

Tuesday, 7 September 2021

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CABINET

You are summoned to a meeting of the Cabinet which will be held in the Council Chamber, Woodgreen, Witney, OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 15 September 2021 at 2.00 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

Councillors: Councillor Michele Mead (Leader), Councillor David Harvey (Deputy Leader), Councillor Suzi Coul, Councillor Merylyn Davies, Councillor Jane Doughty, Councillor Jeff Haine, Councillor Norman MacRae MBE.

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AGENDA

1. **Notice of Decisions (Pages 5 - 10)**
To receive notice of the decisions taken at the meeting held on 21 July 2021.
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee on any items to be considered at the meeting
4. **Participation of the Public**
To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.
5. **Receipt of Announcements**
Purpose:
To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council or Members of the Cabinet.
6. **Update on Community Infrastructure Levy and decision to hold in abeyance in light of the Government's Planning Reforms (Pages 11 - 16)**
Purpose
To provide an update on the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in West Oxfordshire in light of the previous public consultation held in July 2020 and the Government's subsequent proposed planning reforms announced through the Planning White Paper in August 2020 and Queen's Speech of May 2021.

Recommendation
 - a) That the report be noted; and
 - a) That any further progress in relation to the submission and examination of West Oxfordshire's draft CIL Charging Schedule be held in abeyance until further information on the Government's proposed planning reforms have been set out in the forthcoming Planning Bill.
7. **Creating a Vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc (Pages 17 - 30)**
Purpose
To agree the District Council's formal response to the current MHCLG public consultation 'Creating a vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc' which is running for 12-weeks from 20 July 2021 – 12 October 2021.

Recommendation
 - a) That the report be noted; and
 - b) That the suggested draft response attached at [Annex A](#) be submitted as the Council's formal response to this consultation.

8. **Service Performance Report 2021-22 Quarter One (Pages 31 - 64)**

Purpose

This report provides details of the Council's operational performance at the end of 2021-22 Quarter One (Q1), and enables Councillors to assess operational performance.

Recommendation

That the 2021/22 Q1 service performance be noted.

9. **Finance Performance Report 2021/22 Quarter One (Pages 65 - 78)**

Purpose

This report provides details of the Council's financial performance at the end of 2021-22 Quarter One (Q1).

Recommendation

That the 2021/22 Q1 finance performance be noted.

10. **Council Tax Section 13A Policy (Pages 79 - 86)**

Purpose

This report outlines proposals to introduce a Council Tax Section 13A Policy to support the Council in making decisions when considering such applications from Council Tax payers in the district.

Recommendation

- a) That the Council Tax Section 13A Policy included at Annex A be adopted; and
- b) That the decision making process detailed within paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 of this report be approved.