



To: Members of the Cabinet

Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 15 March 2016 at 2.00 pm

Rooms 1&2, County Hall, Oxford, OX1 1ND

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Membership

Councillors

Ian Hudspeth	Leader of the Council
Rodney Rose	Deputy Leader of the Council
Mrs Judith Heathcoat	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Nick Carter	Cabinet Member for Business & Customer Services
Melinda Tilley	Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families
Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Cabinet Member for Cultural & Community Services
David Nimmo Smith	Cabinet Member for Environment
Lawrie Stratford	Cabinet Member for Finance
Hilary Hibbert-Biles	Cabinet Member for Public Health

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on 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: 19 April 2016

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 (01865) 815270 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.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

- guidance note opposite

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 14)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2016 (**CA3**) and to receive information arising from them.

4. Questions from County Councillors

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

5. Petitions and Public Address

6. Care Home Fees 2016 (Pages 15 - 52)

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care

Forward Plan Ref: 2015/101

Contact: Andrew Colling, Quality & Contracts Service Manager Tel: (01865) 323682

Report by Director of Adult Social Services (**CA6**).

The services that care homes provide within Oxfordshire play an important role in

helping to meet the needs of vulnerable adults. Oxfordshire County Council makes a significant investment in care home services on an annual basis and it is the largest single purchaser within the County.

In relation to care home services for older people, providers have generally expressed concern that the prices paid by local authorities do not reflect the true cost of care. During the last several years there have been a number of legal challenges in other parts of the country made by care home providers against the way that some local authorities have undertaken their annual reviews of the rates they pay for services delivered.

This report is brought to Cabinet to:

- (a) Describe the process the Council has undertaken to review the amount it pays for care homes this year; and
- (b) Agree the Target Banding Rates to be applied for 2016-17

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED that in view of the above:

for 2016/17 to revise our Target Banding Rates from April 2016 and

- (i). Increase the Target Banding rate for the Residential-Extensive Specialist Category to £493 per week for new placements.***
- (ii). Increase all existing weekly Residential payment rates that are currently paid below £493 per week to £493 per week***
- (iii). Increase the Nursing-Extensive Target Banding Rate to £605 per week***
- (iv). Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive that are currently below £605 per week to £605 per week***
- (v). Increase the Nursing-Specialist Target Banding Rate to £662 per week***
- (vi). Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive and Substantial rates that are currently below £662 per week to £662 per week***
- (vii). Increase the above rates to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing Care once this is announced later in April 2016.***
- (viii). Increase all other existing Care Home placements to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing care once this is announced later in April 2016***
- (ix). Continue to use these rates as a guide to secure a care home placement at a funding level as close to the Target Banding Rate as possible.***
- (x). The above to apply from April 2016 and for care home placements in Oxfordshire.***
- (xi). The Council undertakes a review to understand the impact of National Living Wage.***

7. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue - 365 Alive Vision - 2016-2022 - March 2016
(Pages 53 - 60)

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader

Forward Plan Ref: 2015/103

Contact: Simon Furlong, Assistant Chief Fire Officer Tel: (01865) 855206

Report by Chief Fire Officer (CA7).

This paper reports on the progress that we have made in the initial 365ALIVE Vision and requests a Cabinet decision to set a new vision for the next 6 years allowing us to align our vision with our longer term Intergrated Risk Management Cycle.

The Cabinet are RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) note the completion and success of the current Vision from 2006 – 2016;***
- (b) adopt the renewed 365alive vision with outcome based targets measures linked to a new six-year cycle (2016 to 2022) in order to align it with the Service's new Strategic Community Risk Management Plan); and***
- (c) require the Chief Fire Officer to regularly report on the performance of the service against the vision outcomes.***

8. Proposals on the Future of Subsidised Bus Services (Pages 61 - 108)

Cabinet Member: Environment

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/026

Contact: Alexandra Bailey, Service Manager – Business Development Tel: 07768 027257

Report by Director for Environment & Economy (**CA8**).

This report refers to bus usage data and seeks approval to seek comments from members of the public in relation to that data.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) note the availability of the usage data attached as Annex 3.***
- (b) note the limits of the data and that it does not impact upon the methodology or the decision made by Cabinet.***
- (c) agree to publish the usage data and seek comments from members of the public from 16 March 2016 to 14 April 2016.***
- (d) receive a further report in May to review the responses from the public on the usage data.***

9. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 109 - 110)

Cabinet Member: All

Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)

The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include “updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting”. Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at **CA9**. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.

The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity

to identify any further changes they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.
