

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 28 MARCH 2023

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

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ITEM/TIME	ITEM	PROPOSALS (M = Motion; SEC = Seconders; Am = Amendment S = Statement; Q = Question; REC = Recommendation to be determined)
1 10.30	Minutes (<i>page 1</i>) To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2023	
2	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Bulmer and Murphy	
3	Declarations of Interest	
4	Official Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to new Councillor Trish Elphinstone (Rose Hill & Littlemore) and Chief Executive, Martin Reeves• The Council has won a gold award for its commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion at work, and has also secured a spot on Stonewall's Top 100 list which recognises exceptional employers who are committed to supporting their LGBTQ+ staff and customers.• Jamie Kavanagh of ICT Services secured 2nd place in the CS "Future Data Leader of the Year Awards. He	

	was highly commended in a field of over 100 data professionals from across the UK.	
5	<p>Appointments</p> <p>Cllr Elphinstone to be appointed to the vacancy on Audit and Governance Committee</p> <p>Cllr Elphinstone to replace Councillor Edosomwan on People Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p><u>Shadow Cabinet changes</u></p> <p>Cllr Fenton has replaced Cllr Bulmer, shadowing Cllr Hannaby, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Community Services and Safety</p> <p>Cllr Constance has replaced Cllr Fenton, shadowing Cllr Sudbury, Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery and Environment</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>20 mins</p>	<p>Petitions and Public Address</p> <p><i>Any person may address the Council on an item on the agenda subject to the provisions in CPR 10.2 of the Constitution</i></p> <p>Public Address – 3 minutes to speak (reduced from 5 minutes at the discretion of the Chair – CPR 10.3).</p>	<p>Petitions</p> <p>None received</p> <p>Public Address</p> <p>Richard Parnham (Item 9 – Citizens Jury) (Teams)</p> <p>Mark Boule (Teams), Clinton Pugh Anne Gwinnett, Ken Pelton (Teams) (Item 18)</p>

		Sarah Singleton, Asha Gill Charlotte Cusworth 1 other (Item 19)
7 11.05 15 mins	Questions with Notice from Members of the Public (Answers were published in the addenda on 27 March 2023. 1 supplementary question allowed for each) 1. Ms Jamila Azad to Cllr Andrew Gant 2. Mr Matthew Webb to Cllr Andrew Gant 3. Mr Saj Malik to Cllr Andrew Gant 4. Ms Jenny Wells to Cllr Andrew Gant 5. Ms Yasmin Qureshi to Cllr Andrew Gant 6. Mr Ian Yeatman to Cllr Andrew Gant 7. Dr Erdem Pulcu to Cllr Andrew Gant 8. Mr Richard Parnham to Cllr Andrew Gant 9. Mr Peter West to Cllr Andrew Gant 10. Ms Bernadette Evans to Cllr Andrew Gant 11. Mr Edward Glover to Cllr Andrew Gant	Gant Gant Gant Gant Gant Gant Gant Gant Gant Gant
8 11.20 30 mins	Questions with Notice from Members of the Council (Addenda) 1. Constance to Gant 2. Ford to Miller 3. Fenton to Gant 4. Howson to Brighouse	

	5. Howson to Brighthouse 6. Howson to Miller 7. Bartholomew to Phillips 8. Ford to Phillips 9. Reeves to Brighthouse 10. Bartholomew to Sudbury 11. Reeves to Brighthouse 12. Reeves to Gant 13. Povolotsky to Gant 14. Povolotsky to Sudbury 15. Povolotsky to Hannaby 16. Ley to Enright 17. Middleton to Miller 18. Hicks to Miller 19. Simpson to Gant 20. Snowdon to Enright 21. Snowdon to Brighthouse	
9. 11.50 30 mins	Report of the Cabinet (page 7) Leader (Liz Leffman) Deputy Leader and Children, Education & Young People's Services (Liz Brighthouse) Climate Change Delivery & Environment (Pete Sudbury) Corporate Services (Glynis Phillips) Finance (Calum Miller) Highway Management (Andrew Gant)	M Leffman SEC Brighthouse Q. Howson (2) Q. Baines (3) Q. Smith (3) Q. O'Connor (4) Q. Hicks (4) Q. Middleton (4) Q. Johnston(5) Q. Povolotsky (7) Q. Webber (7) Q. Middleton (7) Q. Johnston (8) Q. Smith (9) Q. Fawcett (9) Q. Bennett (9) Q. Hicks (11) Q. Hicks (13) Q. Middleton (14) Q. Bartholomew (16) Q. Edosomwan (14) Q. van Mierlo (18)

