

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet

held on Friday, 25 September 2020 at 10.30 am

This was a virtual meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kpwl3ffuyk>

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Emily Smith (Chair), Debby Hallett (Vice-Chair), Andrew Crawford, Neil Fawcett, Helen Pighills, Judy Roberts and Bethia Thomas

Officers: Deborah Bryson, Emily Cockle, Adrian Duffield, Andrew Down, Simon Hewings, Suzanne Malcolm, Nina Merritt, Candida Mckelvey, Christopher Mobbs, Adrianna Partridge, Margaret Reed, Mark Stone, Ben Watson and David Wilde

Ca.19 Apologies for absence

Councillor Catherine Webber was on leave.

Ca.20 Minutes

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting on 7 August as an accurate record, and the chair will sign them as such.

Ca.21 Declarations of interest

None.

Ca.22 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None.

Ca.23 Public participation

None.

Ca.24 Recommendations from other committees

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee – 7 September 2020

Power purchase agreement

The Climate Emergency Advisory Committee discussed a report on power purchase agreements. The report suggested that officers should join discussions with other Oxfordshire councils and commercial partners to identify the feasibility of entering into a power purchase agreement. The committee made the following recommendation.

Recommendation: to Cabinet that officers join discussions with other Oxfordshire councils, larger parish councils, town councils and commercial partners to identify the feasibility of entering into a Power Purchase Agreement.

RESOLVED:

to defer consideration of the recommendation from the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee at its meeting on 7 September 2020, that officers join discussions with other Oxfordshire councils, larger parish councils, town councils and commercial partners, to identify the feasibility of entering into a power purchase agreement. Cabinet requested a reporting officer to attend a future meeting of the Cabinet, in order to consider the recommendation thoroughly.

Ca.25 Local Plan Statement of Community Involvement

The Cabinet member for corporate services and transformation, Councillor Debby Hallett, introduced the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI has been consulted on and updated to reflect feedback. There are updates made relating to Covid-19 (page 91 on Cabinet report). It was requested that Cabinet authorise the head of planning, in consultation with the Cabinet member for corporate services and transformation, to make any minor changes, typographical corrections or non-material amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement prior to adoption. The report was commended for being reflective of reaching out to people, and the continual review process.

RESOLVED: to

(a) adopt the Statement of Community Involvement, as set out in Appendix 1 of the head of planning's report to Cabinet on 25 September 2020; and

(b) authorise the head of planning, in consultation with the Cabinet member for corporate services and transformation, to make any minor changes, typographical corrections or non-material amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement prior to publication.

Ca.26 Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan

The Cabinet Member for corporate services and transformation, Councillor Debby Hallett, introduced the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan. Working with the Parish, non-material changes have been made. The Parish has agreed to make minor changes and the Parish submitted a revised plan.

Cabinet was asked to authorise the head of planning, in consultation with the Cabinet member for corporate services and transformation, and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, to make non-material changes, such as the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

Cabinet congratulated all those involved for their work on the revised Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan.

RECOMMENDED to Council on 7 October 2020: to

(a) make the revised Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Development Plan, as set out in Appendix 2 of the head of planning's report to Cabinet on 25 September 2020, so that it becomes part of the council's development plan; and

(b) authorise the head of planning, in consultation with the Cabinet member for corporate services and transformation, and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, to make non-material changes, such as the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

Ca.27 Treasury outturn 2019/20

The Cabinet member for finance and corporate assets, Councillor Andrew Crawford, introduced the treasury outturn report for 2019-20. The treasury outturn has been reviewed by the Joint Audit and Governance Committee, and it was satisfied.

RECOMMENDED to Council on 7 October 2020: to

- (a) approve the treasury management outturn report for 2019/20; and
- (b) approve the actual 2019/20 prudential indicators within the report.

Ca.28 Exclusion of the public, including the press

RESOLVED to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business under Part 1 of Schedule 12A Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 on the grounds that: (i) they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.