% which equates to approximately £28m</p>
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