

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PROPERTY AND TRANSFORMATION

MINUTES of the meeting held on Friday, 3 July 2026 commencing at 9.30 am and finishing at 9:35 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Dan Levy– in the Chair

Officers: Jenny Seddon (Strategic Liaison Manager), Nick Tomkins (Strategic Liaison Manager), Colm O'Caomhanaigh (Democratic Services Manager)

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.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1)

None

22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda No. 2)

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 September 2025, 10 October 2025 and 12 December 2025 were confirmed by the Chair as correct records.

23 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 3)

None

24 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 4)

None

25 GROVE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member considered the report which indicated that the Grove CE Primary School was an academy managed by Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST). Due to local housing growth, there was a pupil-place pressure in the north of Grove. The council had agreed with ODST that they would expand the admission

number at Grove CE Primary School by 105 places (from 1 form entry to 1.5 form entry) and with an additional 39 place Nursery, using funding provided by the council. ODSST had tendered the project and the tender sum for construction formed part of the project budget.

Resolved to:

- a. **Approve the completion of the Funding Agreement with Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) which will release funding greater than £2m to ODST to enable them to enter into contract for the construction of a new teaching block at Grove CE Primary School.**

26 FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH CAMBRIAN LEARNING TRUST
(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member considered the report which indicated that Faringdon Community College (FCC) was a secondary school academy managed by Cambrian Learning Trust (CLT). In 2024, a significant sum of unspent S106 funding was identified, which could only be spent at FCC. Childrens Services agreed with CLT to use the funding to replace 4 x 2-class temporary buildings that were not fit for purpose, with permanent accommodation. The Cabinet Member was pleased to approve this item due to the focus on being climate neutral.

Resolved to:

- a) **Approve the completion of the Funding Agreement with Cambrian Learning Trust which will release funding greater than £2m to the Trust to enable them to enter into contract for the construction of new accommodation at Faringdon Community College.**

27 MABEL PRICHARD SPECIAL SCHOOL
(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member considered a report which indicated that Mabel Prichard Special School was an academy, under the management of The Gallery Trust (TGT). Due to increased pressure for special school places in the County, the council agreed with TGT that they would increase the school's admission number at Mabel Prichard School and deliver 23 additional spaces.

The TGT was a self-delivering the expansion project using funding provided by the council through a funding agreement. The anticipated completion date was summer 2027. The Cabinet Member noted the importance of this item as part of the SEND programme.

Resolved to:

- a) **Approve the sealing of a Funding Agreement between the Council and The Gallery Trust. The Funding Agreement will enable The Gallery Trust to draw down funding from the council for remodelling of classroom**

**accommodation and other associated works to facilitate the expansion
of Mabel Prichard School, a special school academy in Oxford.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing 2026