

## CABINET

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16 July 2019 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 4.50 pm.

**Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor Ian Hudspeth – in the Chair  
Councillor Mrs Judith Heathcoat  
Councillor Lawrie Stratford  
Councillor Ian Corkin  
Councillor Steve Harrod  
Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale  
Councillor Yvonne Constance OBE  
Councillor David Bartholomew  
Councillor Mark Gray

**Other Members in Attendance:** Councillor Liz Brighthouse (Agenda Items 6 & 9)  
Councillor John Howson (Agenda Items 11 & 12)  
Councillor Glynis Phillips (Agenda Item 7)  
Councillor Gill Sanders (Agenda Items 13 & 14)  
Councillor John Sanders (Agenda Item 12)  
Councillor Roz Smith (Agenda Item 7)  
Councillor Emma Turnbull (Agenda Item 11)  
Councillor Michael Waine (Agenda Item 11)

**Officers:**

Whole of meeting Yvonne Rees (Chief Executive); Lorna Baxter, Director of Finance; Nick Graham, Director of Law & Governance; Sue Whitehead, Law & Governance

Part of meeting Item	Name
11	Lucy Butler, Director for Children's Services
12	Sue Halliwell, Director of Planning & Place
13	Lucy Butler, Director for Children's Services; Hannah Farncombe, Deputy Director Children's Social Care
14	Lucy Butler, Director for Children's Services
15	Lucy Butler, Director for Children's Services; Jackie Goodwin, Housing Development Officer – Children; Sarah Breton, Head of Childrens Commissioning Markets; Liane Low, Strategic Commissioning Manager
16	Ben Threadgold, Policy & Performance Service Manager
17	Lucy Butler, Director for Children's Services; Benedict Leigh, Deputy Director, Commissioning
18	Karen Edwards, Deputy Director, HR

*The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

**62/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

(Agenda Item. 1)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Eddie Reeves.

**63/19 MINUTES**

(Agenda Item. 3)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2019 were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**64/19 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda Item. 5)

Cabinet received the following public addresses (recorded under the item):

Item	Speaker
Item 6 – Business Management & Monitoring Report	Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee
Item 7 – Capital Programme Monitoring Report	Councillor Glynis Phillips, Shadow Cabinet member for Finance Councillor Roz Smith, Local Councillor for Headington
Item 9 – Investment Strategy	Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee
Item 11 – SEND Home to School Transport Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG)	Cllr Emma Turnbull, Shadow Cabinet Member for Education Cllr Michael Waine, Chairman of Education Scrutiny Committee and a CAG member (a statement from Councillor Waine was read out) – Cllr John Howson, Deputy Chairman of Education Scrutiny Committee and a CAG Member)
Item 12 - Bus Access to Queen Street, Oxford	Cllr John Sanders, Shadow Cabinet member for Environment Cllr John Howson, local councillor for St Margaret's John Paine, Oxfordshire NPC Group
Item 13 – Family Safeguarding Plus Social Care Model	Councillor Gill Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services
Item 14 – Strategy & Plans to Re-design Oxfordshire's Fostering Offer to become the 'Provider of Choice'	Councillor Gill Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Item 16 – Transition Fund for Open Access Children’s Services: Underspend Bidding Round Recommendations	Anne Purse – speaking on Maple Tree Centre
Item 18 – Senior Joint Leadership Roles – Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council	Councillor Laura Price, Opposition Deputy Leader

## 65/19 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & MONITORING REPORT - MAY 2019

(Agenda Item. 6)

Cabinet had before it a report which set out Oxfordshire County Council’s progress towards Corporate Plan priorities and which provided an update on the delivery of the Medium-Term Financial Plan at the end of May 2019.

Councillor Liz Brighouse, Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee in presenting the comments of the Committee noted that this had been the first time for the Committee looking at the new report. The Committee would explore how best to manage scrutiny of the monthly paper in order to focus on highlights and trends in a way that coincided with Cabinet meetings and to ensure there was an ability to focus on necessary matters. The Committee had welcomed the new format. Referring to the contents of the report Councillor Brighouse highlighted points made by Performance Scrutiny Committee:

- congratulations to the public health team on their outcomes;
- a query around the ‘local environment protected’;
- a query why in ‘Strong Investment in Infrastructure the number of new homes had gone from amber to green;
- Concerns around the timeliness of Education & Health Care Plans;
- A suggestion that more be done to offer guidance to governors on safeguarding as this was an area that could let schools down during Ofsted inspections.

