

AMENDMENTS TO MOTION ON NOTICE

Agenda Item 16 – Motion by Councillor Liz Brighthouse

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Eddie Reeves

This Council notes that:

- Since ~~the~~ changes in legislation regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) ~~in 2014 under the Coalition Government~~, the partners ~~delivering provision~~ within the overall system have seen a reduction in resources, **relative to the spiralling demand for its services, together with an unprecedented pandemic and major persistent recruitment issues that are widely shared across the developed world.**
- Academisation of our ~~S~~schools has added to the complexity. In Oxfordshire, all but one of our ~~S~~secondary ~~S~~schools are ~~A~~academies and over half of our ~~P~~primaries ~~S~~chools are ~~A~~academies.
- In Oxfordshire, all schools **have** struggled financially, **given the country's fiscal and policy challenges.**
- The Local Area Partnership inspection **by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission** and similar inspections ~~across the Country~~ identified **“widespread and/or systemic failures” across the whole system in local services, with “too many children” not receiving “the right help until they are close to crisis”** and families ~~Children and practitioners are currently suffering.~~
- **All parties locally have acknowledged that** ~~T~~the ~~S~~system in England is c. £3.4bn in deficit. ~~i~~n Oxfordshire, this ~~will~~ amounts to ~~over~~ c. £50m by March 2024.

45 years ago, the ~~The~~ Warnock Report set out the expectations for the system and SEND ~~D~~delivery framework. It is time for another such report.

This Council asks the Leader to write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education requesting them ~~to set up a Commission urgently~~

- to consider the current needs, resources and systemic changes ~~which is that are needed~~ **required** to reform the ~~S~~system ~~in order~~ to **better** support Children and Young People with SEND **and**
- **urgently invest in research to better understand why as a society demand for services is rising so rapidly.**

Agenda Item 18 – Motion by Councillor Liam Walker

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Duncan Enright and seconded by Councillor Charlie Hicks

Oxfordshire County Council ~~no longer has support for~~ **notes the opposition to** the:

- Cowley LTN scheme; and
- East Oxford LTN scheme.

Council now requests Cabinet to urgently consider setting in train the necessary executive steps to remove **the congestion around** the Cowley LTNs as agreed by the Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport) on 21st January 2021 and the East Oxford LTNs as agreed by Cabinet on Tuesday 17th October 2023.

Agenda Item 21 – Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Michael O'Connor

This Council recognises that the voice of small and medium-sized enterprises ('SMEs') have, too often, been overlooked.

This Council resolves to request the Leader of the Council to appoint a Small Business Champion to provide a single point of contact for local businesspeople, **including those running Co-operatives**, and advise members attending Cabinet and relevant scrutiny committees of the impact of Council policies on the county's SMEs.

Agenda Item 23 – Motion by Councillor Liz Brighthouse

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Eddie Reeves, seconded by Councillor Donna Ford

Since the '**Fair Deal** Alliance' governing Oxfordshire collapsed on 24th September 2023, the Council now has a minority Liberal Democrat–Green Alliance administration. This leaves Oxfordshire, its employees and those who rely on it for services in a difficult position. At any time unacceptable decisions could be called in to Scrutiny or a Special Council Meeting and the Leader could be subject to no confidence votes. This Council wants to ensure the good governance of Oxfordshire, **putting the county's residents, businesses and community groups first at all times**. It and therefore calls on the Cabinet to:-

- Ensure that all Group Leaders and Spokespersons are **more** equally involved in all issues relating to decision-making and Governance of Oxfordshire **without incurring further unnecessary expense and/or embarking on constitutional reforms that detract from the business of improving local public services**.
- Ensure that briefings are open to the Spokespeople of all three **major** Groups **in a timely manner and, where practicable, more all-member briefings are offered to ensure that colleagues of all parties and none have greater access to information surrounding the policies and decisions of this Council**.
- Inform all Panels and Groups **and outside bodies** of any new arrangements that may be necessary as a result of no political group having overall control of the Council.

