

# Agenda



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## A MEETING OF THE Cabinet

**WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024 AT 6.00 PM  
MEETING ROOM 1, ABBEY HOUSE, ABBEY CLOSE, ABINGDON, OX14  
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### Members of the Cabinet

Member	Portfolio
David Rouane (Chair)	Leader of the Council
Robin Bennett (Vice-Chair)	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet member for economic development and regeneration
Maggie Filipova-Rivers (Vice-Chair)	Statutory Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet member for community wellbeing
Pieter-Paul Barker	Cabinet member for finance and property assets
Sue Cooper	Cabinet member for the environment
Andrea Powell	Cabinet member for corporate services, policy and programmes
Anne-Marie Simpson	Cabinet member for planning
Freddie van Mierlo	Cabinet member for climate change and nature recovery

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### ***ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC PRESENT***

Reports considered with the public present are available on the council's website.

## **1 Chair's announcements**

To receive any announcements from the chair.

## **2 Apologies for absence**

To record apologies for absence.

## **3 Minutes** (Pages 6 - 15)

To adopt and sign as correct records the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 15 February and 7 March 2024.

## **4 Declaration of interests**

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests or any conflicts of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

## **5 Urgent business**

To receive notification of any matters which the chair determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent.

## **6 Public participation**

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

## **7 Recommendations and updates from other committees** (Pages 16 - 17)

To consider the attached paper, being the recommendations and updates from other committees to Cabinet.

## **8 Hackney Carriage Fares** (Pages 18 - 71)

To consider the head of legal and democratic (interim) report.

To report on the results of a recent consultation in order that the Cabinet can set maximum fares for journeys carried out by South Oxfordshire licensed hackney carriages within the South Oxfordshire district.

Recommendations:

- a) To consider the results of the consultation at Appendix D
- b) To adopt the proposed maximum hackney carriage fares at Appendix G with

effect from 20 April 2024

- c) Subject to (b) above, agree that the tariff is reviewed annually using the Guildford model

## **9 Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan update and next steps** (Pages 72 - 211)

To consider the head of policy and programmes' report.

To update Cabinet members on progress against the approved Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan attached as appendix 1. To seek approval of the proposed Didcot Wayfinding Strategy, attached at appendix 2, and to agree the budget allocation for delivery of the signage scheme proposed in the strategy. To seek approval of the proposed Didcot Green Infrastructure Strategy, attached at appendix 3, and to agree the budget allocation for the delivery of the short-term green infrastructure enhancements as proposed in the strategy.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet notes progress against the approved Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan attached at appendix 1.
2. That Cabinet approve the Didcot Wayfinding Strategy attached at appendix 2.
3. That Cabinet approve the Didcot Green Infrastructure Strategy attached at appendix 3.
4. Subject to approval of recommendations 2 and 3, that Cabinet approve:
  - a) A budget allocation of £100,925 from the unallocated Didcot Garden Town capital fund to enable implementation of the agreed wayfinding improvements.
  - b) A budget allocation of £400,000 from the unallocated Didcot Garden Town capital fund to enable the implementation of the short-term green infrastructure enhancements.

## **10 Joint South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Waste and Street Cleansing Vehicle Procurement Strategy** (Pages 212 - 228)

To consider the head of housing and environment's report.

To inform cabinet members of the current issues facing the council in modernising and sustaining the waste and street cleansing operational fleet, and to outline the process that officers will use for the future procurement of new waste collection and street cleansing vehicles. The process is designed to ensure that vital waste collection and street cleansing services continue by providing suitable vehicles at the right time, in a way that the council can afford, whilst aiming to reduce the carbon footprint of the service where this can be realistically achieved by the technologies available and is within the capacity of the waste depot to support.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet note the contents of the report on why the council needs to be procuring new waste vehicles, and the factors which influence the future carbon footprint of the fleet and the process that officers will use for the future procurement of waste and street cleansing vehicles.

## **11 Housing Delivery Strategy Update and Action Plan 2024/25** (Pages 229 - 255)

To consider the head of housing and environment's report.

To provide an update on the progress of the housing delivery strategy and its associated actions for 2022/23 and 2023/24. To propose a new action plan for 2024/25 to continue the ongoing work to increase affordable and suitable housing.

Recommendations:

- a) That Cabinet notes the changes in the national housing guidelines (or legislation) since the housing delivery strategy, and action plan, was adopted in 2022 and the associated impact that this has on the housing delivery strategy.
- b) That Cabinet notes the latest progress against the action plan, as well as the significant efforts made in purchasing of property under the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) scheme.
- c) That Cabinet adopts the proposed new housing delivery strategy action plan for 2024/25.

## **12 Housing Enforcement Policy** (Pages 256 - 306)

To consider the head of housing and environment's report.

The purpose of the report is to seek approval from Cabinet to adopt the Housing Enforcement Policy.

Recommendations:

- (a) Approve the adoption of the Housing Enforcement Policy.
- (b) Subject to approval of the policy, to delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Environment to make minor amendments to the policy in the future.

## **13 Budget Monitoring April 2023 - December 2023** (Pages 307 - 313)

To consider the head of finance's report.

To report the revenue and capital expenditure against budget for the period April

2023 to December 2023 and the latest year end outturns forecast by heads of service.

Recommendation:

Cabinet is recommended to note the contents of the report.

## **14 Exclusion of the Public**

To consider whether to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that:

- (i) It is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A, and
- (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### ***ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED***

The council hereby gives notice that it intends to hold part of this Cabinet meeting in private to consider the following items for the reasons set out in the 'exclusion of the public' item above. These reports are not available on the council's website.

## **15 116-120 The Broadway, Didcot (Pages 314 - 329)**

To consider the head of development and corporate landlord's report.

Vivien Williams  
Head of Legal and Democratic (Interim)