Councillor Heathcoat, Deputy Leader of the Council in introducing the business, risk and staffing elements of the report commented that the report was still developing but there should be a recognition that the intention was to provide a report that was open, robust and timely. Councillor Heathcoat had attended Performance Scrutiny Committee and thanked the Chairman and Committee for their comments.

Councillor Heathcoat highlighted that nearly all the indicators were either amber or green. She highlighted the red indicator relating to an indicator within children’s services which reflected a national trend. Councillor Heathcoat also made reference to the three inadequate primary schools. In terms of good outcomes, she drew attention to the emergency response

targets and the numbers of volunteers in libraries /museums. However, they were not complacent. On staffing Councillor Heathcoat cautioned of the need to investigate behind the figures in order to understand what was being shown. For example, when analysing the data, it was important to acknowledge the double counting that occurs for cover of sickness and maternity leave. Additional information was available on the website.

Councillor Bartholomew, Cabinet Member for Finance, introduced the finance elements of the report commenting that the temporary virement agreed at June Cabinet for SEN Home to School Transport was not included in the figures for CEF which was subsequently showing a greater level of overspend than would be the case once the virement was included in the next report.

During discussion there was agreement that staffing data needed to be treated with caution.

Councillor Corkin added that during the recent practice week he had spent time with the Early Years Team. He commended them on the work they were doing with pre-schools to raise standards and assist them to prepare children for more formal learning.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) note the contents of the report;
- (b) approve the virements set out in Annex D (2a) and note the virements set out in Annex D (2b).

## **66/19 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT - MAY 2019**

(Agenda Item. 7)

Cabinet had before it a report which was the first capital programme update and monitoring report for the year. The report outlined the delivery of the 2019/20 capital programme based on projections at the end of May 2019 and new inclusions within the overall ten-year capital programme.

Councillor Glynis Phillips, Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance, referring to the outline business case for Barton Park Primary School stated she had queried where the funding had come from and had been advised that it was from indexation on the original sum. She sought assurances that similar efforts would be made in respect of funding for the proposed crossing in her Division. Referring to additional funds agreed under emergency procedures she queried whether they could be allocated to individual Cabinet Members for their input in a structured way.

Councillor Hudspeth, Leader of the Council explained the reasons for urgency being the need to ensure the school opened in 2020 and that the matter had been dealt with under normal procedures.

Councillor Roz Smith, local councillor for Headington & Quarry highlighted the project in her Division noting that officers had warned that there might be the need for additional costs and design changes as reported in the paper. Additional off-road parking was required at Hedley Way, but the original design included a dangerous advisory cycle lane. She was pleased to see the new design. Councillor Smith thanked officers for taking heed of comments and for the several briefings.

Councillor David Bartholomew, Cabinet Member for Finance, commented that when he had become aware of the potential overspend on the project he had spoken to officers and had been satisfied with the reasons for the additional costs. It was an example of why money was placed into contingency funds.

Councillor Bartholomew introduced the contents of the report and moved the recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) approve the updated Capital Programme at Annex 2 and the associated changes to the programme in Annex 1c;
- (b) approve the basic need programme up to September 2020 set out in Annex 3;
- (c) approve the School Structural Maintenance Programme for 2019/20 set out in Annex 4;
- (d) approve the revised budget provision of £12.750m for the replacement and expansion of Northfield School project, an increase of £3.250m;
- (e) agree the inclusion of the Watlington Relief Road project in the Capital programme with a budget of £12.508m and release of £0.250m for project development;
- (f) approve the revised budget provision of £16.6m for the Eastern Arc, Access to Headington scheme, an increase of £1.96m; and
- (g) note the approvals made under delegated authority of the Leader of the Council for:
  - i. the revised budget provision of £9.015m towards the Barton Park new primary School, an increase of £1.8m,
  - ii. release of £1.8m budget provision towards the replacement of the Data Centre Infrastructure.

**67/19 TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2018/19 OUTTURN**

(Agenda Item. 8)

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA's) 'Code of Practice on Treasury Management (Revised) 2009' requires that the Council and Audit & Governance Committee receives an updated report on Treasury Management activities at least twice per year. Cabinet had before it the second report for the financial year 2018/19 which set out the position as at 31 March 2019. The report would be also considered by Audit & Governance Committee on 17 July and Council on 10 September 2019.

