

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Cabinet



**held on Friday 29 October 2021 at 10.30 am
in 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, OX14 4SB**

Open to the public, including the press

Present in the meeting room:

Councillors: Emily Smith (Chair), Neil Fawcett, Helen Pighills and Judy Roberts
Officers: Steve Culliford and Mark Stone

Remote attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Andrew Crawford, Councillor Bethia Thomas and Councillor Catherine Webber
Officers: Patrick Arran, James Carpenter, Emma Creed, Jeremy Lloyd, Suzanne Malcolm and David Wilde
Guests: Councillor David Grant

42 Apologies for absence

Councillor Debby Hallett had given her apologies for absence.

43 Minutes

RESOLVED: to adopt as a correct record the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 October 2021 and agree that the Chair signs them as such.

44 Declarations of interest

None

45 Urgent business and chair's announcements

The Chair reminded Cabinet that only those members present in the meeting room had voting rights.

46 Public participation

None

47 Recommendations and updates from other committees

Cabinet noted an update from other committees, including the matters discussed at recent meetings of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee, the Scrutiny Committee, and the Licensing Acts Committee. There were no recommendations for Cabinet to consider at this meeting.

Councillor David Grant attended the meeting to update Cabinet further on the matters discussed at the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee.

48 Technology strategy

Cabinet considered the head of corporate services' report on the joint technology strategy. This updated the current strategy agreed in 2018, allowed the council to develop its technology infrastructure to meet the needs of the corporate plan, allowed the council to provide for future needs as it moved to new offices, and allowed it to adapt to changes in IT provision. The strategy was set out in appendix A to the report, published with the agenda.

Cabinet welcomed the updated technology strategy and noted that it would support all objectives set out in the corporate plan. Cabinet particularly welcomed the emphasis on meeting the climate emergency objectives of the corporate plan, with a move towards cloud-based services, plus carbon neutral and carbon negative IT solutions.

RESOLVED: to note the update on the projects incorporated in the Joint Technology Strategy and to support the continuing implementation of the programme.

49 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) it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, 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.

50 Minutes

The exempt minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 October 2021 were adopted as a correct record.

51 Technology strategy

Cabinet noted the exempt appendices to the joint technology strategy update report.

52 Property, asset management and technical services IT solution

Cabinet approved investment for a project to consolidate and upgrade the IT systems used for the property, asset management and technical services.