

Scrutiny recommendation tracker 2016/17 – April 2017

Total recommendations (year to date):	139	
Agreed	117	84%
Agreed in part	9	6%
Not agreed	13	9%

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University housing needs

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
<p>That options are explored through the new Local Plan 2036 processes relating to student accommodation, and that early discussions are sought with the two universities (and neighbouring authorities where relevant) aimed at building shared concerns and shared efforts to improve the housing situation in the city. Consideration should be given to:</p> <p>a) Encouraging the University of Oxford to present proposals for accommodating postdocs in the city; (para. 4)</p> <p>b) Allocating specific sites for new student accommodation for the two universities; (paras. 8a &16)</p> <p>c) Limiting the amount of student accommodation allowed within any given geographical area; (para. 17)</p> <p>d) Encouraging the universities to provide accessible accommodation as part of any proposed new developments of student accommodation; para 18)</p> <p>e) Exempting groups such as post-doctoral researchers and nursing and teaching students from the target of no more than 3,000 students from each university living outside of university-provided accommodation in the city, balanced by a reduction in the target figures; (paras. 2a, 8b & 19)</p> <p>f) Extending the targets for students living outside of provided accommodation to other large educational institutions based in the city; (para. 20)</p> <p>g) Limiting the use of new student accommodation to the two universities; (para. 21)</p> <p>h) Whether university students housed in non-university</p>	Yes	<p>I welcome the constructive and open dialogue with the two Universities about their accommodation needs, which have been held between officers, members and the two institutions over a prolonged period, and will continue to be held.</p> <p>I recognise the positive contribution that the Universities make to the city in terms of economic growth, vitality, and employment, and the City Council wants to continue to support them. This kind of engagement is exactly what this stage of the Local Plan is all about, as we work towards publishing the Preferred Options in June 2017.</p> <p>At present detailed evidence, technical work, consultation responses from last summer, and sustainability appraisal are all being considered, and will inform the direction of policies to be published in the Preferred Options. The evidence given by the Universities to the Scrutiny Committee, and the Scrutiny Committee’s recommendations, will be included in that consideration.</p> <p>While that work is still ongoing it would not be appropriate to respond in detail at this stage to the precise proposals, other than to confirm that they are all being considered</p>

<p>provided student housing should count towards the 3,000 target figure; (para. 22)</p> <p>i) Encouraging private developers of student accommodation to work closely with the universities; (para. 23)</p> <p>j) Reviewing the local key worker definition to potentially include post-doctoral researchers, nursing and teaching students and lower-paid university support staff; (para. 24)</p> <p>k) Providing some flexibility to substitute some of the social rent planning obligations with key worker housing obligations in order to encourage key worker housing schemes (including accommodation for post-doctoral researchers and lower-paid university support staff); (para. 25)</p> <p>l) Providing additional flexibility in the balance of dwellings policy specifically for key worker housing schemes. (para. 26)</p>		<p>alongside all other proposals. That being said, there are a number of very useful and interesting proposals within the report which are being given very careful consideration as to whether they could be included in the Preferred Options document.</p> <p>Given that it is not possible at this stage to pre-empt the proposals that will be included in the Preferred Options document, but being aware of the detailed work that the Scrutiny Panel have done on this issue, I propose that a full and detailed response to each proposal in the Scrutiny Panel report is sent back to the Panel once the Preferred Options document has been published.</p>
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Public safety and addressing anti-social behaviour on the Oxford waterways

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
<p>1. That resources are made available at the earliest opportunity for addressing the areas of concern and conducting a wider review of the use of the Oxford waterways.</p>	Y	<p>The 'hotspots' identified will be prioritised and resourced within the existing Community Response and Anti Social Behaviour team. In respect of the longer term issues of regularising the moorings along the Thames, a part time resource has been identified to coordinate a scoping report on options and costs and will be available during the 2017/2018 municipal year.</p>

Health inequalities

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
<p>1. That the recommendations of the Health Inequalities Panel that have been identified as being most relevant to district councils (see appendix) are supported as far as possible by the Council within existing resources.</p>	Yes	<p>See separate comments in paper attached “OCCG Inequalities Commission Recommendations Relevant to Oxford City Council”</p>
<p>2. That the Council supports reducing health inequalities and will adopt the ‘Health in All Policies’ approach, which is supported by government and the World Health Organisation.</p>	Yes	<p>The policy review process, which new and renewed policies go through, requires a consideration of impacts and equalities. We will investigate how we can widen this consideration to incorporate health more explicitly and make a recommendation</p>

