

To: **Members of the Transport Decision Committee**

***Notice of a Meeting of the Transport Decision
Committee***

Thursday, 1 October 2009 at 10.00 am

County Hall

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<i>Councillors</i>	
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*The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting
will become effective at the end of the working day on 2009
unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.*

*Copies of this Notice, Agenda and supporting papers are circulated
to all Members of the County Council.*

Date of next meeting: 26 November 2009

Declarations of Interest

This note briefly summarises the position on interests which you must declare at the meeting. Please refer to the Members' Code of Conduct in Section DD of the Constitution for a fuller description.

The duty to declare ...

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, ie where the matter affects (either positively or negatively):

- (i) any of the financial and other interests which you are required to notify for inclusion in the statutory Register of Members' Interests; or
- (ii) your own well-being or financial position or that of any member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association more than it would affect other people in the County.

Whose interests are included ...

"Member of your family" in (ii) above includes spouses and partners and other relatives' spouses and partners, and extends to the employment and investment interests of relatives and friends and their involvement in other bodies of various descriptions. For a full list of what "relative" covers, please see the Code of Conduct.

When and what to declare ...

The best time to make any declaration is under the agenda item "Declarations of Interest". Under the Code you must declare not later than at the start of the item concerned or (if different) as soon as the interest "becomes apparent".

In making a declaration you must state the nature of the interest.

Taking part if you have an interest ...

Having made a declaration you may still take part in the debate and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a "prejudicial" interest.

"Prejudicial" interests ...

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would think so significant as to be likely to affect your judgment of the public interest.

What to do if your interest is prejudicial ...

If you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under consideration, you may remain in the room but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter under consideration, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

Exceptions ...

There are a few circumstances where you may regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest or may participate even though you may have one. These, together with other rules about participation in the case of a prejudicial interest, are set out in paragraphs 10 – 12 of the Code.

Seeking Advice ...

It is your responsibility to decide whether any of these provisions apply to you in particular circumstances, but you may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

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.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note opposite

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2009 (**TDC3**) and to receive for information any matters arising therefrom.

4. 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 any question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet's delegated powers.

This could include significant issues affecting the councillor's division, which otherwise might be the subject of an address, petition or motion at council.

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

Questions submitted after agenda despatch and by 9 am on the working day before the meeting will be placed on a schedule of Addenda and tabled at the meeting.

5. Petitions and Public Address

6. County Speed Limit Review

Report by Head of Transport (**TDC6**)

The Department for Transport's (DfT) advice (Circular 01/06) on the setting of local speed limits has requested that highway authorities review current speed limits on their A and B road network in the light of the advice and implement any changes judged necessary by 2011. The scope of the project in Oxfordshire has been extended to include some of the more significant unnumbered roads, although it should also be noted that following the major village speed limit project (between 1999 and 2003) and ongoing work in rural speed management – both of which anticipated DfT advice – a large proportion of the network already complies with the DfT guidance.

The County's road safety team has carried out a comprehensive assessment applying the DfT criteria, and has – with the input of the Speed Reference Group (an advisory

cross-party group of county councillors supported by police traffic management officers) – identified draft recommendations for changes to speed limits, both up and down, on the network. Informal consultation with the Police, parish councils and neighbouring authorities (where the limit meets the county boundary) has been undertaken to seek their views on the draft proposals and to give them the opportunity to suggest other roads for a speed limit change.

The report details the results of the consultation, recommends the roads within Oxfordshire that should be progressed to formal consultation and seeks authority to proceed with the statutory process to draft, consult on and make the speed limit orders, subject to any objections received on the changes being referred back to this Committee for a decision on how to proceed.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED

- (a) ***to authorise officers to prepare, consult on and implement speed limit orders necessary to effect the changes identified by the speed limit review on the roads listed in Annex 3, subject to any formal objections being referred to this committee at a later date for a decision on how to proceed; and***
- (b) ***to authorise the Cabinet Member for Transport Implementation and Head of Transport to approve additions to the list of A & B roads for formal consultation identified from Annex 2 table B following the outcome of the Speed Reference Groups review.***

7. Oxford, Magdalen Road Area Controlled Parking Zone

Report by Head of Transport (TDC7)

This report outlines the statutory consultation process on the Draft Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for the proposed Divinity Road Area Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). It provides information on the policy context, development of the process to date, an outline of the consultations carried out, specific issues that have been raised by the consultees and recommendations in light of responses received. Its content and recommendations are closely related to agenda item?? which contains a report on the consultation process for the proposed Magdalen Road Area Controlled Parking Zone. Consultation on the zones was carried out simultaneously.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) ***approve the principle of a CPZ in the Magdalen Road Area on the basis of the current proposals, with the exception of removing the Iffley Fields area from the zone; and***
- (b) ***authorise officers to advertise a new Traffic Regulation Order for the zone, excluding the Iffley Fields area and incorporating minor changes arising from responses to the formal consultation.***

8. Oxford, Divinity Road Area Controlled Parking Zone

Report by Head of Transport (**TDC8**)

This report outlines the statutory consultation process on the Draft Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for the proposed Divinity Road Area Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). It provides information on the policy context, development of the process to date, an outline of the consultations carried out, specific issues that have been raised by the consultees and recommendations in light of responses received. Its content and recommendations are closely related to agenda item?? which contains a report on the consultation process for the proposed Magdalen Road Area Controlled Parking Zone. Consultation on the zones was carried out simultaneously.

