

COUNTY COUNCIL – 27 MARCH 2018

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Leader

1. Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal

(Cabinet, 12 February 2018)

Cabinet had before them a report seeking approval of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Delivery Plan together with associated detailed recommendations: the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal announced by Government in the November Budget, provides £215 million of additional Government funding for Oxfordshire, along with a package of planning freedoms and flexibilities for the Oxfordshire authorities.

Cabinet agreed to the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal (the Deal) and Delivery Plan. Cabinet further agreed to become the accountable body in respect of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and that the terms of reference of the Growth Board be reviewed and any necessary inter authority agreement be agreed. Cabinet also agreed to participate in the preparation of a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP) for Oxfordshire in accordance with the timescales set out in the Delivery Plan.

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

2. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 2

(Cabinet, 23 January 2018)

Cabinet considered a report that gave details of performance for quarter two 2017-18. 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.

3. Corporate Plan

(Cabinet, 27 February 2018)

Cabinet considered a report setting out next steps in developing and finalising the Corporate Plan, following comments from Council on 13th February 2018.

The report proposed that more time is taken to complete the work on the corporate plan, including the performance outcomes and measures, and to engage fully with Councillors. Once this work has been completed, the final corporate plan will then be brought back to the earliest possible meeting of Cabinet and Council for agreement.

Cabinet agreed to receive a final version of the corporate plan once work, on the performance outcomes and measures, and engagement with Councillors, has been completed.

4. Staffing Report, Quarter 3 2016/17

(Cabinet, 27 February 2018)

Cabinet agreed a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017. In addition, the report provided information on the cost of posts being covered by agency staff and an Agency Trend analysis.

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care

5. Daytime Support Grants

(Cabinet, 23 January 2018)

There are grant funds available to support the continuation and development of community and voluntary sector daytime support opportunities in Oxfordshire. Cabinet had before it a report relating to the Sustainability and Transition Grant Fund for 2018/19, to support community and voluntary sector daytime support services.

Following consideration of the applications by the cross-party panel against the grant criteria as set out in the guidance Cabinet considered a report setting out their recommendations. Cabinet agreed 25 applications for funding totalling £409,770 and approved transferring the remaining amount, as set out under 26 (f) above, to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.

Cabinet Member: Environment

6. Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2017

(Cabinet, 19 December 2017)

The County Council must prepare and maintain a Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, setting out the programme for production of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The original Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme came into effect in May 2005 and a number of revisions have been made since then, most recently in February 2016. Part 1 of the Plan, the Core Strategy was adopted in September 2017 but the prolonged examination of that plan has delayed commencement of work on Part 2 of the Plan - the Site Allocations. The timetable for preparation of the Site Allocations plan in the most recent revision of the Development Scheme is therefore now out of date. Cabinet agreed a revised Development Scheme.

7. Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment

(Cabinet, 19 December 2017)

Government planning policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires the County Council to prepare an annual Local Aggregate

Assessment (LAA). The LAA establishes the amount of provision for mineral working that should be made in the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and it can also be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for mineral working. The current LAA 2014 was approved by the Cabinet in November 2014. Updated information on sales and reserves of aggregates in Oxfordshire, for 2014, 2015 and 2016, is now available. Following the adoption of the Core Strategy, Cabinet considered a report seeking approval of a revised LAA, taking into account this more up to date information.

Cabinet approved the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2017 for use as the basis for provision for mineral working in the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and for calculating the Oxfordshire landbank;

Cabinet Member: Finance

8. 2017/18 Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Report - *(Cabinet, 19 December 2017)*

Cabinet considered a financial monitoring report for 2017/18 that focused on the delivery of the 2017/18 budget based on projections at the end of October 2017. Parts 1 and 2 include projections for revenue, reserves and balances. Capital Programme monitoring and update was included at Part 3.

Cabinet approved virement requests and bad debt write offs, noted the Treasury Management lending list and approved the updated Capital Programme. In addition Cabinet approved capital projects for the new Secondary School in South West Bicester, the delivery of the slip road at A34/A4183 junction at Lodge Hill; and approved an increase in the capital programme to reflect the budget for the master site plans for Drayton and Deddington Depots.

9. Transition Fund for Community Initiatives for Open Access Children's Services - February 2017 *(Cabinet, 23 January 2018)*

In February 2016, the Council agreed to set aside £1m for creating a 'one off' fund to provide pump priming to support the provision of open access children's services.

In September 2017 Cabinet agreed the proposed use of the underspend of £232,674 for further rounds of grant funding with a cross party group of councillors bringing proposals back to Cabinet for decision.

Cabinet approved the recommendations of the working group that had considered the applications under the fifth round of bids against the agreed criteria outlined in the guidance notes. Three bids were agreed at a total cost of £15,089.