Councillor David Bartholomew, Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the contents of the report and moved the recommendations.

Cabinet noted a correction to the date to read 2019 on page 96 Annex 4.

In response to a query as to what assurances the Council had about their financial situation when investing in particular Local Authorities, Cabinet was advised that local authorities were deemed to be at the highest level of credit rating because they were underpinned by government.

**RESOLVED:** to note the report, and to **RECOMMEND** Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2018/19.

## **68/19 INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

(Agenda Item. 9)

The Cabinet had before it a report which set out the draft Investment Strategy. In line with revised statutory guidance (April 2018) the Council is formally required to have a Capital and Investment Strategy in place. This draft Investment Strategy (which would form a sub-section of the Capital & Investment Strategy) outlined a new investment framework, under which the Council could undertake investments.

Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee, stated that the Committee had welcomed the opportunity to be able to comment on the report and were very supportive of the proposals.

Referring to the climate change emergency motion passed at Council Councillor Brighthouse commented that if the Council was to show it meant it then response to climate change needed to be embedded in all the different strategies. She would have liked to have seen more stress on that in this strategy. She thanked officers for taking up the suggestion of the Committee to include a diagram in the report showing how the investment strategy fits in with other aspects.

Councillor Brighthouse sought clarity over the approval process for Category C investments. Councillor Bartholomew explained that where necessary the process would include approval from the Chairman of Performance Scrutiny Committee. He did not expect the process to be used frequently.

**RESOLVED:** to endorse the draft strategy ahead of final consideration by Council in September 2019 (subject to any necessary amendments made).

## **69/19 EXEMPT ITEM**

(Agenda Item. 10)

The following item was discussed in public.

## **70/19 SEND HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT CABINET ADVISORY GROUP**

(Agenda Item. 11)

Cabinet discussion was held in public session without detailed reference to the information contained in the annexes, that remains exempt.

*The information contained in the annex is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category:*

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- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.*
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).*

*and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that disclosure would infringe the rights of the individual to privacy*

Cabinet had before it a report from the SEND Home to School Transport Cabinet Advisory Group, which had been set up to consider the proposed changes to post-16 SEND home to school transport policies considered by Cabinet in June and July 2018 and Performance Scrutiny on the 5 July 2018.

Councillor Turnbull, Shadow Cabinet Member for Education expressed relief that they had reached the current position. She thanked officers and members. They had found a way to manage the overspend that did not impact on vulnerable families by working closely with a number of schools to deliver the service in a different way.

Councillor Turnbull commented that it had not been possible to explore how far this approach could be taken. This was vital work that should be included in the transformation work in order to protect the most vulnerable. Councillor Turnbull expressed disappointment at the initial way the matter had been dealt with and that it had taken scrutiny involvement and a Council motion to bring about the CAG review.

Councillor John Howson, Deputy Chairman of Education Scrutiny Committee, explained that Councillor Waine, Chairman of Education Scrutiny Committee, was unable to attend and sent his apologies. On his behalf he passed on the pride that Councillor Waine felt at the work of the Extraordinary Scrutiny Committee held on 18 June 2018 and subsequent efforts that had led to the CAG being set up. Councillor Waine wished to thank those involved and in particular to thank members and Mr John Riches, Head Teacher of Bardwell School.

Councillor Howson speaking on his own behalf stated that the approach and recommendations were a helpful way forward. The work had demonstrated

a spirit of co-operation. The recommendations introduced an innovative new scheme that recognised the respite care element in SEN transport.

Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services thanked both Councillors Waine and Howson for their scrutiny and CAG work and gave an assurance that there would be ongoing work and the approach would be embedded as part of all they did.

Lucy Butler, Director for Children's Services commended the work done and highlighted the respite scheme that was a real plus for parents.

Councillor Stratford, referred to a recent event 'Buddies at Blenheim' and asked that his congratulations be passed on to all involved.

