

COUNTY COUNCIL – 5 NOVEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council

1. Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Heads of Terms/Contract

(Cabinet, 15 October 2019)

Oxfordshire County Council had been successful in securing £218m of funding through the Housing Infrastructure Fund bid for four highway projects within the Didcot Garden Town area. Officers had negotiated a draft Heads of Terms which formed the basis of contract negotiations that, subject to satisfying pre-contract conditions, will release funding to Oxfordshire County Council. Cabinet approved a report to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment, to conclude negotiations and approve the contract. Cabinet also approved the inclusion of all four projects into the Capital Programme with governance at appropriate board/programme level.

2. HIF Marginal Viability (mv) funding Agreements Bicester & Wantage

(Cabinet 15 October 2019)

Cabinet considered two reports relating to successful bids by Cherwell District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council respectively for Government Marginal Viability Housing Infrastructure Fund (MVHIF) money.

Cabinet approved the reports to delegate authority for signing the HIPmv agreements to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.

3. Local Government Association Peer Review Report

(Cabinet, 15 October 2019)

During March 2019, the Council commissioned the Local Government Association (LGA) to carry out a Corporate Peer Challenge.

Cabinet had before it the feedback report from the LGA following consideration at the Performance Scrutiny Committee in September.

Cabinet accept the recommendations set out within the report and agreed proposals for incorporating the report's recommendations into corporate, business and transformation planning.

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

4. Risk and Opportunities Management Strategy

(Cabinet, 15 October 2019)

Cabinet approved the draft Risk and Opportunities Management Strategy for 2019-21. The Strategy will be the foundation for improvement of the Council's risk management framework.

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care & Public Health

5. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

(Cabinet, 17 September 2019)

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 is working across Oxfordshire and that work undertaken by the Board and its partners has resulted in a significant decrease in safeguarding concerns being referred into the Local Authority, building on the reduction on concerns started last year.

6. Update on Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care System - Process & Milestones

(Cabinet, 15 October 2019)

Cabinet noted a report giving a description of how the future Integrated Care System (ICS), which will cover Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West, will work. It highlighted some of the potential benefits to being part of an ICS with examples of success from other areas.

The report provided a summary of the progress that has been made within Oxfordshire and the timelines associated with the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care System Long Term Plan submission.

Cabinet Member: Children & Family Services

7. The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board (OSCB) Annual Report/The Performance Audit & Quality Assurance Annual Report and The Case Review & Governance Annual Report – 2019

(Cabinet, 17 September 2019)

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: Education & Cultural Services

8. Report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - Investigation into a Complaint Against Oxfordshire County Council (Ref: 18 009 005)

(Cabinet, 17 September 2019)

The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGO) had issued a report following its investigation of a complaint against Oxfordshire County Council. The complaint was about an Education & Children's Services matter. The LGO found that there had been fault on the part of the Council, and this had caused injustice to the complainants. Cabinet noted a report on the contents of the report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGO) and advising that the council had agreed to take action which the LGO regarded as providing a satisfactory remedy for the complaint. Cabinet endorsed the actions undertaken in response by this council

Cabinet noted that a full apology has been issued to Mr and Mrs X and Child D and the outcomes of recommendations to address any injustice that may have been caused to others will be reported to the council's Education Scrutiny Committee on 20th November.

Cabinet Member: Environment

9. Implementation of a Street Works Permit Scheme for Oxfordshire

(Cabinet, 17 September 2019)

Oxfordshire County Council had been requested by the Department for Transport to implement a street works permit scheme. Officers had reviewed the feasibility of implementing a scheme and completed a cost benefit analysis to determine whether a scheme is suitable for Oxfordshire. Officers had developed and consulted on a permit scheme document which set out the terms and conditions of a scheme and Cabinet considered and gave approval to continue to implement a permit scheme for Oxfordshire.

10. England's Economic Heartland Outline Transport Strategy: Framework for Engagement (*Cabinet, 22 January 2019*)
(*Cabinet, 15 October 2019*)

Cabinet considered a report that gave an update on development of a Transport Strategy for England's Economic Heartland (EEH) and provided a draft response England's Economic Heartland Outline Transport Strategy: Framework for Engagement document.

Cabinet endorsed the County Council response subject to amendment to refer to the concerns regarding the third Thames crossing as detailed in the Council motion agreed at the meeting on 10 September 2019

11. Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Site Allocations - Consultation Draft Plan (*Cabinet, 26 February 2019*)
(*Cabinet, 15 October 2019*)

The Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy was adopted by the Council on 12 September 2017. The Core Strategy states that Part 2 of the Plan – Site Allocations will be prepared after the Core Strategy. A programme for the Site Allocations Plan is set out in the latest (ninth) revision of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme which was approved by the Cabinet on 22 January 2019. The target date for adoption of the Site Allocations Plan is November 2020.

Following public consultation on site options and site assessments of all the nominated sites Cabinet considered a report that set out the preferred sites and the other reasonable alternatives to form part of the draft minerals and waste local plan for further public consultation.

Cabinet approved the inclusion of the preferred sites in the draft plan for consultation and delegated the final approval of the draft Plan for consultation to the Director of Planning & Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.

Cabinet Member: Finance

12. Service & Resource Planning Report 2020/21
(*Cabinet, 17 September 2019*)

Cabinet considered a report that provided background and context to the service and resource planning process for 2020/21.

Cabinet approved the Service and Resource Planning process for 2020/21; and approved a four-year period for the Medium Term Financial Plan to 2023/24 and ten-year period for the Capital Programme to 2029/30.

13. Capital Finance Monitoring Report

(Cabinet, 15 October 2019)

Cabinet considered the second separate capital programme update and monitoring report that focussed on the delivery of the capital programme based on projections at the end of August 2019 and new inclusions within the overall ten-year capital programme.

Cabinet approved: the updated Capital Programme associated changes to the programme and the revised budget provision of £2.9m for the expansion at Hanborough Manor Primary School project, an increase of £1.3m.

Cabinet also noted the approval made under delegated authority for: the revised budget provision of £3.581m towards the Expansion to 2FE at West Witney Primary School, an increase of £1.281m.

Cabinet Member: All Cabinet Members

14. Business Management & Monitoring Report

(Cabinet, 15 October 2019)

Cabinet noted a report that set out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities and provided an update on the delivery of the Medium-Term Financial Plan at the end of August 2019.

Cabinet approved the virements relating to IBC Central Budget 2019/20 and the supplementary estimate in relation to Northfield School.

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Leader of the Council

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