<p>3. That the Council looks at how it can improve monitoring the health and wellbeing impacts of key services that impact on health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>to the programme boards who manage this process.</p> <p>As part of the Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy a range of indicators are being developed such as: Leisure Centre Usage by Target Groups (p 22)</p> <p>The policy review process has been revised and will now include a section on monitoring and evaluation that considers the impact of the policy over a set period. We will further encourage service areas to include health measures in their policy evaluation via the policy development toolkit.</p>
<p>4. That consideration is given to whether more could be done within existing resources to tackle loneliness and isolation among the city's growing elderly population through community services, with reference to the work of the Jo Cox Foundation's Loneliness Commission.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Through the community grants programme we have and will continue to fund community and voluntary organisations whose work contributes towards alleviating isolation and loneliness for many people in Oxford.</p> <p>This includes funding The Clockhouse project based in Greater Leys who provides activities for older people, the Parasol Project in Northway that provides inclusive leisure and play activities for disabled children and young people and Open Door that works from East Oxford community centre which is a drop in service for refugees and asylum seekers.</p> <p>Of the community associations leasing community centres at peppercorn rent many provide lunch clubs that target older people in their local community and put on family activities all helping towards reducing isolation and loneliness.</p> <p>The OSP of which the council is a partner, is looking to add value to work that reduces loneliness and isolation. For example the council, via the OSP has contributed funding to an AGE UK event in May, linked to the Jo Cox loneliness commission, bringing together organisations to look at what more can be done in Oxfordshire around loneliness. The OSP will also be looking at ways to influence partners to encourage more staff to volunteer their time via organisations such as Ami https://www.withami.co.uk/ that works to reduce loneliness and isolation. As a member of the OSP the council can look at what</p>

		<p>more can be done to encourage our own staff to volunteer via organisations such as Ami.</p> <p>We will consider whether this area can be further supported when commissioned grants are next reviewed.</p>
5. That the Council continues to support and encourage advice agencies in helping people to claim the benefits they are entitled to.	Yes	<p>Ensuring that people suffering from poor health and disabilities have access to the right benefits plays a key role in reducing health inequalities. The council funds four advice agencies that provide a range of support to some of our most vulnerable residents. Recent work has supported people moving from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment around understanding the changes and in some circumstances challenging decisions. The Council gathers monitoring information on the client group of advice agencies including those who are disabled, and will be reviewing the service in advance of new contracts in 2018. There is no intention to reduce funding but the review will ensure the Council commissions the right service to ensure the needs of our most vulnerable residents continue to be met.</p> <p>We will be interested in discussing collaboration with the CCG in this area as well, and assessing the outcomes of the <i>Benefits in Practice</i> pilot.</p>
6. That consideration is given to how the 1001 Critical Days Manifesto, which focuses on the importance of the conception to age 2 period, is relevant to the work of the Council, including support provided to children's centres in the city.	Yes	<p>The vision of the 1001 Critical Days Manifesto is here http://www.1001criticaldays.co.uk/sites/default/files/1001%20days_oct16_1st.pdf . While the council is not directly responsible for services for 0-2 year olds, we support them in other ways for example; funding and supporting community centres that host a range of pre and post natal activities for parents and babies; improving air quality in the city which has a direct impact on children's' health; ensuring we have appropriate safeguarding processes in place to identify risk to children; continuing to fund grants to the voluntary sector who provide a range of services that support young children and their families. This year's budget also included some support for "stay and play" provision, which is sadly being withdrawn by the Oxfordshire County Council in almost its entirety.</p>

