

## **Divisions- N/A**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL – 5 APRIL 2022**

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

##### ***Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council***

#### **1. COVID 19: Oxfordshire System Recovery and Renewal Framework**

*(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)*

Cabinet considered a report setting overarching common ambitions for the issues and themes that will be worked on together as organisations and the community learn from the pandemic. It aimed to ensure that Oxfordshire was best placed to learn from and recover from the immediate impacts of the pandemic, to support the long-term renewal of communities and places, and enhance our joint impact on national and international challenges.

Cabinet agreed to adopt the aims of the report on the understanding that further discussion will take place with the District and City Councils on the implementation. The making of final revisions was delegated to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council. Cabinet noted the summary of utilisation of COVID Programme grants for the immediate COVID response.

##### ***Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council: Children, Education & Young People's Services***

#### **2. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2020/21**

*(Cabinet, 21 December 2021)*

Cabinet received the report highlighting findings from the Board's annual report on the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Oxfordshire.

Cabinet noted the report's key messages

- 'Oxfordshire needs traction on changing practice'
- 'The Jacob CSPR shows that we need to improve how we work together across our whole partnership'
- 'Post-pandemic interventions will need to be at scale and volume'
- 'Education settings are key partners'

#### **3. Youth Offer Update**

*(Cabinet, 21 December 2021)*

Cabinet received a report for information on the youth offer development including details about the structure for the Youth Services that the Children Education and Families Department were putting in place.

**4. Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2022/23**

*(Cabinet, 15 February 2022)*

The local authority is required to set a funding formula for 2-year-old and for 3- and 4-year-old provision. The 2022-23 formula proposed was in line with the Department for Education (DfE) national formula introduced in 2017-18. The Schools Forum approved the formula at its meeting on 9 February 2022.

Cabinet agreed to pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers in full and approve the 2022-23 Early Years funding formula for 3- and 4-year-old provision and for 2-year-old provision.

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

**5. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21**

*(Cabinet, 21 December 2021)*

Cabinet received the report providing an overview of the work of the Safeguarding Board and its partners during 2020-21. It is a statutory requirement that an annual report is produced and shared with partners.

Cabinet noted the content of the report, particularly the findings of the Vulnerable Adults Mortality group, the emerging findings from the Homeless Mortality Review group and the overall summary of progress during the year including the outstanding work.

**6. Oxfordshire s75 NHS Act Pooled Commissioning Budget**

*(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)*

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Council have held an s75 NHS Act 2006 agreement to pool health and social care commissioning budgets since April 2013. This agreement has been extended by contract variation and the latest such variation expires on 31 March 2022.

Cabinet approved the agreement of a s75 NHS Act 2006 pooled commissioning budget with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group from 1 April 2022, approved a single, fully integrated Pool Budget and Risk Share for Live Well and Age Well services and delegated to the Interim Corporate Director of Adult Services in consultation with the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) to finalise and sign the agreement.

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

**7. Water Resources - Regional Plan Consultation Response**

*(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)*

Cabinet considered an Oxfordshire County Council response to a current consultation for a water resources regional plan covering the South East of England.

Cabinet delegated the final written response to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and Environment.

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

#### **8. Libraries and Heritage Services: A Strategic Framework: 2021 - 2026**

*(Cabinet, 21 December 2021)*

Cabinet had before it a report on the development of a strategy for the future direction of the county's library and heritage services.

Cabinet agreed the draft strategy and action plan, developed following a programme of stakeholder engagement and feedback from the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee, agreed a period of 8 weeks for public consultation on the strategy and noted the feedback provided by the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that an annual review of the actions to deliver the strategy will be reported to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the future.

#### **9. Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022-26 - Public Release**

*(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)*

Cabinet had before it a new Strategic Community Risk Management Plan to cover the period from April 2022 to March 2026. The creation of the document was supported by in-depth risk analysis that assessed all known and foreseeable risks in the county throughout the period. It was also supported by departmental strategies detailing how the separate areas will address these risks.

Cabinet approved the CRMP for public release.

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

#### **10. Consultation and Engagement Strategy**

*(Cabinet, 15 February 2022)*

Cabinet considered a report providing an overview of the draft consultation and engagement strategy 2022 – 2025 as well as comments from the Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services responded to the scrutiny recommendations and Cabinet endorsed the content of the strategy.

#### **11. Plant Based Food (response to Motion from Cllr Middleton at Council on 14 December 2021)**

*(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)*

Following an approved motion to Full Council, Cabinet considered a paper setting out some initial measures to enable the council to meet its strategic priorities.

