

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

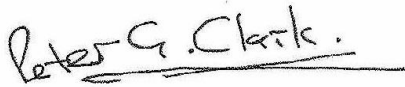
***Monday, 9 May 2011 at 12.00 pm
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Tuesday 17 May 2011 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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Note: *Date of next meeting: 13 June 2011*
Venue: Rooms 1 & 2

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Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am on the working day before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. **Petitions and Public Address**
4. **Adult Learning Fee Structure for 2011/12** (Pages 1 - 6)

Forward Plan Ref: 2011/089

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Report by Interim Deputy Director (Oxfordshire Customer Services) (**CMDSSC4**).

Adult Learning fees, discounts and fee remissions have not changed for some time. This report looks at the reasons why change is now required and gives detailed recommendations for establishing a new fee structure and making changes to the current arrangements for fee discounts and remissions. The recommendations take account of changes in Skills Funding Agency policy and seek to anticipate changes that will be introduced as a result of a current consultation process. The report also indicates how Adult Learning could strengthen its Equalities practice by adopting a more differentiated fee structure.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) ***approve the fees schedule for 2011/12 as set out in paragraph 2 above and in Annex 1;***
- (b) ***approve the programme-specific fees for 2011/12 as set out in paragraph 3 above and in Annex 1;***
- (c) ***approve the changes to discounts policy for 2011/12 as set out in paragraph 4 above; and***
- (d) ***approve the changes to fee remission policy for 2011/12 as set out in paragraph 5 above.***