		Oxfordshire County Council will be presenting on children's services at the next OSP meeting in May. At this meeting the OSP will identify ways in which partners, can add value to their work. Through this process we will be able to highlight if the council can add any further value to this area of work.
7. That the Council looks again at whether it could provide funding for struggling city schools with poor levels of attainment, perhaps focused on sports provision or other activities that can reduce health inequalities.	Yes	<p>The City Council has been involved with the strategic school partnership and is attending their meetings to gain a better understanding of the position of schools and to work with partners to identify appropriate support and actions. The City Council is represented on the vulnerable learners group which is developing a strategy to support vulnerable learners. We are also engaged in a number of projects to promote attainment such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supporting the legacy project to enable teachers to learn from best practise, following on from the learning and leadership programme - support to pupils on the pupil premium to access cultural opportunities (May evaluation forthcoming) - a range of youth ambition projects that promote and support improved educational attainment. <p>A key concern is around recruitment and retention of key staff, and we are part of an open dialogue with schools about housing projects, and have kept funding in our capital programme to support loans for senior teachers to help with purchasing a property.</p> <p>We share the panel's frustration at areas of poor attainment, and will keep the role we can play under close review.</p>
8. That the Council redoubles efforts to publicise, promote and enhance the visibility of the Oxford Living Wage scheme (as well as other good employment practices), given that the new Westgate Shopping Centre will reopen in autumn 2017.	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Because of the high costs of living in Oxford, we have set a separate Oxford Living Wage based on the Living Wage. We pay this to all our staff and agency workers working for us and it is above the Living wage 2. We also require all contractors with contracts over £100,000 to pay the Oxford Living Wage to their staff and subcontractors.

		<p>3. We believe this benefits staff, employers and the wider Oxford economy.</p> <p>4. The Oxford Living Wage is currently £9.26 an hour. For someone working a 38 hour week, this would mean annual pay of £18,303.</p> <p>Currently more than 2,000 employers are signed up to the Living Wage scheme, which offers a number of business benefits to employers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of employers believe that the Living Wage has improved their staff's quality of work • Better loyalty and customer service, and fewer complaints • Absenteeism down by a quarter • Better retention of staff and lower HR costs • 70% of employers think that the Living Wage has increased consumer awareness of their commitment to be an ethical employer • Living Wage accreditation is <u>confirmed by a license signed between the Living Wage Foundation and an employer</u>. <p>As a Council we advertise the OLW within all our recruitment activities and also apply 1 above. In addition there is the requirement at 2 above however the council could consider reducing this figure (for example down to £50,000). There is also potential to advertise it further within Oxford and have our own 'Council Accreditation' scheme although the legalities of this would need to be explored. As we have a high employment rate there may be some attraction to businesses locally. We will continue to seek out new avenues to promote the OLW and are very open to suggestions.</p>
<p>9. That the Council uses procurement as a tool for tackling poverty and to extracting measurable social value, drawing on good practice from Manchester City Council, and reinforces rules for contractors to pay Oxford Living Wage</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The City Council aims to seek social value where it practically can through procurement. Where services or works are delivered within Oxfordshire we already encourage suppliers to pay their staff at least the Oxford Living Wage. Social value considerations are included where relevant and are subject to</p>

		<p>evaluation. An example of social value being delivered under a construction contract is for the Oxford Tower Refurbishment project with circa £900k of social value being committed by the contractor; there are lots of examples of the different types of social value being offered including apprenticeships, training and educational opportunities, supporting local community projects etc. The Procurement Team are working with the LEP to review our Ethical & Sustainability guide which forms part of our Corporate Procurement Strategy to include more guidance around social value. Over the next financial year the importance and benefits of social value will be promoted to officers through the Procurement Champions network.</p>
<p>10. That the Council continues to engage constructively with partners, including through discussions about the emerging local NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan, about delivering more health services in community facilities and improving access to health and other services in estates.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Oxford City Council is actively engaged in the Health & Wellbeing Board, the Health Improvement Board and the Children's Trust and a number of working groups. Through this process the council works closely with other agencies to deliver health services in the community. For example; supporting the homelessness pathway; strategies to reduce obesity; promotion of health initiatives, and fuel poverty. On each of our estates we have a health partnership that supports the health needs of the neighbourhoods and is underpinned by an action plan.</p> <p>In addition to the day to day work the council undertakes to support the health of the population, we are working closely with Barton Health Town to pilot innovative approaches to health. The council is also supporting the food poverty programme which may lead to a food project being delivered on one of our estates. The council are responding to the OCCG consultation on their transformation plans.</p> <p>Our community centres are a tremendous resource for healthcare facilities and we hope that at Barton and Rose Hill, there will be a significant and ongoing offering of health facilities. We are extremely open to including health partners in discussions about community buildings to ensure they can offer services in them.</p>

Air quality

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That as part of the Local Plan review consideration is given to policies to mitigate the negative impacts of development in areas with poor air quality.	Yes	This is already part of the Local Plan development. Environmental Sustainability Officer will continue work to support Planning Officers developing the Local Plan.
2. That consideration is given to implementing differentiated car-parking charges in order to offer cheaper parking for electric vehicles.	Yes	Dialogue will continue within Oxford about the best way to support the uptake of electric vehicle to residents and visitors.
3. That the feasibility and impact of measures contained in the City's Air Quality Annual Status report that have not been progressed to date are reviewed annually.	Yes	We do a review and update of actions as part of the Annual Status Report anyway for DEFRA, so this action will be carried out as part of this exercise.