	<p>Travel & Development Strategy (Duncan Enright)</p> <p>Scrutiny Reports</p> <p><i>Lunch break</i></p>	<p>Q. Smith (20)</p> <p>Q. Hanna (22)</p>
<p>10 1.15</p> <p>45 mins</p>	<p>Annual Report of Director of Public Health (Page 15)</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to Note the Director of Public Health Annual Report and to take every opportunity to support actions and initiatives that will progress related work.</p>	<p>M Lygo SEC Leffman S Baines S Cherry S O'Connor S Saul S Hicks S Hanna S Ley S Howson S Middleton S Povolotsky</p>
<p>11 2.00</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Amendments to the Council's Constitution (Page 69)</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to approve: The proposals for amendment to the Employment Procedure Rules Part 8.4 in the Councils Constitution – Annex 2.</p>	<p>M Smith SEC Baines S</p>

<p>12 2.10 10 mins</p>	<p>Appointment of Interim Executive Director, People, Transformation and Performance (Page 113)</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to Approve a spot salary designation of £167,000 for the post of Interim Executive Director, People, Transformation & Performance</p>	<p>M Leffman SEC Brighouse S</p>
<p>13 2.20 10 mins</p>	<p>Councillor Allowances 2022-23 (Addenda)</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED To increase the Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances by 5.3% with effect from 1 April 2022 in line with the percentage rise in employee costs for Oxfordshire County Council arising from the 2022-23 Local Government pay award</p>	<p>M Leffman SEC Brighouse S</p>
<p>14 2.30 20 mins</p>	<p>Electoral Review : Division Patterns (Addenda)</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to submit the attached report on Division patterns to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This sets out proposed boundaries and names for the County Divisions in each of the five District areas: Cherwell, Oxford City, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire</p>	<p>M Gawrysiak SEC Fawcett S Mallon</p>

<p>15 2.50</p> <p>5 mins</p>	<p>Treasury Management Quarter 3 (Addenda)</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the council's treasury management activity in the third quarter of 2022/23.</p>	<p>M Miller SEC Leffman S</p>
<p>16 2.55</p> <p>30 mins</p>	<p>Motion by Councillor Charlie Hicks</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Council believes that it is vital to consider the wellbeing of Future Generations in all decision-making in the Council, as set out in the Alliance's guiding principles.</p> <p>Therefore, Council requests the Cabinet to undertake the following as soon as reasonably practicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review how all decision-making and commissioning of services will consider the wellbeing of future generations and put in place appropriate internal controls to ensure this happens, • Consider the need for any additional internal roles to support this work (e.g. a future generations commissioner for Oxfordshire) • Implement a 'Future Generations impact assessment' section in all officer reports for elected decision-makers, and • Set up an Oxfordshire Youth and Future Generations Advisory Council <p>- Requests that the Future Council Governance Group, as part of its remit, develop recommendations on how to structure political decision-making in the council in a way which best considers the impact of decisions on future generations, including exploring the role of deliberative and</p>	<p>M Hicks SEC Bennett S Baines S Brighouse S Lygo S O'Connor S Ley S Sudbury S Webber</p>

	<p>participatory processes (including citizens' assemblies) as part of routine council governance and decision-making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asks that all of the above be done in consultation with people and organisations who have experience of delivering future generations work in UK political institutions, including the application future generations principles, defined as "acting in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs", and the development of wellbeing goals, with a view to creating equivalent goals for Oxfordshire. 	
<p>17</p> <p>3.25</p> <p>20 mins</p>	<p>Motion by Councillor Calum Miller</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>The government recommitted in the 2022 Autumn Statement to the delivery of East West Rail (EWR). In 2021, EWR consulted on a series of proposals to address the fact that increased train frequency would, in due course, require the level crossing at London Road, Bicester, to be closed. The Chief Executive of EWR told a meeting of local elected representatives on 13 January that EWR would publish its proposals for the whole line by June.</p> <p>This Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly supports East West Rail as it will increase opportunities for lower carbon travel and support sustainable growth and jobs; • Notes that the closure of the London Road would sever the road connection between the south-east of Bicester and the town centre; • Believes that it must be a priority, working with Cherwell District Council and East West 	<p>M Miller SEC Johnston S Hicks S Gant S Howson S Ford S Waine S Sibley</p>

