

County Council

6 November 2018

Agenda

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.


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, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

To: **Members of the County Council**

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 6 November 2018 at 10.30 am

Council Chamber - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND



Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

October 2018

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Items 3, 7 and 8 will be recorded. The purpose of recording proceedings is to provide an *aide-memoire* to assist the clerk of the meeting in the drafting of minutes.

Members are asked to sign the attendance book which will be available in the corridor outside the Council Chamber. A list of members present at the meeting will be compiled from this book.

A buffet luncheon will be provided

AGENDA

1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 16)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2018 (**CC1**) and to receive information arising from them.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note

Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.

4. Official Communications

5. Appointments

To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.

Education Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Ted Fenton in place of Councillor Suzanne Bartington

6. Petitions and Public Address

7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public

8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council

9. Report of the Cabinet (Pages 17 - 22)

Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 18 September 2018 and 16 October 2018 (CC9).

10. Treasury Management 2017/18 Outturn (Pages 23 - 40)

Report by Director of Finance (CC10).

The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2017/18 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2017/18.

11. Director of Public Health Annual Report XI (Pages 41 - 136)

Report by Strategic Director for People and Director of Public Health (CC11).

The annual report summarises key issues associated with the Public Health of the County. It is an independent report about the health and wellbeing of Oxfordshire residents in the broadest terms.

It uses science and fact to describe the health of Oxfordshire and to make recommendations for the future.

The report covers the following areas:

Chapter 1: The Demographic Challenge

Chapter 2: Creating Healthy Communities

Chapter 3: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage

Chapter 4: Lifestyles and Preventing Disease Before it Starts

Chapter 5: Promoting Mental Wellbeing and Positive Mental Health

Chapter 6: Fighting Killer Diseases

The report has also been considered at the Oxfordshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 13 September 2018.

Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report and note its recommendations.

12. Annual Partnerships Update (Pages 137 - 182)

Report by Policy and Performance Service Manager (**CC12**).

The report provides an update on Oxfordshire-wide partnerships that the County Council is engaged with and their activities over the past year. Each partnership report includes the following information:

- Current focus for the Partnership;
- Personnel including Chairman and supporting staff of the Partnership;
- Governance arrangements;
- Key achievements over the past year;
- Aims of the partnership for the forthcoming year;
- Key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed

The report includes updates from partnerships that are particularly important to the overall outcomes for Oxfordshire and this is reported annually to Council in a light touch format.

The Annual Partnerships report has been reviewed by the Oxfordshire Partnership at their meeting on 15 October 2018.

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS WITH NOTICE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PROPER OFFICER IN WRITING BY

9.00 AM ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING

13. Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves

“This Council believes that residents in Oxfordshire should have the greatest possible choice of transport available to them.

This Council notes Oxford City Council's refusal to grant licenses to new entrants in the private-hire market including peer-to-peer ridesharing apps. As these services need a critical mass to be successful, the decision by the City Council is having a detrimental effect on the other areas of the County, including all the district areas, and thus contributing to rural isolation by depriving people of services and choice.

This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to:

- (a) The Leaders of Oxford City Council and all district councils with a view to ensuring that consumers enjoy a greater choice of private-hire services by extending licenses for new entrants to that market and by assisting this Council's efforts in extending the provision of bus services in the light of new legislation that has already enabled successful innovative services in the County.
- (b) The County's commercial and community bus operators with a view to widening the availability of bus services in the County, including hop-on-hop-off services, and to relevant partners as above, including also parishes and prospective community groups, so as to encourage the provision of new services. This has already shown to be a great success with the initiatives such as the Pick Me Up Service and this should be extended to other areas of the County.”

14. Motion by Councillor Liz Brighouse

“This Council notes that many council budgets are at breaking point. Austerity has caused huge damage to communities up and down the UK, with devastating effects on key public services that protect the most defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people- and the services we all rely on like roads, libraries, children's centres, waste management:

- Central Government cuts mean councils have lost 60p out of every £1 that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010
- Councils now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services “standing still” and meeting additional demand. Even Lord Gary Porter, the Conservative Chair of the LGA, has said “Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital services on a shoestring”.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by Oxfordshire and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government.”

