

Cllr Andy Graham June 2023 report

Unpaid carers strategy: OCC has developed a new unpaid carers strategy, the final version of which is being consulted on via Let's Talk. The strategy aims to better identify where carers are, increase awareness of the support available to unpaid carers and increase the level of support.

Supply chain emissions policy: OCC has developed a new policy on reducing carbon emissions as a result of procurement activity. A decision on the policy is due at Cabinet on 20 June.

Rail link feasibility study completed: A feasibility study, commissioned by OCC, for a new rail link between Oxford, Witney and Carterton has been published. The study 2 found that a rail link would be feasible and could be justified in transport strategy terms. The route would cost £700 - £900 million and require government funding.

New chair of council and cabinet member: Cllr Felix Bloomfield (Conservative, Benson and Crowmarsh) has been elected chair of the council, while Cllr Michael O'Connor (Labour, University Parks) takes over the cabinet portfolio for public health and inequalities

Proposed move for OCC: OCC is looking to rationalise its property portfolio. As part of this, OCC is looking at moving its Oxford City presence from County Hall to Speedwell House. Usage of the historic part of County Hall would continue.

Oxfordshire big green week: Get involved with Green week, June 10-18

*******GRANTS AND COST OF LIVING*******

Councillor priority fund: Open for applications

*******PARISH ROUND-UP*******

Woodstock and Bladon: School extension plans at Marlborough School increasing capacity from 180 to 210 is subject to planning but if approved will be phased from 2024 for opening 2026. Bus turning point resolution subject to safety audit plus report to cabinet member for delayed decision July 2024, Parking scheme implementation in place. Support for the Woodstock and Bladon News approved funds (£1,000) from Councillor Priority Fund, Cherwell District Council consideration for planning for land adjoining Park View to be considered in July, bus shelters going ahead at Pine View over the next 4 months.

Wootton by Woodstock: 30 to 20 mph installed and in place

Glympton: Request for consideration for 30 to 20 mph scheme received

Tackley: 30 to 20 mph scheme in progress, Tackley Crossing still under consideration

Stonesfield: Councillor Priority Funds towards grass cutter/mower awarded for school and associated playing fields affirmed (£500)

Steeple Barton: Visited My Bus Bartons which I have previously supported with Councillor Priority funds support for new electric buses which they have now been awarded by the National Lottery £175000 to enable this to happen way ahead of their target timeline.