

County Council

20 May 2025

Schedule of Business

Agenda Annex

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – 20 MAY 2025 SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

ITEM/TIME	ITEM	PROPOSALS (M = Motion; SEC = Seconders; Am = Amendment S = Statement; Q = Question; REC = Recommendation to be determined)
10:30	At the start of the meeting, there will be a minute's silence following the tragic events of last Thursday at Bicester Motion. Following this, Council will adjourn for 15 minutes.	
1 10:50 30 mins	Election of Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year	
2	Election of Vice-Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year	
3 11:20 5 mins	Minutes (page 1) To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2025.	
4	Apologies for Absence	
5	Declarations of Interest	
6 11:25 5 mins	Official Communications Thirteen firefighters who have served Oxfordshire residents for a combined total of 260 years (20 years each) have been	

	<p>presented with His Majesty The King's long service and good conduct medals.</p> <p>In addition, four firefighters with a combined total of 120 years' service received commemorative clasps and certificates. The awards were presented by Marjorie Glasgow BEM, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire,</p> <p>At the Oxfordshire Care Awards, organised by the Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers, Shared Lives carers, Roger and Kym Garnett were named winners of the 'Long Service' category. This follows their recognition in our own Shared Lives awards, having committed 27 years to the programme.</p> <p>Our Community Partnership Team were finalists in the 'Team' category having been recognised for the flexible nature of the support they offer.</p> <p>The following events were attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair since the last Council meeting in April:</p> <p>2 Apr – Oxfordshire Youth Music Theatre: Cats the Musical, Oxford – Chair 3 Apr – The Fire Service Awards, Blenheim Palace – Chair 4 Apr – Chairman Civic Dinner & Swing Band Night, Northampton – Vice Chair 5 Apr – Mayor of Thame Charity Ball, Thame – Chair 12 Apr – Mayor of Didcot's Rock Night, Didcot – Vice Chair 23 Apr – Shakespeare Birthday Parade, Oxford -Chair 25 Apr – Service of Commemoration of ANZAC day, Oxford – Vice Chair 25 Apr – Brackley Town Mayor Civic Dinner, Brackley – Chair 27 Apr – St George's Day Service, Oxford – Chair 6 May – Didcot Mayor Making, Didcot – Chair 8 May – Wreath laying re VE Day in Abingdon – Chair</p>	
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	<p>8 May – Oxfordshire County Council VE Day Celebrations, Oxford – Chair</p> <p>8 May – Lighting of a Beacon to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock – Chair</p> <p>9 May – Cllr Induction Day lunch, Oxford – Chair</p> <p>9 May – VE Day Celebrations, Didcot – Chair</p> <p>11 May – Faringdon Civic Service, Faringdon – Chair</p> <p>11 May – Chairman’s Charity Dinner, Oxford – Vice Chair</p> <p>11 May – Wantage VE Day Celebrations, Wantage – Chair</p> <p>12 May – Henely Mayor Making, Henly – Chair</p> <p>12 May – Abingdon TC Mayor Making, Abingdon – Chair</p> <p>13 May – The Inauguration of the Town Mayor and Annual TC Meeting, Banbury – Chair</p> <p>16 May – WODC Chair’s Charity Garden party, Woodstock – Chair</p> <p>18 May – Wallingford Civic Service – Chair</p> <p>19 May – meeting with the CEO from Earth Trust</p> <p>19 May – The launch of the Oxford Tea Collection, Oxford – Chair</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>11:30</p> <p>5 mins</p>	<p>Returning Officer’s Report (Page 15)</p> <p><i>Movers have 5 mins, seconders and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note the return of persons elected as Councillors for Oxfordshire County Council on 1 May 2025.</p>	<p>M Chair</p> <p>SEC Vice-Chair</p>
<p>8</p> <p>11:35</p> <p>15 mins</p>	<p>Appointments</p> <p>Report is in the Addenda.</p> <p>a) Election of the Leader of the Council.</p> <p>b) Announcement of the members of the Cabinet.</p> <p>c) Noting the Leader of the Opposition.</p>	

<p>9</p> <p>11.50</p> <p>5 mins</p>	<p>Committees and Review of Political Balance</p> <p>Report is in the Addenda.</p> <p><i>Movers have 5 mins, seconds and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p>	<p>M Chair SEC Vice-Chair</p>
<p>10</p> <p>11:55</p> <p>5 mins</p>	<p>Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Page 19)</p> <p><i>Movers have 5 mins, seconds and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED to amend the Constitution as follows:</p> <p>a) approve amendments to Part 7.1: Officers as shown in Annex 1;</p> <p>b) approve amendments to Part 7.2: Scheme of Delegation to Officers as shown in Annex 3.</p>	<p>M Chair SEC Vice-Chair</p>
<p>11</p> <p>12:00</p> <p>5 mins</p>	<p>General Dispensations (Page 63)</p> <p><i>Movers have 5 mins, seconds and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) approve, under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, the general dispensations, listed at paragraph 5 of this report, for all elected and co-opted voting Members of Oxfordshire County Council;</p> <p>b) agree that those general dispensations should remain in force for a period of four years;</p> <p>c) agree that the granting of individual dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Code of Conduct remains delegated to the Monitoring Officer.</p>	<p>M Chair SEC Vice-Chair</p>
<p>12</p> <p>12:05</p>	<p>Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee (Page 69)</p>	<p>M Fenton SEC Smith</p>

20 mins	<i>Movers have 5 mins, seconders and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i> The Council is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of the Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2024/25.	
13 12.25	Committee Meeting Dates 2025-26 for information (Page 81)	
	CLOSE OF MEETING	

APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEES

- At the conclusion of the Council's proceedings all Members are asked to remain in their seats in the Council Chamber while Committees meet for the purpose of electing their chairs and deputy chairs;
- The Monitoring Officer will ask the members on each committee to stand in turn and the relevant members are asked to stand/sit as appropriate:
 - Audit & Governance Committee
 - Charlotte Coxe Trust Committee
 - Education & Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Pension Fund Committee
 - Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Planning & Regulation Committee
 - Remuneration Committee
- The Monitoring Officer will seek nominations for Chair;
- The Chair of each Committee will seek nominations for Deputy Chair.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO TAKE A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF COUNCILLORS IN THE COMMON HALL FOLLOWING THESE ELECTIONS.

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