

## **Divisions- N/A**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL – 2 NOVEMBER 2021**

#### **REPORT OF THE CABINET**

#### ***Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Travel & Development Strategy***

##### **1. England's Economic Heartland**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021)*

Following discussions with Government and its Members, and in context of the emerging Oxford to Cambridge Arc Governance, England's Economic Heartland (EEH), the sub-national transport body for the area which includes Oxfordshire, had produced a new governance framework, including changes to the political oversight process.

Cabinet confirmed England's Economic Heartland (EEH) as a 'strategic' outside body, endorsed the new governance framework and confirmed the appointment of the Leader of the Council to the new EEH Political Forum, proposed to be called the Strategic Transport Leadership Board.

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

##### **2. Oxfordshire's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet discussed the first county-wide Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, marking our commitment to inter-agency and cross sector partnership working to prevent homelessness and end rough sleeping in the county.

Cabinet agreed the strategy which had been out for public consultation and amended as a result of the public's feedback.

#### ***Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery & Environment***

##### **3. Review of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1 - Core Strategy**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

The County Council is responsible for preparing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. This will guide all future Minerals and Waste development across the County to 2031. Cabinet considered a report relating to Part 1 of 2: the Core Strategy.

Cabinet endorsed the proposed progression of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and delegated to the Corporate Director, Environment and Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and

Environment, the final production of consultation documents relating to the Core Strategy review.

#### **4. Minerals and Waste Development Scheme**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet was asked to approve the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, which the County Council must prepare and maintain, setting out the Council's programme for preparing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Cabinet approved the Scheme to have effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and delegated any final detailed amendment and editing to the Corporate Director Environment and Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment.

### ***Cabinet Member: Community Services & Safety***

#### **5. Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2026 Public Consultation**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021)*

The 2018 Fire and Rescue National Framework requires each Fire and Rescue Authority to produce a publicly available Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP). Within Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (OFRS) we have called this our Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) to make it more meaningful to the public.

Our current CRMP is due to End in March 2022 so the production of a new CRMP has taken place which will run from April 2022 to March 2026. The CRMP is subject to public consultation which will take place for 12 weeks from 22nd September 2021.

Cabinet accepted and adopted in the final version the Community Risk Management Plan 2022 - 2026, for public Consultation.

### ***Cabinet Member: Corporate Services***

#### **6. Workforce Report and Staffing Data – Quarter 1 – April to June 2021**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021)*

Cabinet considered the quarterly staffing report providing details of key people numbers and analysis of the main changes since the previous report. Among other things the report updated on progress with

- mentoring and the Reverse Mentoring Programme: Mentoring for Diversity
- the Lone Worker Mobile Technology
- decreased spending on agency staff

Cabinet noted the report.

***Cabinet Member: Finance*****7. Capital Programme Monitoring Report – August 2021**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet had before it the second monitoring report and Capital Programme update for 2021/22 which set out the monitoring position based on activity to the end of August 2021. It also provides an update to the Capital Programme overview approved by Council in July 2021 taking into account additional funding and new schemes.

The Cabinet agreed the updated programme and added a provisional budget allocation of £1.2m towards a new Free School in Faringdon for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

**8. Budget and Business Planning Report 2022/23 – October 2021**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet considered the first in the series of reports on the budget and business planning process for the forthcoming year which provides context and background information ahead of Council setting a budget for 2022/23; a medium term financial strategy to 2025/26 and capital programme to 2031/32 in February 2022.

Cabinet endorsed the report, approved the process for 2022/23; and approved a four-year period for the medium-term financial strategy to 2025/26 and ten-year period for the capital programme to 2031/32.

***Cabinet Members: Highway Management and Travel & Development Strategy*****9. Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP)**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet considered a report on the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) on which it is proposed to undertake public consultation. The paperwork also included context about the supporting data, a draft Freight and Logistics Strategy, a draft Innovation Framework, a draft Active and Healthy Travel Strategy, a Bus Service Improvement Plan and the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal.

Cabinet endorsed the content of the LTCP document and the supporting strategies as the basis for public consultation, commencing in November 2021 for a period of 6 weeks, and delegated the decision on the final LTCP document to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways Management and Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy.

### ***Cabinet Member: Highway Management***

#### **10. National Bus Strategy – Proposal for an Oxfordshire Bus Improvement Strategy**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet received a report which supported the increased priority and investment to promote buses and the need for much closer joint working required in the forthcoming Enhanced Partnership, recognising the requirements for increased Council staffing and budget to support this area.

Cabinet approved the Bus Service Improvement Plan to be submitted to Government by the end of October 2021 and delegated authority to the Corporate Director Environment and Place to make any necessary changes to the Bus Service Improvement Plan in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways Management and the Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy.

#### **11. Countywide 20mph Policy and New Approach**

*(Cabinet, 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet considered a new countywide 20mph speed restriction approach in areas that have traditionally mainly been 30mph limits. To accommodate this change there is a requirement for a new 20mph speed policy and the development of a new procedure to aid their implementation.

Cabinet approved the update of the County Council's Speed Limit Policy statement, the criteria for consideration of 20mph and the Funding Prioritisation Framework to manage funding requests and the overall programme.

### ***Cabinet Member: Public Health & Equality***

#### **12. Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Contract**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021)*

Cabinet endorsed the development of an organisational Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Strategy and approved the recommendation of converting the current VCS infrastructure contract into a grant for the next year (2022/23) to enable the development of the VCS Strategy.

### ***Cabinet Member: Travel and Development Strategy***

#### **13. Draft Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Reg 18 (Stage 2) Consultation Response**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021)*

Cabinet was asked to consider a draft OCC response to the Oxfordshire Plan Regulation 18 (Stage 2) consultation. The draft response was agreed without amendment.

## **14. Oxfordshire Street Design Guide**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021)*

Cabinet was asked to endorse the Guide which outlined how we can prioritise active and healthy travel through street design in new developments, meeting our carbon ambitions and that of established transport policy.

Cabinet agreed to adopt the recommendations on that understanding, and with a commitment, that the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be involved in the next stage of development of the guide.

## **15. Watlington Relief Road – Preferred Options and In Principle Use of Statutory Powers**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021)*

Following completion of Stage 0 Options Appraisal Report and consultation, Cabinet was asked to agree to continue with the design of the identified preferred option.

Cabinet approved the revised alignment route and progression into Design and Procurement Stage 2 of the project as well as approving in principle the use of a Compulsory Purchase Order in parallel with negotiations for private acquisition. A paper will be brought back to Cabinet, once the necessary approval has been sought, including public engagement on preferred options and submission of a planning application for the scheme.

***Cabinet Member: All Cabinet Members***

## **16. Business Management & Monitoring Report**

*(Cabinet, 21 September 2021 & 19 October 2021)*

Cabinet considered reports setting out Oxfordshire County Council's progress towards Corporate Plan priorities for 2021/22 during July and August 2021.

Cabinet approved the reports as well as

- virements which include transferring £1m from the Covid-19 reserve to fund relevant expenditure;
- revised Music Service fees and charges; and
- the transfer of the Tax Income Guarantee Scheme grant to the Business Rates Reserve.

**LIZ LEFFMAN**

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October 2021