Police and Crime Panel

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That the Council encourages the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner to publicise and consult on his new Police and Crime Plan.	Yes	
2. That the PCP are asked to look again at rotating meetings around the Thames Valley area to encourage public engagement and focus on local issues.	Yes	
3. That consideration is given to whether the Council could help to raise awareness of the PCP e.g. by publicising meetings of the PCP through Council media channels.	Yes	

Workplace Parking Levies

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That the City Council supports the County Council's development of proposals for a workplace parking levy and a congestion charge given that both approaches have the potential to generate significant additional funding for transport	In part	At this stage, as the report to the Scrutiny Committee makes clear, the proposed Workplace Parking Levy is at the very earliest stages, and it is not clear how it might work, what the impacts would be broadly or an individual employers, what

improvements in the city and reduce congestion.		<p>exemptions might be put in place and to what purposes the funding might be put. The one potential consequence outlined in the report – that the entire city might need to be covered with controlled parking zones for the scheme to work – would mean that every household in the city with a car and no off-street parking space would be required to buy a parking permit. This is a significant financial impact on residents of the city, and would need to be weighed up against the broader benefits of the scheme.</p> <p>At present the City Council supports the work done by the County Council to develop the detail of the scheme further, but reserves judgement until that detail is available for consideration as to whether the benefits of the scheme outweigh its costs.</p>
2. That consideration is given to how the City Council could help to mitigate and manage the wider impacts of the future implementation of either a workplace parking levy or a congestion charge on parking in the city, for example through additional controlled parking zones.	In part	The City Council will certainly give very careful consideration to the potential impacts of the scheme, and the actions needed to mitigate those impacts, as part of the kind of detail needed to evaluate the benefits and costs of the scheme as a whole.

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Budget 2017/2018

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That future budget reports should provide current and past data alongside figures for the coming four years, and gross as well as net figures, in order to present them in context.	Y	Agreed – Happy to provide further clarity
2. That clarity is provided in future years as to which fees and charges are discretionary and which are restricted to a level based on cost recovery or set by other bodies.	Y	Agreed – Happy to provide further clarity
3. That opportunities to generate additional revenue from discretionary fees and charges within the Planning and	Y	Agreed - We will continue to increase income from discretionary services

Regulatory Service (e.g. by issuing more Street Trading Licences) should be kept under review, given that unmet income targets have been rebased.		
4. That consideration is given to charging a lower rate for Street Trading licences in areas outside the city centre, hence making compliance without the need for enforcement more likely and maximising income.	Y	<p>A new reduced fee of £350 was included in the 17/18 Fees & Charges Schedule and was approved by General Purposes Licensing Committee on 23rd January. The following is taken from the January 23 GPL committee report:</p> <p>A new fee of £350 is proposed to assist businesses in low footfall areas outside the city centre. This fee would apply to premises located in the existing Neighbourhood Shopping Centres (as listed in Appendix 9 of the Oxford Local Plan 2001-2016).</p> <p>The introduction of a reduced fee is recommended in the interests of encouraging increased vitality in low footfall out of town areas where small businesses may struggle to establish themselves. The level has been set to reflect the reduced impact, size and compliance risk of street cafes in these areas, whilst balancing the need to cover costs.</p>
5. That additional income from car parking charges should be rated high risk (and therefore have a 30% contingency) given the significant increases in rail capacity in the city.	Y	Additional income arising from increasing the park and ride charges in April 2018 is classified as high risk and mitigated by a 30% contingency. Other increased income arising from volume changes on park and ride and increases in off street parking fees is considered to be a medium risk given the changes that are expected in vehicle movements arising from the opening of the Westgate. Car parking income this financial year is already exceeding budget.
6. That consideration is given to how 'Invest to save' items are classified and presented in future budgets given that there are few invest to save revenue items but numerous capital projects that generate revenue savings (e.g. homelessness property investments).	Y	The Council has a budgeted for a significant amount of capital expenditure which will give rise to savings in the revenue budget, including waste transfer station- £2.4 million, Seacourt park and ride extension -£3.9 million, purchased of properties for homeless families - £10million, Loan to Oxwed - £4.1 million and Loans to Housing Company -£60million. We are happy to consider ways to make such schemes more prominent in the Budget report if it is the view of Scrutiny that they were not clear.
7. That officers are encouraged to submit invest to save ideas,	Y	Officers are encouraged to consider 'invest to save' proposals

