

COUNTY COUNCIL – 9 JULY 2013

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

1. Staffing Report – Quarter 4

(Cabinet 21 May 2013)

Cabinet had before them a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013. It gave details of the agreed staffing numbers and establishment at 31 March 2013 in terms of Full Time Equivalents. In addition, the report provided information on vacancies and the cost of posts being covered by agency staff. The report also tracked progress on staffing numbers since 1 April 2010.

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

2. Older People's Joint Commissioning Strategy 2013-2016

(Cabinet, 18 June 2013)

Cabinet gave approval to the new Older People's Joint Commissioning Strategy 2013-2016, developed jointly by the County Council and the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

3. Older People's Pooled Budget Arrangements (Section 75 Agreement)

(Cabinet, 18 June 2013)

Cabinet had before them a report that sought Cabinet approval to increase the services and budgets that form the Older Person's Pooled Budget arrangements between Oxfordshire County Council and the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. It also proposed changes to the risk sharing and governance arrangements to ensure they are appropriate for a truly pooled budget between both parties under a formal Section 75 agreement.

Cabinet approved the proposed changes, including changes to the Section 75 Agreement for All Client Groups to reflect this, and **RECOMMENDED** that the County Council approves the virement of £21m into the Older People's Pooled Budget, as well as an income target of £18m. A separate item on this matter is elsewhere on the agenda.

Cabinet Member: Business and Customer Services

4. Procurement of Better Broadband for Oxfordshire

(Cabinet 18 June 2013)

Cabinet had before them a report containing exempt information updating on the Better Broadband Programme. Cabinet endorsed the progress to date and the Stage 2 Business Case and delegated to the Chief Finance Officer and Director for Environment & Economy in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Business and Customer Services the authority to approve the detailed project appraisal.

Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families

5. Option Appraisal Conclusions on Cutteslowe Primary School Foundation Stage Unit (FSU)

(Cabinet, 16 April 2013)

In the light of a wish by the Head Teacher and The Cherwell School Academy Trust to continue to provide 39 full time equivalent (fte) F2 nursery places an option appraisal was commissioned by Children Education & Families to investigate the Foundation Stage Unit area and to present options on what work might be carried out, and its cost. Cabinet considered a report on the options appraisal that sought their decision on whether to allocate funds, and if so, how much.

Cabinet agreed not to financially support The Cherwell School Academy Trust's aspiration to make provision for 78 (39 full time equivalent (fte)) rather than 52 (26 fte) F2 (nursery pupils).

6. Stage One Public Consultation on Proposed Expansion of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Oxford

(Cabinet, 16 April 2013)

Cabinet supported proposals to permanently increase the school admission number at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School from 45 to 60 on a permanent basis from September 2014 and supported the Governing Body in its wish to publish a statutory notice for the expansion of St Joseph's Catholic (VA) Primary School, Oxford.

7. Stage One Public Consultation on Proposed Expansion Of Wolvercote Primary School, Oxford

(Cabinet, 16 April 2013)

Cabinet approved the publication of a statutory notice for the permanent increase of the school admission number at Wolvercote Primary School to 45 from 30.

8. Results of New Schools for Didcot Public Consultation, and Subsequent Academy Specification

(Cabinet, 21 May 2013)

Cabinet considered a report that detailed the background to, process of and outcomes of a public consultation on new schools required for Great Western Park in Didcot/Harwell. Cabinet noted the outcomes of the consultation and approved the specification as the basis for seeking academy providers for the Great Western Park schools.

9. Edward Feild Nursery School - Proposal to Close and Provide Alternative Early Years Provision

(Cabinet, 21 May 2013)

Cabinet considered a report following consultation on proposals to close the Nursery School and expand the on-site voluntary Playgroup. A formal decision was sought on whether to publish a Statutory Notice to close Edward Feild Nursery School at the end of the Autumn term 2013.

Cabinet approved publication of a Statutory Notice for the Closure of Edward Feild Nursery School.

10. Exempt Information – Marcham Primary School

(Cabinet, 18 June 2013)

Cabinet considered a report containing exempt information and agreed an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in respect of the construction of a two classroom extension to the school

Cabinet Member: Environment

11. The Principle of Direct Delivery by Developers of on-Site Infrastructure & Major off-Site Highway Works

(Cabinet 18 June 2013)

Developers are increasingly interested in undertaking the direct construction of infrastructure required by new development rather than make provision for it in the form of financial contributions. This flows partly from central government reviews which concluded that there was scope for cost reduction in the delivery of schools. Cabinet considered a paper on the implications of enabling direct delivery by developers of infrastructure required by new development. Cabinet agreed the approach, the proposed measures for mitigating risk and updates to standard conditions.

Cabinet Member: Finance

12. 2012/13 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report –

(Cabinet, 16 April 2013)

Cabinet noted a report that focussed on the delivery of the Directorate Business Strategies which were agreed as part of the Service and Resource Planning Process for 2012/13 – 2016/17. Parts 1 and 2 included projections for revenue, reserves and balances as at the end of February 2013. Capital monitoring was included at Part 3. Fees and Charges are included in Part 4.

13. Provisional 2012/13 Revenue and Capital Outturn

(Cabinet, 18 June 2013)

Cabinet considered a report that set out the provisional revenue and capital outturn for 2012/13 and showed how actual expenditure and income for the year compared to the budgeted position. It also included proposals for carry forwards from 2012/13 to 2013/14. The Cabinet in respect of the 2012/13 outturn note the provisional revenue and capital outturn for 2012/13 along with the year-end position on balances and reserves as set out in the report; approved carry-forwards and virements; agreed that the surplus on the On-Street Parking Account at the end of the 2012/13 financial year, so far as not applied to particular eligible purposes in accordance with Section 55(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, be carried forward in the account to the 2013/14 financial year. Cabinet further agreed in respect of the 2013/14 revenue budget and Capital Programme: the increase of £0.581m to the Kennington Roundabout scheme as set out in paragraph 44 and approved virements for 2013/14.

Cabinet also RECOMMENDED Council to approve the virements greater than £0.5m for Children, Education & Families, Social & Community Services and Environment & Economy Directorates and a separate report on this matter is elsewhere on the agenda;

Cabinet Member: Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

14. Director of Public Health Annual Report

(Cabinet, 18 June 2013)

Cabinet considered the 6th Director of Public Health Annual Report for Oxfordshire. The priorities highlighted in this Report included

An ageing population – the “demographic challenge”

- Breaking the cycle of disadvantage
- Mental health and wellbeing: avoiding a Cinderella service
- The rising tide of obesity
- Excessive alcohol consumption

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- Fighting killer infections

Cabinet RECOMMENDED to Council to receive the report and noted its recommendations. A separate report on this matter is elsewhere on the agenda;

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Leader of the Council

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