

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 11 DECEMBER 2018

### REPORT OF THE CABINET

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

#### **1. Staffing Report – Quarter 2**

*(Cabinet, 18 September 2018)*

Cabinet noted a report giving an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018. It gave details of the actual staffing numbers at 30 September 2018 in terms of Full Time Equivalents. 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 & Public Health***

#### **2. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (OSAB) Annual Report 2017-18**

*(Cabinet, 20 November 2018)*

Cabinet considered the annual report of the OSAB on the work of the Board and of its partners, assessing the position of the partnerships in relation to safeguarding adults at risk within Oxfordshire.

Cabinet noted that the adult safeguarding partnership was working across Oxfordshire and that work undertaken by the Board and its partners had resulted in a 9% decrease in safeguarding concerns being referred into the Local Authority, reversing a six-year trend of an annual 30% increase in concerns year-on-year. Cabinet also noted the priorities around service user and community engagement, improving multi-agency working, monitoring key issues and early help strategies & initiatives for 2018-19.

#### **3. Innovation Fund for Daytime Support Grant Awards**

*(Cabinet, 20 November 2018)*

The Innovation Fund for Daytime support 2018-19 was open to applications from all community and voluntary organisations to deliver new innovative projects for daytime support in Oxfordshire. The aim of the funding is to provide one-off funding to support the development of self-sustaining projects, delivering new opportunities for adults in Oxfordshire.

The cross-party panel reviewed the applications and assessed them against grant criteria and recommendations for award were coproduced with people who use services and supported by officer recommendations. Cabinet had before them a report setting out the recommendations of the cross-party panel.

Cabinet congratulated the voluntary sector for its continued commitment and dedication to innovation and provision of new opportunities to people using services in Oxfordshire.

Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out below and approved use of the remaining amount for a third round of applications to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.

- (1) Farmability
- (2) Witney Day Centre
- (3) Cholsey Parish Council
- (4) The Cedar Community Club

To approve the requested funding for the following bid subject to conditions (these are specified in the cross-party recommendations- Annex 2):

- (1) Paintbuzz
- (2) Farcycles
- (3) The Guideposts Trust

To refuse the requested funding for the following bids:

- (1) The Royal Voluntary Service
- (2) Fish Volunteer Centre

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

#### **4. The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board (OSCB) Annual Report/The Performance Audit & Quality Assurance Annual Report and The Case Review & Governance Annual Report** *(Cabinet, 20 November 2018)*

The OSCB's remit is to co-ordinate and ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each agency on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Oxfordshire. Cabinet welcomed the annual report summarising the key achievements in the last year and providing an analysis of safeguarding arrangements.

Cabinet also noted two further supporting annual reports: the Performance, Audit & Quality Assurance Annual Report and the Case Review & Governance Annual Report.

### ***Cabinet Member: Environment***

#### **5. Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA) 2018** *(Cabinet, 20 November 2018)*

Cabinet had before them a report that set out updated information on sales and reserves of aggregates in Oxfordshire, for 2017 and making recommendations for a revised LAA 2018, considering this more up to date information.

Cabinet approved the inclusion of the provision level figures in the Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2018 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 approved the finalisation of the LAA 2018 and to its publication on the Council website.

## **6. Thames Water Revised Draft Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP)**

*(Cabinet, 20 November 2018)*

Thames Water are currently consulting on their Revised Draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) 2019 which looks ahead to 2100.

Cabinet considered a paper recommending a consultation response to the latest consultation documents that outlined the changes to the original Draft WRMP and include the preferred demand management and water supply options for Thames Water and the wider South East region.

Cabinet considered the issues and agreed the draft response subject to the response being strengthened in line with Cabinet comments about increasing the rate of reduction of leakages and strengthened demands for a regional plan. Cabinet also agreed an additional recommendation calling for a public enquiry.

### ***Cabinet Member: Finance***

## **7. Treasury Management Mid Term Review 2018/19**

*(Cabinet 20 November 2018)*

Cabinet considered a report which set out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2018/19 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report included Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year. Cabinet **RECOMMENDED** Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2018/19.

N.B. The report is included elsewhere on the Council agenda for consideration by full Council.