even if the savings are likely to be high risk, given there is still a significant transformation reserve that can be drawn on to fund these (c.£750k).		through the Budget Setting process. Most of those for this year's budget setting process are capital by nature as identified in recommendation 6 above. This will continue to be a key theme during budget setting going forward as balancing the budget becomes more challenging. It is to be noted that retaining a contingency against high risk savings can serve as encouragement to put these forward.
8. That further consideration is given to the allocation of contingencies against high risk efficiency savings (which are reducing from 40% to 30%), given the council's recent record of not drawing on contingencies and the fact that unachieved efficiencies can be covered in other ways (e.g. by making alternative savings), or reported as pressures the following year.	N	The Medium Term Financial Plan provides for around £3.5million of increased efficiencies and fees and charges by year four with contingencies relating to non-achievement of high risk areas of £340k. Whilst the Council has had a good track record of achieving all savings or replacing them with other savings, this will become more and more challenging. It is still considered prudent to make some contingency in order to protect the revenue account, and indeed to send a clear message to officers that such savings proposals are desirable, and some non-achievement will not result in budget shortfalls.
9. That the council's Audit and Governance Committee considers the long term risks, controls and governance issues associated with the establishment of fully or partly council-owned companies and other new delivery vehicles (e.g. trust models).	Y	Agree. A review of the Governance of companies established by the Council by the Councils internal auditors, BDO, is part of the draft internal audit work programme
10. That the council's capacity and skills to support the new companies should be closely monitored, the risk being that if these efforts are under-resourced then opportunities will not be maximised.	Y	Agree – as the Council's wholly owned companies grow they will become more complex and require more resource to service. The resources required to support these companies will be closely monitored and if appropriate will be increased
11. That consideration is given to using a property agent to improve the council's capacity and agility in the property market (e.g. for homelessness property purchases), as this could enable the council to move quickly to take better opportunities and potentially save money.	Y	Agree -The Council is currently making use of its internal staff resource to manage the purchase of these properties. If it is considered that more resource is required to accelerate the process then this will be procured.
12. That the next annual review of the Council Tax Support Scheme includes an assessment of the impacts of the scheme on reducing poverty in the city to provide assurance that this is the best way of targeting resources to improve outcomes.	Y	Agree – The Council is required to annually review the scheme and consult on any subsequent changes. To date the Council has decided not to change the scheme from that originally introduced. The scheme will be considered again in September 2017 for the year 2018-19. The administration is clear that any changes will be driven by a desire to maximise our ability to prevent financial hardship, rather than achieve savings.

13. That further discussions are held with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to explore how community facilities can be incorporated into the provision of health care services.	Y	We are confident that the space at Rose Hill will soon be taken by health users. The health authorities are interested in using community spaces to deliver some services, and we welcome this (especially since there may be synergies with other aspects of our community development work). The work at Rose Hill has, however, made it clear that leasing space is not a straightforward process for the health authorities, and this will need to be borne in mind when planning future occasion of our centres.
14. That a review of council spending on apprenticeships is undertaken that includes identifying how to maximise opportunities to claim back part of the levy to fund external training for apprentices.	Y	Agree -The Council is currently looking at the best way to mitigate the cost of the levy by the charging of appropriate apprenticeship training costs
15. That costs arising from uplifts in the Oxford Living Wage (OLW) should take account of the expected convergence of the OLW and the National Living Wage (which will rise to £9 per hour by 2020 for over 25s), which may release some small savings over the plan period.	Y	Agree- Whilst it is agreed that by 2020 the National Living Wage will overtake the Fusion contracted wage, the saving to the Council will be minimal in the context of the overall Council budget. We will review the position annually
16. That the following areas should be priorities for further spending if additional revenue resources become available: a) The Fraud Team, given its potential to raise revenue; b) An Occupational Therapist to work within existing governance structures, which could prevent unspent Disabled Facilities Grant funding being returned to Government; c) One-off funding to protect archived documents in the Town Hall basement from flooding (e.g. waterproof filing systems); d) An additional Streetscene operative;	Y	CEB note the above priorities suggested by the Panel and will consider these alongside other competing priorities if and when available financial resources allow.