Cabinet agreed to ensure that food provided at full Council meetings and all civic events is entirely plant based and, where possible, sustainably and locally sourced; to take a graduated approach to incorporating plant-based options for school meals provided by the council; and to develop a food policy to support the delivery of sustainable food provision and its disposal within the Council.

## **12. Workforce Report and Staffing Data – Quarters 2 & 3**

*(Cabinet, 21 December 2021 & 15 March 2022)*

In December, Cabinet noted the Q2 staffing report providing details of key people numbers and analysis of main changes since the previous report.

In March, Cabinet noted update for Quarter 3 on key HR activities along with a refreshed workforce profile and gender pay gap report.

### ***Cabinet Members: Corporate Services and Finance***

## **13. Strategic Plan 2022-2025: Outcomes Framework 2022/23**

*(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)*

Cabinet had before it a proposed outcomes framework, representing a high-level overview of the council's priorities, and a revised reporting schedule.

Cabinet considered feedback from the Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and delegated to the Corporate Director for Customers, Organisational Development and Resources, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, the ability to make amendments to the outcomes framework following discussion and feedback.

Cabinet also requested officers prepare a 'strategy map' setting out how key thematic and service plans link into the corporate strategy and its priorities, a timeframe during which key policies and strategies will be reviewed, and the identification of new outcome measures resulting from the review.

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

## **14. Budget & Business Planning Report- 2022/23**

*(Cabinet, 18 January 2022)*

Cabinet was presented with a report on the culmination of the Budget and Business Planning process for 2022/23 to 2025/26, setting out the Cabinet's proposed Strategic Plan and related revenue budget for 2022/23, medium term financial strategy to 2025/26 capital programme to 2031/32 plus supporting policies, strategies and information.

The report comprised five sections:

1. Leader of the Council's Overview

2. Budget consultation 2022/23 findings and draft strategic plan (including the engagement feedback on the Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance's priorities)
3. Chief Finance Officer's Statutory Report
4. Revenue Budget Strategy
5. Capital & Investment Strategy

Cabinet agreed to adopt the draft Strategic Plan on the basis that feedback from the Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be reflected in the version put to Council in February.

Cabinet reduced the proposed increase in parking charges in the Jericho area of the city for evenings and weekends. The rest of the officer recommendations were approved.

## **15. OCC Social Value Policy**

*(Cabinet, 15 February 2022)*

Cabinet considered a report advising on progress towards introducing a Social Value Policy for Oxfordshire County Council. The aim of the Policy is to enable the Council's spending to go further by encouraging suppliers to commit to providing additional social value, through the tendering process, that will benefit local communities within Oxfordshire.

Cabinet approved the draft and the planned implementation of the Social Value Policy.

## **16. Capital Programme Monitoring Reports**

*(Cabinet, 21 December 2021 & 15 March 2022)*

In December, Cabinet approved the updated Capital Programme, October 2021 and agreed the increase in the budget for the Lord Williams's School, Thame expansion by one form entry and the Kennington Bridge Maintenance Scheme.

In March, Cabinet had before it the fourth monitoring report and Capital Programme update for 2021/22. This update set out the monitoring position based on activity to the end of January 2022 and updated the Capital Programme approved by Council on 8 February 2022.

Cabinet endorsed the latest capital monitoring position for 2021/22, agreed to add the Sustainable Warmth Fund to the capital programme and agreed a contribution from S106 contributions towards the new Bloxham Grove SEND Free School.

## **17. Land At Stratfield Brake, Kidlington – Proposal from Oxford United Football Club to Oxfordshire County Council as Landowner**

*(Cabinet, 18 January 2022 and 15 March 2022)*

In January Cabinet first considered a request from Oxford United Football Club (OUFC) to transfer land at Stratfield Brake for the development of a new 18,000

capacity football stadium with ancillary leisure and commercial facilities to include hotel, retail, conference, and training/community grounds.

Cabinet decided that officers should hold a 4-week Public Engagement Exercise amongst residents and stakeholders to receive their feedback on the proposal and on the principles/objectives proposed to guide any future negotiation with OUFC.

Following that exercise, Cabinet in March considered the feedback and proposals to take the matter forwards. Cabinet authorised officers to enter into detailed discussions with the club in line with objectives for the use of the OCC's land, explore lease surrender discussions with OCC's current tenants, maintain open dialogue with stakeholders, provide regular updates and bring back to Cabinet for further discussion any detailed proposals that are made.

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

#### **18. Kidlington Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

*(Cabinet, 18 January 2022)*

Cabinet considered and approved a plan setting out a cycling and walking network plan for the village including links to neighbouring rural settlements and measures to improve the network over a ten-year timescale to 2031 with the aim of increasing the uptake of active travel modes.

