

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 2 APRIL 2019

### REPORT OF THE CABINET

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

**1. Cabinet Business Monitoring Report for Quarter 2**  
(Cabinet, 22 January 2019)

Cabinet noted a report that demonstrated the state of Oxfordshire County Council's progress towards Corporate Plan priorities at the end of Quarter 2 2018-19.

**2. Governance Review**  
(Cabinet, 22 January 2019)

Following a Council motion to consider changing to a committee structure of governance, Cabinet set up a Governance Review Task Group to examine this as well as considering potential improvements to the current system. Cabinet had before them a report setting out the recommendations of the Task Group.

Cabinet agreed the following recommendations: requesting the Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees to ensure that time is allowed in their work programmes to discuss policy development matters; and requesting facilities management to draw up plans to reformat the rooms on the members' corridor to provide some shared members' facilities in place of political group rooms.

Cabinet further requested the Task Group to explore further the idea of establishing Area Committees with budgets addressing how they relate to City and District Council and to give consideration to how to better improve the work of locality groups.

**3. Staffing Report, Quarter 3 2018/19**  
(Cabinet, 27 February 2018)

Cabinet noted a report that gave an update on staffing numbers and related activity during the period 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018. It gave details of the actual staffing numbers at 31 December 2018 in terms of Full Time Equivalents. The report also provided information on the cost of posts being covered by agency staff.

### ***Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care***

#### **4. Daytime Support Sustainability Grant Awards**

*(Cabinet, 18 December 2018)*

There are grant funds available to support the continuation and development of community and voluntary sector daytime support opportunities in Oxfordshire; these funds include the Innovation Fund to support new initiatives and the sustainability fund to support existing services. Cabinet had before it a report relating to the Sustainability Grant Fund for 2019/20, to support community and voluntary sector daytime support services to continue and flourish.

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 29 applications for funding totalling £244,847 and approved transferring the remaining amount, to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.

### ***Cabinet Member: Education & Cultural Services***

#### **5. SEND Sufficiency Strategy and Northfield School**

*(Cabinet, 18 December 2018)*

Cabinet considered and approved a strategy to detail how the Council plans to address the current lack of special educational needs school places.

Cabinet also considered a report that proposed the re-build of Northfield School in-line with the agreed SEND Education Sufficiency Strategy 2018-2027 for around 100 students. Cabinet approved the re-build and for the admission of Year 7 pupils for the academic year 2019/20 in to Northfield Special School and for in year transfers from January 2018.

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

#### **6. Compulsory Purchase Powers for Acquisition of Land Required for Delivery of Schemes**

*(Cabinet, 18 December 2018)*

The Council is proposing to deliver a programme of major transport infrastructure projects, to support and enable housing and economic growth in Oxfordshire. To progress with the delivery of proposed major transport infrastructure schemes, the use of Compulsory Purchase Powers may have to be used for the acquisition of land required for the construction work.

Cabinet had before them a report that detailed the schemes which may require CPOs to proceed, as well as schemes identified as likely to require CPO in future, but which are still in early feasibility stages where exact parcels of land have not yet been identified. Cabinet approved the use of CPO powers

## **7. Revision of Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme**

*(Cabinet, 22 January 2019)*

The County Council must prepare and maintain a Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, setting out the programme for production of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The most recent revision of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme was approved in December 2017. Part 1 of the Plan, the Core Strategy was adopted in September 2017. Part 2, the Sites Plan, was commenced in September 2017 but consultation on issues and options was delayed and consequently the timetable for the Sites Plan in the December 2017 Development Scheme was now out of date and needed to be revised. In addition, changes in legislative requirements for Statements of Community Involvement (SCI) mean that the Oxfordshire SCI should be revised and a timetable needs to be set for this. A further revision of the Development Scheme was therefore now required.

Cabinet considered and approved a report setting out the revised Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (Ninth Revision) 2019.

## **8. Performance Scrutiny Committee Highways Deep Dive Recommendations**

*(Cabinet, 26 February 2019)*

The condition of roads has a significant impact on levels of public satisfaction with the Council and their local area. As a result, the Performance Scrutiny Committee commissioned a deep dive into the factors affecting public perception and experience of highways and the Council's approach to improving this. The report had been considered by the Performance Scrutiny Committee and was presented to Cabinet for them to consider its recommendations.

Cabinet noted the recommendations, asked officers to evaluate and cost the proposals and to report back in the Autumn to the deep dive group and Performance Scrutiny Committee before reporting back to Cabinet. Cabinet agreed that those activities already in train not be halted or paused and that Performance Scrutiny Committee members and Cabinet receive updates as appropriate.

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

## **9. Financial Monitoring and Medium Term Financial Plan Delivery Report**

*(Cabinet, 18 December 2018)*

Cabinet considered a report that set out the forecast position of the revenue budget as at the end of October 2018. The report also included an update on the delivery of savings, plus forecast reserves and balances.

Cabinet approved virements and approved bad debt write-offs.

## **10. Capital Finance Monitoring Report**

*(Cabinet, 18 December 2018)*

Cabinet considered the third separate capital programme update and monitoring report that focussed on the delivery of the 2018/19 capital programme based on projections at the end of October 2018 and new inclusions within the overall ten-year capital programme.

Cabinet approved the updated Capital Programme and approved the budget requirement of £6.3m towards the extension of Broadband for Business in Rural Oxfordshire.

### ***Cabinet Member: Transformation***

## **11. Tank Farm, Chipping Norton – Development Site**

*(Cabinet, 26 February 2019)*

Approval was given on 21 December 2018 by The Leader of the Council with the agreement of the Director of Finance, to authorise the Strategic Director of Communities to negotiate, the purchase of Pearman's land, being 13.32 ha (32.91 acres) adjoining the Council's land at Tank Farm, in order to ensure the County Council's control, influence and deliverability of the programmed capital receipt for Tank Farm.

Following the completion of negotiation Cabinet approved the provisionally agree terms of acquisition and authorised the Strategic Director of Communities in consultation with the Portfolio member to complete the purchase.

## **12. Mill Arts Centre, Banbury**

*(Cabinet, 18 December 2018)*

Cabinet approved a proposal to improve the long-term sustainability of the Mill Arts Centre in Banbury by declaring the property surplus to council requirements and transferring to Cherwell District Council as a named purchaser for less than best consideration.

**IAN HUDSPETH**

Leader of the Council

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