**RESOLVED:** to note and adopt the recommendations of the Cabinet Advisory Group.

## **71/19 BUS ACCESS TO QUEEN STREET, OXFORD**

(Agenda Item. 12)

The Cabinet had before it a report which considered bus access in Queen Street, Oxford. In the light of the monitoring of the operation of Queen Street since the reopening of the Westgate, it was not recommended to progress a scheme to remove any more buses from Queen Street due to the:

- challenges in delivering suitable alternative bus routeing and associated likely negative impacts on bus operation, passenger experience and the environment of other streets
- lack of any recorded accidents in Queen Street and
- very low likelihood that the remaining buses in Queen Street prevented Westgate visitors from continuing their journeys into the rest of the city centre

The situation in Queen Street should continue to be monitored so that any clear changes in the levels of pedestrian safety were identified and action taken if necessary – the council's position in relation to the removal of buses could be revisited at any time.

John Paine, Oxfordshire NPC Group, supported the recommendation to continue to allow buses to use Queen Street. They were disappointed at the lack of mention of users with a disability. He sought clarification on a number of points:

- During the collection of data in 2018 a wider range of factors were looked at and a number of submissions were made by voluntary groups and the public. When is a fuller report on information and submissions made by voluntary group during the collection of data in 2018 to be published by the Council?

- Does OCC intend to do any further work, in conjunction with Oxford City Council in addressing issues of congestion, pollution, movement of vehicles and difficulties experienced by pedestrians of all kinds in the near future?
- The Group believe that issues would benefit from benefit from a review of where bus stops are located. In the light of the recommendation made to Cabinet today will OCC explore this?

Councillor John Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment, welcomed maintaining the status quo. However, the report did not address other issues such as cyclists versus pedestrian safety. He highlighted the number of cyclists cycling through the area despite regulations to the contrary. The regulations were not enforced. He suggested that either tactile cycle lanes were needed, or the regulations should be enforced. On bus stops Councillor Sanders felt that the distances involved were difficult for the elderly or disabled. He suggested an investigation into the use of Norfolk Street and that it would be helpful for a group of councillors to have a look at the siting of bus stops in the city centre.

Councillor John Howson, local councillor for St. Margaret's highlighted the complex nature of public transport in Oxford. Some bus routes were necessary to maintain the city centre loop. Groups opposing had not been able to suggest a viable alternative. It was important to improve connectivity. Councillor Howson referred to the Pick Me Up service. He referred to the problems of cyclists coming across Queen Street at right angles at the junction of St Ebbs. He suggested that there may be some case for improved signage highlighting that it was a bus route. Councillor Howson echoed other comments where the walk to the bus stop was slightly longer and highlighted the X5 towards the station.

Sue Halliwell, Director for Planning and Place presented the contents of the report.

During discussion Cabinet:

- Considered the issue of cyclists on and crossing Queen Street. There was recognition of the dangers posed by cyclists when they behaved irresponsibly. At the same time the need to encourage responsible cycling was raised.
- Referred to the improvement achieved by the current position when compared to the previous 96 buses per hour along Queen Street.
- Commended the partnership working with bus companies and recognised the work that had gone in to maximising the benefit of bus stop placements.
- Recognised that there were people who would prefer to see the whole of the city centre pedestrianised and that a balance was needed between access, and safety/environmental concerns.

**RESOLVED:** to allow up to 30 buses an hour to continue to use Queen Street and therefore agree that in updating the Oxford Transport Strategy as part of developing the Council's new Local Transport & Connectivity Plan (LTP5), the county council's policy is proposed to be changed so that, subject to the outcome of the LTP update process, it will not be actively pursuing the full pedestrianisation of Queen Street.

## **72/19 FAMILY SAFEGUARDING PLUS SOCIAL CARE MODEL**

(Agenda Item. 13)

Cabinet had before it a report which outlined the Family Safeguarding Plus (FSP) model and set out a business case supporting implementation in Oxfordshire. This includes examination of the key features and benefits of the model alongside the costs of implementing it. The report further explored how FSP would contribute to the wider transformation of children's services.

Councillor Gill Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services spoke in support of the proposals. It was necessary to invest to keep high risk families together. Partnership working was a vital part of the model and it was vital to ensure that partners were able to share information. Councillor Sanders believed that schools should be able to access safeguarding information.

Councillor Steve Harrod, Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services introduced the contents of the report and moved the recommendations. Lucy Butler, Director for Children's Services added that she was delighted to be bringing the proposals forward. They were based on the Hertfordshire model but would be a uniquely Oxfordshire model. She was excited about working with CDC partners and wanted to work closely with families.

