

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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## CABINET - TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2025

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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 Councillor Tim Bearder.	DLG (A Newman)
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>  - guidance note below	There were none.	
<b>3. Minutes</b>  To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2024 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2024 were approved as a correct record.	DLG (C Reynolds)
<b>4. Questions from County Councillors</b>	There were none received.	
<b>5. Petitions and Public Address</b>	<u>9 Citizens' Assembly Update</u> Robin Tucker  <u>13 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Update</u> Cllr Lois Muddiman (Oxford City Council)  <u>14 Civil Enforcement Procurement</u> Danny Yee Claire Hamlett Robin Tucker	

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<p><b>6. Appointments</b></p>	<p>There were no appointments to report to this meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7. Reports from Scrutiny Committees</b></p> <p>Cabinet will receive the following Scrutiny reports:-</p> <p>Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee report on Healthy Weight</p> <p>Education and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee report on Education other than at Home Strategy (EOTAS)</p> <p>Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee report on Local Nature Recovery Strategy</p>	<p>Cabinet received the reports and will respond in due course.</p>	<p>DLG (O Nouri, R Doney)</p>
<p><b>8. Response to Motion by Councillor Reeves on Winter Fuel Payments</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Finance <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/356 <i>Contact:</i> Paul Wilding, Cost of Living Programme Manager (<a href="mailto:Paul.Wilding@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Paul.Wilding@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (<b>CA8</b>).</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note that the actions set out in this report respond to the motion relating to Winter Fuel Payments approved by Council in November 2024, the wording of which is set out in Annex One</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved</p>	<p>EDR (P Wilding)</p>

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<p><b>9. Citizens' Assembly Update</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i>  <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/364</i>  <i>Contact: Susannah Wintersgill, Director of Public Affairs, Policy and Partnerships</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Public Affairs, Policy and Partnerships  <b>(CA9).</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) <b>Note progress being made on the citizens' assembly, which is being held in February and March 2025;</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) <b>Note that the actions set out in this report respond to the motion agreed by Council on 10 December 2024.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DPAPP(S Wintersgill)</p>
<p><b>10. Cabinet response to motion on changes to inheritance tax and other farming matters</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i>  <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/372</i>  <i>Contact: Robin Rogers, Director of Economy and Place</i>  <a href="mailto:Robin.rogers@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Robin.rogers@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Director of Economy and Place  <b>(CA10).</b></p> <p><b>The CABINET is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) <b>Note the council's current and planned policy and programme activity in support of the rural economy;</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) <b>Note the requests from Council to</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEP (R Rogers)</p>

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<p><b>Cabinet made through the motion on Farming passed by Council on 10 December 2024 and how the council's approach will address these issues.</b></p>		
<p><b>11. Warm Homes: Local Grant Capital Retrofit Programme</b></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> 2024/329  <i>Contact:</i> Sarah Gilbert, Head of Climate Action (<a href="mailto:Sarah.Gilbert@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Sarah.Gilbert@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>Report by Director of Economy and Place (CA11).</p> <p><b>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:-</b></p> <p>a) <b>Note the submission of a funding request to Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to support retrofit of low-income households in, or at risk of, fuel poverty.</b></p> <p>b) <b>Delegate authority to the Director of Economy &amp; Place in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer, to consider and conclude any agreements upon notification of a successful application for the Warm Homes: Local Grant (WH:LG).</b></p> <p>c) <b>Delegate authority to the Director of Economy &amp; Place in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources to issue an extension to the existing agreement for the Provision of Capital Retrofit Grant Distribution</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEP (S Gilbert)</p>

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<b>and Delivery Management Services (Home Upgrade Grant, Phase 2) for up to 24 months.</b>		
<p><b>12. Funding contribution towards a jointly commissioned Mental Health Contract 2025-2035</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care Forward Plan Ref: 2024/334 Contact: Samia Shibli, Commissioning Manager -Live Well Samia.shibli@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Adult Social Care <b>(CA12)</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p>a) Approve the direct award of a new mental health contract between Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (“BOB ICB”) and Oxford Health (NHS) Foundation Trust funded under the pooled fund arrangements of the S 75 Agreement (as defined at paragraph 30 below).</p> <p>b) Agree the Council’s funding contribution under the S 75 Agreement to BOB ICB for mental health services under the new mental health contract to be entered by BOB ICB for the lifetime of the contract.</p> <p>c) Delegate responsibility to the Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) in consultation with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care for oversight of the approval process as it</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DASS (S Shibli)</p>

