

COUNTY COUNCIL – 5 APRIL 2016

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Leader

1. Follow up to a Call in of a decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Hudspeth substituting): Proposed Bus Lane & Parking/Waiting Restrictions - Orchard Centre (Phase 2), Didcot

(Cabinet, 23 February 2016)

On 4 February 2016, the Performance Scrutiny Committee considered the decision of the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Hudspeth substituting) which had been made on 14 February 2016 following proper notice of a call in. The Committee had agreed to refer the decision back to Cabinet to consider in the light of a material concern that officers dealing with the matter had not been made aware of the fact that a 1500+ signature petition had been presented to Council opposing the proposal.

Cabinet approved implementation of the proposals as advertised.

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

2. Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Strategy

(Cabinet 15 December 2015)

In July 2015 Cabinet had received a report proposing to consult the public on revised principles for the provision of Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) capacity.

Cabinet had before them a report setting out the results of the consultation alongside an analysis of financial and service pressures. The report sought approval to a revised approach to developing the HWRC network in the medium to long term.

Cabinet approved the Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy and authorise the Director for Environment and Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the HWRC service to bring forward implementation plans.

3. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 2

(Cabinet, 26 January 2016)

Cabinet noted a report that provided details of performance for quarter two (2015-16) for the Cabinet to consider. The report is required so that the Cabinet can monitor the performance of the Council in key service areas and be assured that progress is being made to improve areas where performance is below the expected level.

4. Staffing Report, Quarter 3 2015/16

(Cabinet, 23 February 2016)

Cabinet agreed a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015. It gave details of the agreed staffing numbers and establishment at 31 December 2015. The report also provided information on vacancies and the cost of posts being covered by agency staff.

5. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue - 365 Alive Vision - 2016-2022 - March 2016

(Cabinet, 15 March 2016)

Cabinet noted a report on the completion and success of the current 365ALIVE Vision and adopted the renewed 365alive vision (2016 to 2022).

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

6. Future Provision of Intermediate Care in North Oxfordshire

(Cabinet, 26 January 2016)

Following public consultation between 5 October and 8 December 2015, Cabinet considered a report that set out the results of that consultation and recommended the way Intermediate Care services are provided in North Oxfordshire in the future. Intermediate Care is the support people need to avoid going into hospital or to help people get back home as quickly as possible.

Cabinet agreed to move to implementation of Model A: the Intermediate Care Unit in Chipping Norton continues and the full 14 bed service is provided by the Orders of St John Care Trust.

7. Adult Social Care: Short Term Community Services

(Cabinet 26 January 2016)

The current system of short term support social care in Oxfordshire had evolved piecemeal with services created in response to perceived problems and without a proper strategic consideration of the pathway as a whole. There were currently seven different services in place, and so it was difficult for professionals or members of the public to understand the most appropriate route that people should follow through them to meet their specific needs.

The pathway redesign proposed in the report before Cabinet brought together the functions of the seven current services into two new services: the Urgent Response and Telecare Service; and the Hospital Discharge and Reablement Service.

The report described the alternative methods available for purchasing the services and Cabinet approved the service model and procurement approach for the Urgent Response and Telecare Service.

8. Care Home Fees 2016

(Cabinet 15 March 2016)

The services that care homes provide within Oxfordshire play an important role in helping to meet the needs of vulnerable adults. Oxfordshire County Council makes a significant investment in care home services on an annual basis and it is the largest single purchaser within the County.

Cabinet considered a report that described the process the Council had undertaken to review the amount it pays for care homes and gave agreement to the Target Banding Rates to be applied for 2016-17.

Cabinet Member: Children, Education & Families

9. New Arrangements for Oxfordshire County Council's Children's Services

(Cabinet, 23 February 2016)

The Cabinet had before it an overview report together with a series of three supporting reports covering:

- The outcome of public consultation regarding proposals for change to early help services, including, children's centres and early intervention hubs
- Proposals for the future shape of Education and Learning Services
- Proposals for future Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Services
- Proposals for future Children's Social Care services.

Cabinet received the outcome of the consultation exercise on the future of early help services along with the proposed alternative arrangements for Children's Services as outlined in the Cabinet Advisory Group report of September 2015 along with recommendations from the Director of Children's Services regarding future organisational arrangements for Children's Social Care; approved the proposed arrangements for Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Services and the arrangements for Education Services; and agreed to receive a further detailed report on the implementation of the proposed changes. In addition Cabinet agreed that the Director for Children, Education & Families provide a future meeting of Cabinet with detailed proposals as to how the additional and retained funding arrangements agreed at full Council on 16 February 2016 be best utilised.