Cabinet in welcoming the proposals:

- Highlighted the phenomenal job done by school nurses and that they often were one of the places where problems were first spotted.
- Referred to the innovative nature of the proposals. It was based on getting the best people across a range of bodies to work across a range of issues. It would give a lead to OCC's partners and allow them to be involved earlier. It was a focus on prevention rather than cure and if successful would lead to real benefits.

**RESOLVED:** to support the implementation of the Family Safeguarding Plus (FSP) model as part of Children's Service transformation programme; and in doing so:

- (a) approve additional funding to meet project costs in 2019/20 of £0.8m to be met from corporate contingency;
- (b) agree that funding required for 2020/21 and beyond will be included in the proposed Budget for 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MFTP) as part of the Service & Resource Planning process;

- (c) acknowledge that there will be a shortfall in savings against the MTFP that will be achieved in 2019/20 of £0.8m and to fund this from corporate contingency;
- (d) that the profile of savings in the existing MTFP for 2020/21 and beyond will need to be amended in the proposed Budget for 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) as part of the Service & Resource Planning process.

### **73/19 STRATEGY & PLANS TO RE-DESIGN OXFORDSHIRE'S FOSTERING 'OFFER' TO BECOME THE 'PROVIDER OF CHOICE'**

(Agenda Item. 14)

In Oxfordshire, there had been a 90% increase in Looked After Children since 2013. This had resulted in and contributed to an increased number of children being placed out of county in Independent Foster Placements. Children and young people achieved better outcomes when living closer to their parents, family and friends. It should also be noted that, placements out of county in Independent Foster Placements (IFAs) also cost the council significantly more than in-house provision due to the fees payed to agencies. OCC had therefore developed a refreshed strategy and plan to stem the increased number of out of county placements and to meet the increased demand on services that has been realised over the past 5 years.

Following extensive research from national fora, co-production with foster carers and validation with other 'Good' local authorities, The Cabinet had before it a report which set out a new strategy and plan which had been developed to ensure Oxfordshire County Council became the fostering provider of choice for new and existing foster carers in order to improve outcomes for our Looked After Children. The plan to do this was detailed under Option 3 (Section 5.3).

Councillor Gill Sanders, Shadow Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services, supported Option 3. She asked whether it would be possible to ask for a report in 12 months-time looking at the impact on young people and fostering families.

Councillor Harrod in moving the recommendations, welcomed the cross-party agreement on the proposals.

During discussion Cabinet:

- Commented that there were two strands to the information that needed to be communicated: more publicity about the value of foster carers and that not all foster children were problem children.
- Noted that Councillor Bartholomew as Cabinet Member for Finance stated that he had paid particular attention to the finance aspects of the proposals. He was content that it was the correct way forward and that the investment was necessary.

**RESOLVED:** to support the Outlined Strategy and service improvement plan at Option 3 of the report; and in doing so:

- (a) agree that £1.0m of ongoing funding required for 2020/21 and beyond will be included in the proposed Budget for 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) as part of the Service & Resource Planning process;
- (b) agree that the profile of savings in the existing MTFP for 2020/21 and beyond will need to be amended in the proposed Budget for 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) as part of the Service & Resource Planning process.

**74/19 JOINT HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES AND RE-COMMISSIONING THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPPORTED HOUSING PATHWAY**

(Agenda Item. 15)

**a Joint Housing & Homelessness Strategy for Vulnerable Young People & Families**

The Cabinet had before it a report which sought approval to adopt the Joint Housing and Homelessness Strategy for Vulnerable Young People and Families.

The strategy sought to address the issues through a countywide programme involving early prevention work, partnership working, review and co-commissioning of the Young People's Supported Housing Pathway and support to landlords.

Officers presented the contents of the report.

Cabinet in welcoming the approach set out in the Strategy made the following points:

- The numbers of people in Oxfordshire referred to at paragraph 3.5 of the Appendix to the Strategy needed to be corrected.
- Councillor Bartholomew whilst supporting overall commented that the wording on page 204 of the agenda on Universal Credit seemed to reflect political bias. Councillor Corkin commented that in Cherwell District the description of the impact of Universal Credit was not wrong.
- In particular Councillor Bartholomew commended the support to good landlords.
- It was good to see the partnership working with Cherwell District Council. There was a hope that lessons could be learnt for working with other District Councils.

Councillor Steve Harrod, Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services moved the recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the Joint Housing and Homelessness Strategy for Vulnerable Young People and Families.

