

COUNTY COUNCIL – 15 MAY 2012

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Finance & Property

1. 2011/12 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report

(Cabinet, 17 April 2012)

Cabinet considered the next in the series of regular reports which focussed on the delivery of the Directorate Business Strategies agreed as part of the service and resources planning process for 2011/12-2015/16 and which formed part of the forecast position for each Directorate.

Cabinet approved supplementary estimates. Cabinet agreed the creation of new reserves for: self-financing services for The Roundabout Daycare and the Forest School Training service; a two year project involving joint working with Thames Valley Police; the remaining unallocated funding from 2011/12 for the Big Society Fund until bids are considered and agreed by Cabinet; the Change Management and New Ways of Working Project and for projects within the Coroner's service. Cabinet approved new capital schemes and budget changes and approved virements for financial year 2012/13.

Cabinet Member: Police & Policy Co-ordination

2. Big Society Fund- April

(Cabinet, 17 April 2012)

Cabinet considered bids to the Big Society Fund from the third wave of applications and gave approval to the following bids: Easington Sports and Social Football Club; North Newington Village Improvement Group; Asthall Leigh Memorial Hall; Kirtlington Film Club; Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground and Wantage Independent Advice Centre. Cabinet agreed a standard award of £5,000 for each of the three community cinema bids; approved the bid from South Stoke Community Shop Ltd and delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Police & Policy Coordination to determine the bid for Coffee Plus and Lunch Plus – Stadhampton.

Cabinet Member: Transport

3. Bus Service Subsidies

(Cabinet member for Transport Delegated Decision -22 March 2012)

The Cabinet Member for Transport considered a report and made decisions on the following matters:

- (a) The Review of Subsidised Bus Services in the Henley, Wallingford and Didcot areas, which, if awarded, will be effective from Sunday 3rd June 2012.
- (b) Other bus subsidy contracts elsewhere in the County.

Note: As set out under Rule 18(b) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision was exempt from Call-In as it was deemed urgent and any delay would have resulted in service discontinuity.

4. Local Transport Plan 2011-2030 –Annual Review 2012 (Cabinet, 17 April 2012)

The Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2030 (LTP3) was approved by Cabinet on 15 March 2011 and adopted as Council policy on 5 April 2011. To ensure that the Plan was kept up to date it was agreed that LTP3 should be subject to a system of annual review, and also that interim changes could be made by the agreement of the Head of Transport and Cabinet Member for Transport provided that these were presented to County Council for approval within 12 months.

The report outlined the changes to LTP3 that had been agreed provisionally during the year together with other suggested changes which included updates to the Local Area Strategies and policy changes and clarifications concerning High Speed Rail, the county rail strategy, network classification and lorry routing, network improvements, electric vehicles and controlled parking zones. Cabinet approved the proposed changes to the Local Transport Plan 2011-2030 and agreed to RECOMMEND to County Council that the revised document is adopted to replace the 2011 version.

N.B. A report on the recommended changes is to be submitted to the next full Council meeting.

5. Proposed Framework for Spending Community Transport Grant Funding (Cabinet, 17 April 2012)

Cabinet considered a report that described the current community transport provision in Oxfordshire, and set out a strategic approach, rationale and recommendations for spending the grant money. Cabinet approved the spending plan.

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Leader of the Council

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