#### **19. Traffic Management Act - Part 6 Powers for Oxfordshire (Civil Enforcement of Moving Traffic Offences)**

*(Cabinet, 18 January 2022)*

The Department for Transport will be inviting applications for a Designation Order to enable a Highway Authority to undertake civil enforcement of site specific Traffic Regulation Orders within a geographical area already covered by Civil Parking Enforcement. For Oxfordshire, this can include the whole County as Civil Parking Enforcement is now Oxfordshire wide.

Cabinet approved the submission of an application to the Department for Transport to apply for a Designation Order for Oxfordshire to enforce moving traffic offences and approved the Site Selection Criteria and Resource Prioritisation Framework to manage decisions for potential enforcement delivery.

#### **20. West Oxfordshire Civil Parking Enforcement**

*(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)*

Civil Enforcement powers to manage highway parking and bus lanes is now enforced across the whole of Oxfordshire. The County Council is directly managing this service with the exception of West Oxfordshire where a historic agency agreement is in place. It is considered that it is no longer necessary or efficient for West Oxfordshire to operate this service for the county council, and more importantly, potentially creates confusion for the public and other users of the network as to whom is responsible for on-street parking across Oxfordshire.

Cabinet approved notice being given to West Oxfordshire District Council to terminate the s101 Agency Agreement in respect of the management of highway parking enforcement within the district of West Oxfordshire.

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

#### **21. Infrastructure Funding Statement**

*(Cabinet, 21 December 2021)*

The Infrastructure Funding Statement is a statutory statement of fact to be reported annually, by 31 December 2021 on developer contributions secured, spent or received during the previous financial year, 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021.

Cabinet approved publication of the report.

#### **22. A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor- Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders**

*(Cabinet, 18 January 2022)*

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) submitted a successful business case for A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor (“HIF2”) securing grant funding towards a package of transport improvements proposed along the A40 corridor between Witney and Duke’s Cut (North Oxford).

Cabinet approved the necessary compulsory purchase and side road orders.

#### **23. Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) Stage 1 - Endorsement to Final Report**

*(Cabinet, 15 February 2022)*

Cabinet considered a report introducing the completed, updated first stage of the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS), which covered the identification and prioritisation of strategic infrastructure needs to 2040.

Cabinet endorsed Stage 1 of OxIS and recommended its adoption as the basis for infrastructure assessment and prioritisation in other relevant workstreams. OxIS has been undertaken as a partnership project with District Councils and other Stakeholders and OxIS Stage 1 had already been endorsed by the Future Oxfordshire Partnership on 25 January.

#### **24. Burford Experimental Weight Limit**

*(Cabinet, 15 February 2022)*

A delegated decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Travel Development and Strategy on the Burford Experimental Weight Limit was called in and referred to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The scrutiny committee recommended that greater clarity be provided on the evidence base upon which the decision was made.

Cabinet considered the report from scrutiny and all of the data available. Cabinet endorsed the original decision to terminate the experimental weight limit and instead develop area-wide restrictions across Oxfordshire.

**25. HIF1 - Amendments to the Grant Determination Agreement**  
(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)

Cabinet was asked to agree to authorise officers and relevant Cabinet Members to negotiate an amended Grant Determination Agreement with Homes England to reflect changes negotiated with the Government who will contribute further funding to the programme and extend the funding window to March 2026.

Cabinet agreed that the draft of any amended GDA should be presented to Cabinet for consideration and potential approval. They also established a Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) to oversee the detailed design and development of HIF1 consistent with this Council's strategic priorities.

**26. Oxfordshire Plan 2050: Statement of Community Involvement**  
(Cabinet, 15 March 2022)

Cabinet was asked to note a report on the revised Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Statement of Community Involvement following the lifting of the coronavirus restrictions as well as an update on the recent consultation and the next steps. The district and city councils are also asked to adopt the SCI at their Cabinets and Executive committees during March, as the OP2050 is their joint plan.

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

**27. Business Management & Monitoring Reports**  
(Cabinet, 21 December 2021 & 15 March 2022)

In December 2021 Cabinet noted the October 2021 performance, risk and finance position for the Council and approved virements, bad debt write off and of the Transformation Reserve and COVID Reserve.

It was agreed to suspend monthly reporting while staff were seconded to assist with the response to the Omicron surge. Bi-monthly reporting resumed at the March meeting when Cabinet received the January 2022 report.

Cabinet approved further use of the COVID Reserve and use of the corporate contingency for the estimated cost of the pay award.