**b Re-Commissioning the Young People's Supported Housing Pathway**

The Cabinet had before it a report which provided an update on the high-level outcomes of an extensive review of the current Young People's Supported Housing pathway (YPSHP) which had identified that services should work differently and in order to do this effectively, OCC would need to work in partnership with District Council and City Council colleagues to co-commission the pathway from 2020.

Councillor Steven Harrod, Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services, introduced the contents of the report and highlighted the work done with stakeholders and collaboratively with partners to reach the current position.

**RESOLVED:** to support the recommissioning of Young People's Supported Housing Services through co-commissioning these services with District Councils, with the County Council as the lead commissioner.

**75/19 TRANSITION FUND FOR OPEN ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES: UNDERSPEND BIDDING ROUND RECOMMENDATIONS**

(Agenda Item. 16)

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

Following 7 bidding rounds, an outstanding sum of £218,889 was identified. A final bidding round invited those organisations previously in receipt of Transition funding to apply to the fund for schemes to support their long-term sustainability.

In this round 31 bids were submitted for consideration, including the bid set out in the addenda. Cabinet had before it a report and addenda which set out the findings of a cross-party panel of councillors who had assessed the applications against the criteria outlined in the guidance notes and brought their recommendations to Cabinet for decision.

Anne Purse, speaking on behalf of The Maple Tree children's centre stated that the Centre was not alone in feeling that the County Council had fallen below their usual standards of fairness, rationality and consistency in this process. She stated that the Council had been swamped by demand and had changed and adjusted their criteria in the light of that. This was unfair in general and she felt that it had worked against The Maple Tree in particular. The Centre had sought advice about the acceptability of a capital bid and had been advised that it would be acceptable if other criteria were met. Ms Purse outlined the bid that had been made.

In response to questions from cabinet members Ms Purse reiterated that they had sought advice and been advised that a capital bid was acceptable. The Centre was still in discussion about whether they could obtain funding through the Councillor Priority Fund.

Councillor Gray, as Chairman of the cross-party panel confirmed that the Panel did not feel that the bid met the criteria. They had agreed only one very small capital bid and turned down other capital bids. The out reach work was seen as new business.

Ben Threadgold, Policy and Performance Service Manager presented the contents of the report and addenda.

Councillor Gray in moving the recommendations highlighted that the focus of the panel had been very much on sustainability. He thanked all involved in the panel.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) approve the recommendations of the cross-party panel for grant awards totalling £198,268.70 against a total available budget of £218,889 (see Appendix A of the report for a summary of recommendations; and
- (b) approve the proposal of the panel to utilise the remaining £20,620.30 to provide a training and support package to all groups delivering open access children's services, which seeks to increase the long-term sustainability of these services;
- (c) give delegated authority to the Policy & Performance Service Manager to agree training and support packages in consultation with the cross-party panel and Cabinet Member for Local Communities.

## **76/19 OUTCOMES FROM THE REVIEW OF THE INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS**

(Agenda Item. 17)

Cabinet had before it a report with recommendations following a review of the Innovation & Sustainability Funds for Support; administered by Adult Social Care to support the development of daytime opportunities for adults in Oxfordshire. These funds helped support people to live well at home and in their communities.

The review included holding a listening workshop, an on-line survey, meeting with colleagues whom support the grant process from beginning to end and obtaining specific feedback from the first cohort of successful applicants to the Innovation Fund, for an update on their progress to date and future plans, as they neared the end of their funding period.

Cabinet was advised of a correction to Annex 2 where reference to 'minisub' should be corrected to read 'minibus'.

Councillor Lawrie Stratford, Cabinet Member for Adult Social care & Public Health moved the recommendations

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) approve the recommendations set out under 27 (a-h);
- (b) Reallocate the remaining amount, as set out under 27 (h) to the next round of the Innovation Fund.

### **77/19 SENIOR JOINT LEADERSHIP ROLES - OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(Agenda Item. 18)

Cabinet had before it a report which invited members to note the proposal to appoint two senior joint posts so as to facilitate further joint working with OCC and CDC and to ask the Joint Shared Service & Personnel Committee to convene as soon as practicable to proceed with the recruitment and appointment of the most suitable candidate.