10. Progress Report on Looked After Children and Those Leaving Care

(Cabinet, 23 February 2016)

The Cabinet considered (CA8) a report which reviewed the performance and outcomes of Looked After Children and Care Leavers since April 2014 and identified key challenges moving forward, particularly around understanding the causes for and then addressing the growth in the looked after population.

Cabinet agreed that further analysis of the child in need and child protection populations be undertaken to isolate more specific risk factors for care and

what constituted an effective intervention; that a multi-agency group be established to devise a county-wide strategy to respond to the growing challenges nationally of Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers and Refugee families; and the Placement Strategy Board be tasked with measuring the impact and cost savings of the Placement Strategy for reporting up to Cabinet.

Cabinet Member: Environment

11. Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Scheme

(Cabinet, 26 January 2016)

The County Council must prepare and maintain a Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, setting out the programme for production of the Minerals and Waste Plan. The original Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme came into effect in May 2005 and a number of revisions had been made since then, most recently in December 2014. The timetable for preparation of Part 1 of the Plan - the Core Strategy in the most recent revision was now out of date. In addition, a more specific timetable was needed for the preparation of Part 2 of the Plan - the Site Allocations Document. A further revision of the Development Scheme was therefore now required. Cabinet had before them a draft Scheme which they approved to have effect from 4 February 2016.

12. Compulsory Purchase Orders for Acquisition of Lands Required for Delivery of Schemes

(Cabinet, 26 January 2016)

The Council's Major Infrastructure Delivery Team is managing the delivery of a number of major highway improvement schemes. Some of these schemes require additional land to enable delivery of the proposed improvements which will reduce congestion, improve movement, access and safety and encourage use of sustainable transport.

Cabinet considered a report that detailed various schemes which are at an early stage of development, but which are considered, subject to approvals, to require additional land. The report requested the delegation by Cabinet to the Director of Environment and Economy in consultation with the Executive Cabinet member to exercise Compulsory Purchase powers for the purchase of land for these schemes, in the event that the land required cannot be purchased by negotiation.

Cabinet gave approval to the delegation in respect of the following schemes:

- Loop Farm, north Oxford (City Deal)
- London Road pedestrian / cycle bridge, Bicester (Local Growth Fund)
- Science Vale Cycle enhancement project (Local Growth Fund)
- Didcot, Northern Perimeter Road (phase 3)

- A34 Lodge Hill Interchange (southbound slip roads) –

- Access to Culham Science Centre, phase 1 – (B4015 to A415 link)
- Science Bridge, Didcot
- Worcester Street, Oxford City Centre
- Charbridge Lane level crossing, Bicester
- Network Rail Electrification – Steventon

13. Proposals on the Future of Subsidised Bus Services

(Cabinet, 15 March 2016)

Cabinet considered a report setting out the availability of bus usage data, and noted the limits of that data and that it did not impact upon the methodology of the decision made by Cabinet. Cabinet gave approval to seek comments from members of the public, from 16 March 2016 to 14 April 2016, in relation to that data and to receive a further report to review the responses received..

Cabinet Member: Finance

14. 2015/16 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Report

(Cabinet, 15 December 2015 and 23 February 2016)

Cabinet considered two reports that focussed on the management of the 2015/16 budget. Parts 1 and 2 included projections for revenue, reserves and balances. Capital Programme monitoring was included at Part 3.

In December parts 1 and 2 included projections as at the end of October 2015. Cabinet approved virement requests and the supplementary estimate of £0.6m relating to the cost of the Transport Safeguarding Assurance Framework project; Cabinet noted the Treasury Management lending list; in relation to reserves Cabinet approved the temporary use of Environment & Economy reserves and the transfer of £0.3m to a new Commercial Reserve to support the development of the Children, Education & Families trading arm and approved changes to the Capital Programme.

In February, 2016 Parts 1 and 2 included projections as at the end of December 2015. Cabinet noted the Treasury Management lending list; approved an increase of £0.935m for the A34 Milton Interchange scheme; approved the full budget of £11.165m for the Eastern Arc Phase 1: Access to Headington project and to proceed to detailed design; Noted the changes to the Capital Programme and approved the allocation of the un-ringfenced grant for Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme to the Fire and Rescue Service.

IAN HUDSPETH

Leader of the Council

March 2016