15. Motion from Councillor Paul Buckley

"This Council accepts the recommendations of the Andrew Gilligan report into how to increase cycling in and around Oxford, commits to implementing them and calls on Cabinet to implement and bid for funding."

16. Motion by Councillor Laura Price

"The greatest strength of local government is its ability to embrace openness and transparency, working with and for the people we represent to strive for the very best services and the most effective use of public money.

To ensure that Council is committed to this fundamental principle we propose the Monitoring Officer conduct a review of:

1. Any meetings including Members relating to Council functions and informing decision-making which are held in private
2. Timings of meetings

The review will be reported back to Audit & Governance Committee to form an action plan ensuring the maximum amount of business is held in public and that meetings are scheduled at times which enable the widest possible access to elected Councillors."

17. Motion by Councillor Mike Fox-Davies

"The high growth in housing and commerce is driving many construction projects across most areas of Oxfordshire and this has major consequences to the surrounding community. One of these consequences is the damage by the construction traffic to minor roads and allied infrastructure which are not designed for that weight or volume of traffic.

This Council therefore seeks to ask the Strategic Director for Communities to instruct officers to put the necessary mechanisms in place which will require Developers to mitigate any damage to such roads and infrastructure and return them back to pre-construction condition."

18. Motion by Councillor Suzanne Bartington

"This Council recognises our ambition to achieve economic growth whilst improving the health and wellbeing of communities in Oxfordshire. Active travel provides an effective mechanism to achieve such goals, with potential to co-deliver multiple social, environmental and economic benefits. This council has recognised in LTP4 the importance of investment in sustainable transport and shares the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy ambition to double cycling by 2025. Cognizant of Andrew Gilligan's recent recommendations to the National Infrastructure Commission, it now wishes to accelerate progress towards this goal.

This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to:

- i. Apply Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) to agree a prioritised and costed Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN), building on work of the Oxfordshire Cycle Network.
- ii. Actively seek capital and revenue funding for SATN delivery through local and national sources.
- iii. Assess what co-benefits could be gained by allocating a fraction of local transport funds to active travel infrastructure (e.g. 5 or 10%) following best practice examples.
- iv. influence the Planning authorities use of planning powers more proactively and effectively to achieve beneficial active travel outcomes.
- v. Establish a framework to oversee quality control of all active travel infrastructure projects in accordance with the Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards, from inception through planning to implementation, ensuring all proposals are audited for safety and encouragement of active travel.
- vi. Use innovative data sources and technologies to identify active travel patterns and latent demand, and to monitor and increase effectiveness of interventions.”

19. Motion from Councillor Jamila Azad

In Oxfordshire we have a proud record of excellent support for children in our care, however a 2016 report by The Children’s Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation and begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time it can be extremely challenging. With no family to support them and insufficient financial education, some are falling into debt and financial difficulty.

Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places corporate parenting responsibilities on district councils for the first time, requiring them to have regard to children in care and care leavers when carrying out their functions. This provides us with a fantastic opportunity to work together with our District and City colleagues for the benefit of approximately 800 young care leavers in the 16-25 year old age bracket.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to use our convening powers and expertise in corporate parenting to work with all council tax collecting authorities to look at the implications of exempting young care leavers, with a view to agreeing a workable proposal to be published across Districts in Sept 2019.

20. Motion by Councillor John Howson

“Pupil place planning is an important function carried out by the County Council. Traditionally, Oxfordshire has had a good reputation in conducting this work, until that is the government introduced the Free School Programme. Creating the Swan School as a Free School has caused delay and confusion to the detriment of pupils and their parents living in and around the City of Oxford.

This Council requests the Leader of the Council to ask the Local Government Association to discuss whether all pupil place planning and both the building of new publicly funded schools and the extending of existing schools should be handled entirely by local authorities in line with their published and annually updated Pupil Place Plan.

Council also asks the Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services to seek clarification from the Department for Education about when new schools may be opened as Voluntary Aided Schools following the Secretary of State for Education’s speech of the 11 May 2018 and whether or not there would be any restrictions on such schools converting to academy status once open”

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 5 November at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders