

Minutes of a meeting of the CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD on Thursday 6 April 2017



Committee members:

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| Councillor Price (Chair) | Councillor Brown |
| Councillor Hollingsworth | Councillor Kennedy |
| Councillor Rowley | Councillor Simm |
| Councillor Sinclair | Councillor Smith |

Officers:

Tim Sadler, Executive Director for Sustainable City
Richard Adams, Community Safety Service Manager
Lindsay Cane, Acting Head of Law and Governance
Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Sarah Claridge, Committee Services Officer

Also present:

Councillor Andrew Gant, Chair, Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Sian Taylor, Member, Scrutiny Health Inequalities Panel
Councillor Tom Landell Mills, Councillor for St Margaret's ward

153. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Turner and Cllr Tanner.

154. Declarations of Interest

None

155. Addresses and Questions by Members of the Public

None

156. Councillors Addresses on any item for decision on the Board's agenda

Cllr Landell-Mills spoke on the Public Safety on Oxford's Waterways (minute 160). He approved of the measured approach in the report but felt the mini PSPO proposed was disproportionate to the problems.

He suggested the following solutions to anti-social behaviour on the waterways:

A new sanitary facility on the Thames in Oxford

2 or 3 new recycling and rubbish bins which are regularly collected

A boater caretaker (full or part time) , possibly working in lieu of rent for mooring, who could deal with over-staying and anti-social behaviour

A community psychiatric/ mental health worker (full or part time) , to work alongside the community services team

He felt solutions to problems on the waterways should be couched within the broader agenda of seeing the waterways as a strong positive feature in Oxford. The Council should look for ways it can better use them for leisure, amenity and recreation and consider the possibility of more people living on them for cheap flexible accommodation.

157. Councillor Addresses on Neighbourhood Issues

None

158. Items raised by Board Members

None

159. Scrutiny Committee Reports

a) Scrutiny Response: Health Inequalities

Cllr Taylor, Member of Health Inequalities Panel presented the report. The Board approved all the recommendations.

The Board discussed the following:

- Broadening the remit of the social impact assessment for leisure services to include youth ambition has allowed a small percentage of NHS funds to be transferred from treating to preventing illness.
- Some parts of the city offer no afterschool provisions. Council programmes eg youth ambition should be offered to these schools.
- Linkages between health professionals, schools and council services need to be strengthened so that people are aware of the leisure and wellbeing activities available in their community.

- Social prescribing in GP surgeries needs more council support and advice. GP advice is being covered by the advice commissioning review.
- Integrating services hasn't happened as well as we had hoped. Genuine partnership working been reduced due to austerity.
- The Policy Manager will be responsible for taking these recommendations forward.

b) Scrutiny Response: University Housing Needs

Cllr Gant, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report. He asked whether a detailed board member response to the recommendations would be presented to the Scrutiny Committee before the Local Plan: preferred options report expected in June.

Cllr Hollingsworth, Board Member for Planning and Regulatory Services said that he didn't want to pre-empt the local plan process so offered to give a fuller response of each element of the recommendation immediately after the publication of the Local Plan: preferred options report. Cllr Gant formally accepted Cllr Hollingsworth's proposal.

c) Scrutiny Response: Air Quality

Cllr Gant, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report. The Board agreed all the recommendations.

d) Scrutiny Response: Workplace Parking Levies

Cllr Gant, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report.

Cllr Hollingsworth, Board Member for Planning and Regulatory Services said the responses to the recommendations applied equally to congestion charges and workplace parking levies. He had only partly agreed to them as there is still a lot of work to do to decide how such schemes could work in practice. The revenue stream isn't going to be as much as Nottingham's as there are not very many work place parking spaces in Oxford.

The Board discussed the problems of residential parking and the benefits and negative effects of CPZs in the city.

e) Scrutiny Response: Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel

Cllr Gant, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report.

Cllr Sinclair, Board Member for Community Safety accepted the recommendations and would present them to the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel (TVPCP) tomorrow night.

Cllr Price suggested that any relevant TVPCP decisions for Oxford could be advertised on the City Council website.

f) Scrutiny Response: Public Safety on Oxford's Waterways

This report was discussed during Item 8 Public Safety on Oxford's Waterways (minute 160)

160. Public Safety on Oxford's Waterways

The Executive Director for Sustainable City submitted a report which outlined the outcome of the consultation regarding the proposal to make a Public Spaces Protection Order in respect of the waterways of Oxford and make recommendations as to the way forward.

Cllr Sinclair, Board member for Community Safety presented the report. She said that after consulting with the public the Council had decided not to pursue a full waterways PSPO but would look at alternative solutions to deal with the problems faced on the waterways. She said to Cllr Landell-Mills that his waste disposal idea would be considered.

The Community Safety Service Manager said that the Folly Bridge to the ring road section of the Thames would take significant partnership work to improve the anti-social behaviour issues faced on that stretch of river.

He outlined the progress made in the other areas listed in the report.

- Aristotle Lane - the river trust are involved and the anti-social behaviour issues are being reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Castle Mill – the land ownership issue is being looked into; and
- Aston's Eyot - work is progressing

Cllr Gant, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report and the recommendations were accepted.

Cllr Price asked about the timescale to take this project forward. The Executive Director for Sustainable City said that a project manager would progress the project. It is probably 18 months' worth of work.

The City Executive Board resolved to:

1. **Not progress** the proposal for a Public Spaces Protection Order for the generality of the waterways of Oxford;

2. **Commission** officers to develop localised solutions to public safety concerns for four identified priority areas;
3. **Commission** officers to further develop policy proposals that will address public safety and anti-social behaviour problems and improve public enjoyment of the city's waterways resources.

161. Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Executive Director for Sustainable City submitted a report which requested approval to increase Oxford City Council's project contribution towards Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme by up to £1,000,000 funded from in-kind contributions in terms of land disposal and compensation values foregone.

Cllr Price, Board Member for Corporate Strategy and Economic Development presented the report. He explained that the proposed in-kind land contribution to the Environment Agency would bring the scheme closer to completion. The land doesn't have a huge value for other purposes, it is mostly grazing land and there are small parts of the Redbridge and (extension of the) Seacourt Park n Rides included in the land contribution. He said the scheme would reduce the flood risk to 1,500 properties.

Cllr Smith asked if there was a guarantee from the Environment Agency that the scheme would enhance the wildlife of the area. The Executive Director for Sustainable City said whilst the design would improve the wildlife of the area, the design no longer includes a cycling or public walkway as surrounding landowners had expressed concerns about allowing public access.

The City Executive Board resolved to:

1. **Approve** the increase of Oxford City Council's project contribution towards Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme by up to £1,000,000 funded from in-kind contributions from land disposal and compensation foregone; and
2. **Delegate authority** to Executive Director for Sustainable City, in consultation with the Heads of Financial Services and Law and Governance, to be able to enter a funding agreement with Environment Agency.
3. **Note** that a detailed report on proposed disposals to facilitate the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme and discounts proposed will be made to the City Executive Board in due course.

162. Minutes

Minute 148 – Headington spelt incorrectly.

The Board resolved to APPROVE the amended minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2017 as a true and accurate record.

163. Dates of Future Meetings

The Board noted the next meeting would be held on 11 May 2017.

164. Matters Exempt from Publication

The Board indicated their intention to go into confidential session and the public left the room.

The Board resolved to go into confidential session in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule I2A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Board may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

165. Exempt Appendix 1_ Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme

Cllr Price, Board Member for Corporate Strategy and Economic Development updated the Board on the contributions received for the scheme.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 6.07 pm