Councillor Ian Corkin, Cabinet Member for Cherwell Partnership, in moving the recommendations advised that Cherwell District Council Executive had agreed the recommendations at their meeting the previous evening. The proposals were an important milestone in the partnership working following on from the comprehensive report to Council in July.

**RESOLVED:** Subject to Cherwell District Council Executive endorsing the proposals as set out below on 15 July 2019, to:

- (a) note the proposals to appoint two senior joint posts so as to facilitate further joint working between OCC and CDC; and
- (b) to request the Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee to convene as soon as practicable to approve the proposed management structure and proceed with the recruitment and appointment of the most suitable candidate.

### **78/19 DELEGATED POWERS - JULY 2019**

(Agenda Item. 19)

**RESOLVED:** To note the following executive decisions taken under the specific powers and functions delegated under the terms of Part 7.2 (scheme of Delegation to Officers) of the Council's Constitution – Paragraph 6.3(c)(i). It is not for Scrutiny call-in.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Reasons for Exemption</i>
21 March	Request for exemption from tendering under	Approved an exemption from the tendering	Bardwell School has been delivering these services as a

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	Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 in respect of the award of Children's Disability Contracts for Short Breaks and Childcare Services	requirements under OCC's Contract Procedure Rules in respect of the award of children's disability contracts to The Gallery Trust through Bardwell School for short breaks and childcare services at a cost of £570,448, including an optional 2 year extension.	maintained school under a service level agreement. It is due to convert to an academy and will become a separate legal entity requiring a contract. The exemption will provide continuity of service ...
11 April 2019	Request for exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 for a Contract providing Supported Living Services to People with a Learning Disability provided by Real Life Options	Approved an exemption from the tendering requirements under OCC's Contract Procedure Rules in respect of the award of contract providing Supported Living Services to 18 October 2019 to People with a Learning Disability provided by Real Life Options at a cost of £126.1K.	The exemption will provide continuity of service while the contract is retendered on a co-terminus basis with other contracts that are due to be re-tendered
April 2019	Request for exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 for a Contract for Transport Modelling Work to support the Housing and Infrastructure Fund, Growth Deal, and Didcot Garden Town ambitions in Science Vale	Approved an exemption from the tendering requirements under OCC's Contract Procedure Rules in respect of the award of a Contract to Systra for Transport Modelling Work to support the Housing and Infrastructure Fund, Growth Deal, and Didcot Garden Town ambitions in Science Vale at a maximum aggregate figure of £180,000.	In collaboration with South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC), Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC), and the Didcot Garden Town (DGT) Project Team, OCC has jointly funded the creation of a Transport Model for the Didcot Garden Town Area. The model is the outcome of over two years' work alongside the appointed consultant Systra and enables us to model the transport network in future years, to help inform transport schemes required to support the ambitious growth targets in the area.  The exemption will allow further urgent modelling work required to support the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal, to investigate scheme options related to relieving Rowstock Roundabout, in the Science Vale area.
9 May 2019	Request for exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 for a Contract for preliminary and detailed design and design support during construction of Route 1 (sections B-K2) which is part of the Science Vale Cycle Network Project funded by Oxfordshire LEP.	Approved an exemption from the tendering requirements under OCC's Contract Procedure Rules in respect of the award of a Contract to WSP for contract for design work for Science Vale Cycle Network Phase 1 project at a cost of £160,000	The Science Vale Cycle Network Phase 1 project is a programme of routes to improve pedestrian, cycling and equine infrastructure in the Science Vale area of southern Oxfordshire. All but one of the routes have reached an appropriate point to be handed over to a compliant supplier.  The exemption allows Route 1 to be retained by WSP Route 1

			(sections B-K2), because it has particularly challenging engineering requirements to construct a pedestrian and cycle bridge across Ginge Brook on private land in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
20 June 2019	Request for exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 for a Contract extension for work in preparing the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 2 – Site Allocations.	Approved an exemption from the tendering requirements under OCC's Contract Procedure Rules to enable the price for the Council's contract with Adams Hendry Consulting Limited to be increased by £84,736, to approximately £142,000 to enable the work required under the contract to be completed.	Following award of the contract, the consultants have incurred additional costs because they have had to carry out more work than envisaged on a number off the agreed tasks

**79/19 FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS**

(Agenda Item. 20)

The Cabinet considered a list of items for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet together with changes and additions set out in the schedule of addenda.

**RESOLVED:** to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.

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Date of signing ..... 2019