Update on the Corporate Plan 2016 - 2020

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That the report makes it clearer where the council's key achievements have been funded or delivered in partnership with voluntary groups and other organisations.	Y	The final published text will refer to partnership funding for the projects concerned.

Carbon Management Plan: 2017 - 2022

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That consideration is given to releasing revenue from the transformation budget and prudential borrowing in order to fund carbon reduction schemes, subject to robust business cases.	Y	
2. That guidance and best practice in relation to carbon reduction measures are taken into account during the Local Plan review and influence future planning conditions on new developments.	Y	

Grant allocations to community and voluntary organisations 2017/2018

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That the unallocated funding for the Advice and Money Management commissioning theme is kept under review with a view to ensuring that all available funding is allocated during the year.	Y	
2. That workshops aimed at encouraging and supporting under-represented groups to bid for small grants are offered in a wider range of locations across the city.	Y	With a specific focus on reaching regeneration areas which grants target, yes.
3. That details of the criteria used to assess applications received through the Annual Open Bidding programme are made available to applicants (e.g. on the application forms).	Y	Details are already made available. The proposal to include on application forms and perhaps give a sense of weightings, would be particularly useful. We have also committed to start providing feedback on any trends amongst the quality of applications assessed to OCVA after each grant round. This will allow attendees at workshops to benefit from focused support in any areas of potential weakness
4. That in future grant allocation reports a consistently transparent approach is taken to explaining the rationale for the levels of grants awarded through the Annual Open Bidding programme.	Y	

Cycling – progress update

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That guidance is provided to elected members on the use of CIL funding allocated to ward budgets to fund cycling improvement schemes, including guidance on the pooling of these resources.	Yes	Yes, this can be done. As Portfolio Holder I will work with planning officers to draft some simple guidelines on how to approach schemes of this sort, and circulate it.
2. That the replacing of cycle symbols on the Cowley Road is the priority for any unspent capital funding for cycling improvement schemes in 2016/17, subject to County Council approval.	No	The County Council has previously been asked to carry out this work by local councillors, and informed them that it is contrary to the provisions of the Regulations governing the use of traffic markings. The County Council contacted the Department for Transport to ask if an exemption would be granted, and were told in no uncertain terms that it would not be. This too was conveyed to local councillors. The City Council is unable to do works on the highway without the County Council's permission, and the County Council cannot do works that are contrary to the Regulation for road markings without the permission of the Department for Transport. That permission will not be forthcoming. This example makes the case for continuing our current policy of focussing on projects that can proceed immediately without the need for third party authorisation.
3. That the City Council contacts the Vice-Chancellors of both universities to request their intervention to achieve the delegation of the power to remove abandoned bicycles on University or College-owned land to the City Council.	Yes	The Council will contact the two universities to see whether this delegation can be achieved, and under what terms.

Safeguarding Language School Students

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
That the City Council lobbies for a strengthening of the legislation to require that local authorities are informed by language schools when minors are temporarily placed in a private home for more than a few days.	Y	I agree the recommendation. Portfolio Holder suggests CEB to write to relevant ministers and the LGA setting out our concerns and urging prompt action

Recycling

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That every effort is made to fund recycling incentive campaigns beyond October 2018, when grant funding for the Blue Bin Recycling League comes to an end.	Y	<p>The Blue Bin Recycling League is doing excellent work in encouraging recycling in Oxford. I'd like to put on record my thanks to the staff team running the scheme. It is too early to say whether or not the City Council will be able to continue this project when Government funding ends.</p> <p>“But I would expect recycling incentive schemes to be part of the mix in the refuse and recycling services the City Council provides. But we need to learn the lessons by a careful appraisal of the Blue Bin League’s successes and any failures.</p> <p>“We will then have to determine what money might be available and how best it could be used. The City Council should be guided in that by our continued determination to increase recycling and reduce waste.</p>

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