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<p><b>progresses towards final sign off (by the contracting authority).</b></p>		
<p><b>13. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Update</b></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> 2024/229  <i>Contact:</i> Clare Mills, Operations Manager – Flood Risk  <a href="mailto:Clare.Mills@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Clare.Mills@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Director of Environment and Highways (CA13).</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy contained in Annex 2</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEH (C Mills)</p>
<p><b>14. Civil Enforcement Procurement</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Transport Management  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/369  <i>Contact:</i> Keith Stenning, Head of Service – Network Management  <a href="mailto:Keith.stenning@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Keith.stenning@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Director of Environment and Highways (CA14).</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p><b>a) Approve the commencement of work to explore and consider options for Civil Enforcement provision for the county council due to contracts coming to an end March 2026.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DEH (K Stenning)</p>

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<p><b>b) Endorse the proposed approach and key stages as set out in this paper.</b></p>		
<p><b>15. Affiliation between Oxfordshire and HMS Diamond</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i>  <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/371</i>  <i>Contact: Tannah Collier, Policy Officer, Tannah.collier@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report by Chief Executive <b>(CA15)</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree to forming an affiliation between Oxfordshire and His Majesty's Ship (HMS) 'Diamond'</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>CEO (T Collier)</p>
<p><b>16. Business Management and Monitoring Report - November 2024</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i>  <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/212</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 <b>(CA16)</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:-</b></p> <p><b>a) Note the report and annexes.</b>  <b>b) Approve the virement requests in Annex B-2a and note the requests in Annex B-2b</b>  <b>c) Approve the creation of a new reserve to support costs associated with Local Government Devolution and Reorganisation and the transfer of £5.0m to the</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (K Wilcox)</p>

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<p>reserve.</p> <p><b>d) Approve the transfer of £3.0m from Adult Services to the Budget Priorities reserve.</b></p>		
<p><b>17. Capital Approvals Report - January 2025</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Finance</i>  <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2024/225</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 (<b>CA17</b>)</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p><b>a) approve the inclusion of 'The Greenwood Centre', an 11-bed accommodation block for 16–17-year-olds in need of supported accommodation, into the Capital Programme at an indicative cost of £1.932m, to be funded from £6.000m agreed by Council in February 2024 for additional Children's Homes.</b></p> <p><b>b) approve a budget increase of £6.39m for 'Great Western Park Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) School', to be funded from the High Needs Grant.</b></p> <p><b>c) approve a budget increase of £1.500m to the Energy Saving</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>EDR (N Crawford)</p>



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<p>Measures Programme, to be addressed through the annual Budget and Business Planning process and approval by Council in February 2025.</p> <p>d) approve a budget increase of £11.516m to the Didcot to Culham River Crossing, part of the Housing Infrastructure 1 (HIF1) programme, to be funded through additional funds granted by Homes England and agreed by Cabinet in July 2024.</p> <p>e) approve a budget increase of £12.537m to Didcot Science Bridge, part of the Housing Infrastructure 1 (HIF1) programme to be funded through additional funds granted by Homes England and agreed by Cabinet in July 2024.</p> <p>f) approve a budget increase of £11.916m to the Clifton Hampden Bypass project, part of the Housing Infrastructure 1 (HIF1) programme to be funded through additional funds granted by Homes England and agreed by Cabinet in July 2024.</p>		

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<p><b>18. Delegated Powers Report for October to December 2024</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2025/010  <i>Contact:</i> Colm Ó Caomhánaigh,            Democratic Services Manager  <a href="mailto:colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk">colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Director of Law and Governance</p> <p><b>Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the executive decisions taken under delegated powers, set out in paragraph 4.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DLG (C Ó Caomhánaigh)</p>
<p><b>19. Forward Plan and Future Business</b></p>	<p>Noted</p>	