	<p>Rail, to find a sustainable, funded solution that continues to provide suitable rail crossings for cars, cycles and pedestrians at or near London Road;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises that the next three months are critical to ensuring that this solution is adequately funded by EWR and national government, given that the new line is of national importance while the negative impact of closing London Road would fall on the local community in Bicester; • Resolves to ask the Leader to write to the Chief Executive of East West Rail, stating this Council's support for new railway crossings at or near London Road, suitable for cars, cycles and pedestrians. . 	
<p>18</p> <p>20 mins</p>	<p>Motion by Councillor Liam Walker</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>This Council recognises the deep concerns around the recent information that it did not release specific traffic impact data in relation to the Oxford bus filters consultation.</p> <p>Given this revelation this Council now calls on the Cabinet to authorise officers to conduct a new six-week consultation for the Oxford bus filters trial with all information</p>	<p>M Walker SEC Snowdon S Reeves S Bartholomew S Constance S Gant S Enright</p>
19	<p>Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Oxfordshire's Spare Seats programme has offered children a safe and affordable bus to school for c. 35 years.</p> <p>This Council apologises unreservedly for its decision to send 'withdrawal' letters to</p>	<p>M Reeves SEC Snowdon Am Graham SEC Gregory S Levy (Am) S Graham (Am) S Bennett (Am) S Howson (Am)</p>

	<p>parents under its Spare Seats scheme without parental or wider public consultation. The wording of its withdrawal letters caused significant anxiety and distress to parents in predominantly rural areas, with up to 235 children affected in the short term and as many as 1,384 students in the medium term.</p> <p>To date, the Council has defended its decision on the basis that it has no legal obligation to operate the scheme, adding that its continuation: “reinforces children travelling to schools further away than their nearest school”.</p> <p>This Council restates its commitment to the Spare Seats scheme and to the underlying principles of safeguarding parental choice, tackling climate change, encouraging social mixing and ensuring children’s safety.</p> <p>This Council requests the Cabinet to write to all parents/guardians whose children benefit from the scheme to reassure them that this Council is giving active consideration to improving Spare Seats and/or encouraging replacement community transport services to ensure that there is no loss of services to parents and pupils.</p> <p>This Council requests the Cabinet to provide a written explanation to members of this Council surrounding the withdrawal letters and to work with the Chair(s) of relevant committee(s) to ensure that members can discharge their democratic duties as scrutineers of Council policy.</p>	
20	<p>Motion by Councillor Donna Ford</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>This Council supports reasonable steps to mitigate the harmful effects of anthropogenic climate change, on which there exists</p>	<p>M Ford SEC Mallon Am Sudbury SEC Gant S Hicks S Povolotsky</p>

	<p>considerable cross-party consensus in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>This Council welcomes certain of the Council's investments passed at its budget-setting meeting on 14 February 2023, including the £600,000 investment in mitigating flood risks. However, mindful of the administration's approval of £3 million of expenditure on tree-planting in its most recent budget, this Council accepts in principle that it would be wrong to pass financial liabilities, over which there is no agreement at present, down to our county's Parish and Town Councils without due consultation.</p> <p>Accordingly, this Council resolves to refer the matter to Cabinet with a view to clarifying where responsibility towards, and liability for, planting and maintenance of such trees lies pursuant to such expenditure.</p> <p>This Council further resolves to ask Cabinet to write to the Council's Parish and Town Council partners to ensure that agreements surrounding ongoing liabilities are put in place in a timely manner.</p>	
21	<p>Motion by Councillor Freddie van Mierlo</p> <p><i>Movers and seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Publishing the voting and attendance records of elected representatives is critical for democratic accountability. It allows residents to make informed decisions during elections and hold elected representatives to account. This council therefore requests the Director of Law and Governance to publish the attendance records and individual votes of members made at full council on the Oxfordshire County Council website at the earliest possible date. Votes taken by show of hands at the Chair's discretion will be not require individual votes to be published. The Director of Law and Governance is not required to retrospectively publish voting or</p>	<p>M van Mierlo SEC Povolotsky S</p>

	attendance records, but to do so going forwards	
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