

County Council

1 November 2011

Agenda

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 Part 9.1 of the Constitution for a fuller description.

The duty to declare ...

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, i.e. 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.

To: **Members of the County Council**

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 1 November 2011 at 10.00 am

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND



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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Items 3, 7 and 10 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.

The civic party will process into the Council Chamber at 9.58 am.

A buffet luncheon will be provided.

AGENDA

1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 26)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2011 (**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.

6. Petitions and Public Address

7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public

8. Community Safety Partnership Strategies (Pages 27 - 80)

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (and subsequent amendments) requires the county council (including Fire and Rescue Services) and statutory Community Safety partners to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder in their local area.

These partnerships are the four Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) of Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire, Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire.

Working together, each CSP is required to produce three year, rolling community safety strategies to tackle crime and disorder. The county council, as one of the responsible authorities, must be represented on the CSPs and must contribute, through its wide range of services, to delivering the strategies and associated action plans. It is also required, along with the other responsible authorities, to agree and publish the strategies.

The 2011-14 three-year rolling Community Safety Strategies aim to address crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. Priorities reflect national, countywide and local concerns, including issues raised in consultation with local people.

Priorities were also identified following the 2010 Strategic Intelligence Assessment, which replaced the three year community safety audits.

Cabinet considered the Strategies together with a report that included views from Members and the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee in

particular and recommended them to Council for approval.

Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the Community Safety Strategies for Oxfordshire 2011-14.

9. Report of the Cabinet (Pages 81 - 84)

Report of the Cabinet meetings on 20 September and 18 October 2011 (CC9)

10. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council

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

11. Motion From Councillor Liz Brighthouse

“This Council notes that the Cabinet has agreed to include the current catering and cleaning services provided by Food with Thought and QCS within the scope of a Total Facilities Management Service Contract.

Given that:

1. These services are paid for from the schools Delegated Budgets.
2. Schools have indicated that they support the current service provided by Food with Thought,
3. Food With Thought is forecasting a trading surplus
4. There has been a 5.75% rise in the take up of meals.
5. Currently any profit generated is reinvested in the service

Inclusion of this service in a much larger contract will jeopardise all of this and the other work which has been done this includes, training staff, communicating with parents, the provision of an excellent menu leaflet which goes out and is published in the Oxford Mail and much more.

It is difficult to understand how a commercial organisation and possibly one where share holders or financial holding companies require a profit could provide such a service to our schools and to the children of this county. This Council, therefore, calls on the Cabinet to reconsider its position and to open a dialogue with the schools as to how best these services can be provided.”

12. Motion From Councillor Arash Fatemian

“This Council fully supports ‘Ox Online – The Digital Strategy for Oxfordshire’ and the campaign to get the whole county connected to Broadband as part of Oxfordshire’s Local Broadband Plan.

Council notes:

That digital exclusion correlates closely to social and financial exclusion – those without IT skills find it harder to access education and employment opportunities, and miss out on opportunities to save money by accessing goods and services online.

That 28% of premises (residential and business) in Oxfordshire are in the Ofcom Market 1 area where it is recognised that the market has failed to deliver an adequate broadband service.

That 74,500, or 28% of households are within such areas, as are 33% of Oxfordshire's businesses and 25 % of all employees.

That Race Online 2012 is a national campaign to get everyone online by the end of the Olympic year (hence the 'race'); and

That nearly 10 million people in the UK never access the Internet. The 'Give An Hour' campaign hopes to help this group so that those with IT skills can 'Give an Hour' (gained when the clocks went back on 30th October) to show those without IT skills how to use computers and Internet.

Council resolves:

(a) That, as part of Oxfordshire's Local Broadband Strategy, members are asked to consider signing up as 'Digital Champions' to commit to helping others get online (at www.raceonline2012.org/giveanhour).

(b) That the work, resources and aims of 'Ox Online' continue to be promoted through the County Council's resources, including the website."

13. Motion From Councillor Janet Godden

"This Council reaffirms its conviction that the residents of Oxfordshire are deeply concerned about increasing pressures on adult social care budgets. It is unconvinced by arguments that the comparatively small saving required in the libraries budget can only be met by further cuts to adult social care. Council asks Cabinet to stop associating savings in libraries budgets with further cuts to adult social care; as it seems to be alone in seeing this correlation as inevitable."

14. Motion From Councillor Arash Fatemian

"This Council notes the Westminster Hall Debate on the 6th September during which Tracey Crouch, MP for Chatham and Aylesford, highlighted the support for the appointment of an Older People's Minister within government and the belief that such a post should carry with it a cross-departmental remit to secure improved outcomes for older people across government.

At a time of great national and local change in the way care and services are provided for older people not least through the Transforming Adult Social Care programme and the recommendations of the Dilnot Commission, this council recognises that this provision often sits across different departments and such an appointment could benefit Oxfordshire's older people.

As such, Council asks that the Leader write to all the local MPs, including the Prime Minister, to express its support for the appointment of an Older People's Minister."

15. Motion from Councillor Ian Hudspeth

"The recent survey, carried out by Demos on behalf of the Disabled Charity Scope, ranked Oxfordshire County Council as third-best out of 152 local authorities for how necessary budgetary decisions least impact on direct services for the disabled. The report also sought to highlight areas of good working in Oxfordshire,

In particular:

- The development of a number of Extra Care Housing schemes, accommodation designed with the needs of frailer older people in mind and with varying levels of support and care available on site
- A move towards joint commissioning of care services for adults and children in preparation for closer working with health partners
- A current public consultation process into proposals to outsource some services for people with learning disabilities

Council:

- (a) Notes and welcomes the report and acknowledges that, whilst having to make savings due to the financial mismanagement of the previous Labour Government, it is possible to do so by providing a more efficient service that has the least impact on the users of the service.
- (b) Expresses thanks to the staff within the Children's Services and Adult Social Services Directorates for implementing policy in such a way that it can least impact on direct services for the disabled; and
- (c) Asks that the Cabinet, particularly those responsible for Children, Education & Families and Adult Social Care, continue to try to protect the most vulnerable groups when budget and policy decisions are made going forward."

16. Motion From Councillor John Sanders

“This Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Transport to have charges introduced at the County-Council run Park and Rides at Thornhill and Water Eaton”

17. Motion From Councillor Roz Smith

“This Council supports Barnardo's campaign to cut children free from sexual exploitation and will take the necessary steps with our partners to tackle the risk of this abuse in Oxfordshire.”

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 31 October 2011 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders