

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Friday, 8 November 2024 commencing at 9.00 am.

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Dan Levy – in the Chair

Officers: Mohamed Cassimjee (Democratic Services Officer),
Henry White (Operational Manager- Assets and Investment)

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1)

There were none

28 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 2)

There were none

29 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

There were none

30 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda No. 4)

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2024 were approved as a correct record.

DECISION ON OPTIONS FOR SITE SOUTH OF OXFORD CITY CENTRE - DEVELOPMENT AND DISPOSAL OF LAND NORTH OF IFFLEY VILLAGE, OXFORD

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member considered a report regarding land at Iffley which was a former playing field on the northern edge of Iffley Village, within the boundaries of Oxford City. The site was historically used as playing fields for the former St Augustine’s School (now re-developed into housing). The site was used as a works compound for the building works at the neighbouring Iffley Academy and had been vacant since.

The former St Augustine’s School site was redeveloped in 2008, and the site was identified by Oxford City Council as a potential housing site. At the time, the site was being looked at for alternative playing fields for a nearby school. When this need fell away in 2015/16 the site was promoted by OCC in response to Oxford City Councils Strategic Housing Land Assessment (SHLAA) and allocated for residential development in October 2016.

The site was placed on the disposals list and the decision was made to progress with an outline planning application for residential development. Following the Pre-Application process an application was submitted. When/if planning permission is achieved, the intention was for the land to be marketed for sale having already been declared surplus.

The Cabinet Member said that it was a site that had been identified by the City Council, as suitable for housing and that it is was a good initiative. However, he indicated that if the likely income was less than indicated, another decision would be required.

The Cabinet Member agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) approve, as a key decision, the freehold sale of land to the north of Iffley Village in Oxford in consideration of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) receiving a capital receipt once planning permission has been granted.**
- b) delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Director of Property, to consider officer recommendations and agree the final purchaser and sale price.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing