

Notice of Meeting



Horton Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee Monday, 11 October 2021 at 12.00 pm CDC Council Chamber, Bodicote House, Banbury OX15 4AA

Please note that Council meetings are currently taking place in-person (not virtually) with Covid precautions at the venue. Meetings will continue to be live-streamed and those who wish to view them are strongly encouraged to do so online to minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection.

If you wish to view proceedings, please click on this [Live Stream Link](#). However, that will not allow you to participate in the meeting.

If you still wish to attend this meeting in person, you must contact the Committee Officer by 9am four working days before the meeting and they will advise if you can be accommodated at this meeting and of the detailed Covid-19 safety requirements for all attendees.

Please note that in line with current government guidance *all* attendees are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test in advance of the meeting.

Membership

Chair - tbc
Deputy Chair - tbc

<i>Councillors:</i>	Hannah Banfield	Clare Golby	Kieron Mallon
	Mark Cherry	Jane Hanna OBE	Freddie van Mierlo
	Arash Fatemian	Dr Nathan Ley	Eddie Reeves
			Vacancy

Co-optees: Dr Keith Ruddle

Notes: *Date of next meeting: Date Not Specified*

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- i. Development of the masterplan for the Horton General Hospital, ensuring it includes high quality, flexible clinical space that could be used for different services over time, including obstetric services if circumstances demand.
- ii. Active pursuit of significant capital investment in the Horton Hospital

How can I have my say?

We welcome the views of the community on any issues in relation to the responsibilities of this Committee. Members of the public may ask to speak on any item on the agenda or may suggest matters which they would like the Committee to look at. **Requests to speak must be submitted to the Committee Officer below no later than 9 am four working days before the date of the meeting.**

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Chief Executive

September 2021

About the Horton Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Health Services are required to consult a local authority's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee about any proposals they have for a substantial development or variation in the provision of health services in their area. When these substantial developments or variations affect a geographical area that covers more than one local authority, the local authorities are required to appoint a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) for the purposes of the consultation.

In response to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's proposals regarding consultant-led maternity services at the Horton General Hospital, the Secretary of State and Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) have advised a HOSC be formed covering the area of patient flow for these services. The area of patient flow for obstetric services at the Horton General Hospital covers Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

The County Councils of Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire therefore formed this joint committee, which first met in September 2018. The committee's Terms of Reference were subsequently amended in July 2020.

What does this Committee do

The purpose of this mandatory Horton Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee across Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire is to:

- a) Make comments on the proposal consulted on
- b) Require the provision of information about the proposal
- c) Require the member or employee of the relevant health service to attend before it to answer questions in connection with the consultation.
- d) Refer to the Secretary of State only on the development of a masterplan for the Horton General Hospital where it is not satisfied that:
 - Consultation on any proposal for a substantial change or development has been adequate in relation to content or time allowed (NB. The referral power in these contexts only relates to the consultation with the local authorities, and not consultation with other stakeholders)
 - That the proposal would not be in the interests of the health service in the area
 - A decision has been taken without consultation and it is not satisfied that the reasons given for not carrying out consultation are adequate.

NB The Committee's duration is expected to last only as long as necessary for the matters above to be considered. Responsibility for all other health scrutiny functions and activities remain with the respective local authority Health Scrutiny Committees.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, giving as much notice as possible before the meeting

A hearing loop is available at County Hall.

AGENDA

1. **Election of Chair for the Council Year 2021/22**
2. **Election of Deputy Chair for the Council Year 2021/22**
3. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
4. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page**
5. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)**

To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 27 November 2020 (HHOSC5) and to receive information arising from them.

6. **Petitions and Public Address**

Currently council meetings are taking place in-person (not virtually) with Covid safety procedures operating in the venues. However, members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting can attend the meeting 'virtually' through an online connection. While you can ask to attend the meeting in person, you are strongly encouraged to attend 'virtually' to minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection.

Please also note that in line with current government guidance all attendees are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test in advance of the meeting.

Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Tuesday 5 October 2021 Requests to speak should be sent to colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk. You will be contacted by the officer regarding the arrangements for speaking.

If you ask to attend in person, the officer will also advise you regarding Covid-19 safety at the meeting. If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails, then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

7. Horton General Hospital update (Pages 9 - 24)

This paper provides the Horton Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the HGH Expression of Interest (EOI) submitted on 9 September for a place in the Government's Health Infrastructure Programme (HIP).

8. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be agreed by the committee.

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members’ conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Glenn Watson on **07776 997946** or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.