The Committee is recommended:

- (a) ***subject to final approval of a Controlled Parking Zone in the Magdalen Road area to authorise the making of the Oxfordshire County Council (Oxford – Divinity Road area) (Controlled Parking Zone and Waiting Restrictions) Order 20**;***
- (b) ***authorise officers to reconsult locally on amendments to the scheme, as set out in Annex D to this report; and***
- (c) ***authorise the Head of Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport Implementation and Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure to carry out further minor amendments to the scheme and the Traffic Regulation Order that might be required when implementing the proposed parking zone.***

9. East Oxford Controlled Parking Zone Review 2008/09

Report by Head of Transport (**TDC9**)

This report discusses the outcome of a review of the East Oxford Controlled Parking Zone and its associated Permit Parking Scheme, which was carried out during 2008/09. It also makes recommendations concerning changes to the layout of parking places and the restrictions that operate within them.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to authorise the making of:

- (a) ***the Oxfordshire County Council (East Oxford) (Controlled Parking Zone and Waiting Restrictions) Consolidation Order 20** subject to the following amendments:***
 - (i) ***Boulter Street – Change the controls in the existing 1 hour parking***

place, 8am – 6.30pm Monday – Saturday into 2 hour parking where permit holders are exempt from the time limit;

- (ii) *Cherwell Street – Remove the proposed Permit Holders Only Parking outside 25 Cherwell Street and replace with No Waiting at Any Time;*
 - (iii) *Cowley Place – Replace the proposed Parking Places without time limit with No Waiting, 8am – 6.30pm, Monday – Friday;*
 - (iv) *Jeune Street – Change Proposed TRO to reflect the existing layout of permit holders' only parking;*
 - (v) *Princes Street – Remove the existing parking places outside numbers 66 and 74 Princes Street and replace with No Waiting at Any Time;*
 - (vi) *Temple Street – Reduce the extent of proposed additional permit holder parking place near Kingdom Hall by approximately one third and extend the No Waiting at any time protecting the adjacent access to meet it;*
- (b) *the Oxfordshire County Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places - Oxford) (Amendment No.[8]) Order 20** as advertised.*

10. Banbury, Springfield Avenue - Proposed Humped Zebra Crossing

Report by Head of Transport (TDC11)

The report describes the proposed humped zebra crossing scheme close to the main pedestrian entrance to Blessed George Napier Roman Catholic Secondary School and presents both the objections and the support received in response to public consultation.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to authorise implementation of the proposed humped zebra crossing on Springfield Avenue, Banbury close to the main pedestrian entrance to Blessed George Napier Roman Catholic School.

EXEMPT ITEM

It is RECOMMENDED that the public be excluded for the duration of item 12E since it is likely that if they were present during that item there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and specified below in relation to that item and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information on the grounds set out in that item.

NOTE: The main report relating to item 12E does not itself contain exempt information and is thus available to the public. The exempt information is contained either in an Annex which has been circulated only to members and officers entitled to receive it, or will be reported orally at the meeting.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE EXEMPT FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO SUBSIDY AGREEMENTS REPORTED AT THE MEETING (WHETHER IN WRITING OR ORALLY) MUST NOT BE DIVULGED TO ANY THIRD PARTY.

11. Bus Service Subsidies

Report by Head of Transport (**CMDT12E**)

The report describes bus services for which subsidy agreements are due to terminate in December 2009, mainly covering services in the Bicester and Kidlington area. Four further contracts outside the review area have also been reviewed, as follows:

Service 4B (Contract PT/V4): Cumnor-Wootton-Abingdon (evenings and Sundays)
Service 31 (Contract PT/V43): Wantage-Abingdon-Oxford (Mon-Thurs evenings)
Service 36 (Contract PT/V36): Grove-Wantage-Milton Park peak service (Mon-Fri)
Services 105/106/136 (Contract PT/S81): Wallingford-Oxford, Oxford-Oxford Science Park and Wallingford to Cholsey (Mon-Fri a.m peak)

The financial position of the bus subsidy budget is also described in the report. Recent commercial withdrawals combined with continued tender price rises and only a small increase in the bus subsidy budget mean that some reductions in service are likely as a result of this review.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) make its decisions on subsidy for the services described in this report on the basis of the tender prices (and the periods of time) as set out in Supplementary Exempt Annex 2 to be reported subsequently;***
- (b) record that in the opinion of the Committee the decisions made in (a) above are urgent in that any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would result in service discontinuity and in accordance with the requirements of Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17(b) those decisions should not be subject to the call in process; and***
- (c) agree that a publicity leaflet is published and distributed containing bus timetables for all the new bus services in the Bicester, Kidlington and Woodstock area dealt with in this review.***

The information in this report is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category:

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person

(including the authority holding that information)
