

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 11 JULY 2017

### REPORT OF THE CABINET

#### ***Cabinet Member: Leader***

#### **1. Draft Proposal for the Future Organisation of Local Government**

*(Cabinet, 14 March 2017)*

In September 2016, Cabinet considered reports from Grant Thornton and PwC and a recommendation from the Performance Scrutiny Committee on options for reorganisation of local government within Oxfordshire. Cabinet directed officers to engage with stakeholders and the public to prepare proposals for a new unitary council to cover the whole county.

Cabinet considered a report setting out the full proposal that had subsequently been developed and agreed that the proposals be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and agreed a number of follow up actions including to agree that the further development of the Area Executive Board model, through the establishment of a Joint Committee, open to all Districts and City Councils across Oxfordshire and the County Council, should be formed as early as possible and to ask officers to take steps to establish the City Convention to work with residents and local stakeholders to design the new model of governance in Oxford..

#### ***Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader***

#### **2. Final OFRS Community Risk Management Plan**

*(Cabinet, 14 March 2017)*

Cabinet considered a report that set out a new Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2017-22. The plan showed how Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service (OFRS) had identified, assessed and evaluated the risks. The CRMP is required by the Fire & Rescue National Framework Document 2012. The report also detailed a number of projects within the Fire Authority's Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) action plan for the fiscal year 2017-18.

Cabinet approved the CRMP 2017-22 strategic document and projects within the 2017-18 Action Plan.

#### **3. Fit For Future Progress Report**

*(Cabinet, 24 April 2017)*

Cabinet noted an update on the Council's new transformation programme, Fit for the Future. It set out the structure of the programme, progress on the programme to date and the investment funding to deliver the programme.

Cabinet agreed the creation of a £3m budget provision in the Capital Programme to support the Fit for the Future Programme.

**4. Business Management & Monitoring Report 2016/17 Quarter 3**  
*(Cabinet, 24 April 2017)*

Cabinet noted a report that provided details of performance for quarter three 2016-17 for the Cabinet to consider. The report was required so that the Cabinet could 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.

**5. Staffing Report Quarter 4**  
*(Cabinet, 20 June 2017)*

Cabinet noted a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2017. It gave details of the actual staffing numbers at 31 March 2017 in terms of Full Time Equivalents. In addition, the report provided information on the cost of posts being covered by agency staff.

***Cabinet Member: Children & Family Services***

**6. Adopt Thames Valley**  
*(Cabinet, 24 April 2017)*

Cabinet considered and agreed a report that sought approval for plans for Oxfordshire County Council to join and host the Regional Adoption Agency (Adopt Thames Valley) as a shared service with the other partner authorities.

***Cabinet Member: Finance***

**7. 2016/17 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report - February 2017**  
*(Cabinet, 25 April 2017)*

Cabinet considered the penultimate report in a series for the 2016/17 financial year reporting on revenue and capital spending against budget allocations, including virements between budget heads and capital programme approvals.

Cabinet approved the 2017/18 virements and approve the debt write off and noted the impairment of the debt detailed in the report. Cabinet further noted the Treasury Management lending list and approve Fees and Charges; they approved changes to the Capital Programme; approved the contractual commitment for construction of the Didcot Great Western Park Primary School (Chalkhill), with a total budget of £7.150m as set out in paragraph 65; and approved the £3.3m National Productivity Investment Fund Programme set out in paragraph 67 for inclusion in the capital programme.

## **8. Provisional 2016/17 Revenue and Capital Outturn***(Cabinet, 20 June 2017)*

Cabinet considered a report that set out the provisional revenue and capital outturn position for 2016/17 and showed how actual expenditure and income for the year compared to the budgeted position. Figures shown in the report reflected those included in the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17. The draft Statement of Accounts were authorised for issue on 31 May 2017, subject to external audit. The final Statement of Accounts will be submitted to the Audit and Governance Committee on 6 September 2017 following external audit and certification by the Director of Finance.

Cabinet note the provisional revenue and capital outturn for 2016/17, approved the creation of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Reserve, approve virements and recommended Council to approve the virements greater than £1.0m for Children, Education & Families, Environment and Economy, Social & Community Services and Strategic Measures. Cabinet also agreed that the surplus on the On-Street Parking Account at the end of the 2016/17 financial year, so far as not applied to particular eligible purposes, be carried forward in the account to the 2017/18 financial year

N.B. The virements are included on the full Council agenda for consideration.

### ***Cabinet Member: Local Communities***

## **9. Transition Fund** *(Cabinet, 20 June 2017)*

In February 2016 the Council had agreed to set aside £1m for creating a 'one off' fund to provide pump priming to support Children's Centres. It was agreed that a cross party group of county councillors would consider maximum benefit of this fund and bring proposals back to Cabinet for decision.

Cabinet approved the recommendations of the working group that had considered the applications against the agreed criteria outlined in the guidance notes except that they deferred decisions in respect of:

- a. the proposal relating to Aflah Nursery
- b. Aspire & Nature Effect bid
- c. St Mary's Church Chipping Norton bid

with a further report to be submitted to Cabinet as soon as practicable. Nine bids were agreed plus a further two subject to buildings and leases being agreed. Cabinet further agreed the maximum 12 months' rent free period for the following buildings:

- a. Ambrosden;
- b. South Abingdon.

**IAN HUDSPETH**  
Leader of the Council

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