



To: Members of the Cabinet

Notice of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Cabinet

Monday, 4 June 2018 at 2.00 pm

County Hall, Oxford, OX1 1ND

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Chief Executive

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Membership

Councillors

Ian Hudspeth	Leader of the Council
Mrs Judith Heathcoat	Deputy Leader
Lawrie Stratford	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Steve Harrod	Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services
Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Cabinet Member for Property & Cultural Services
Yvonne Constance OBE	Cabinet Member for Environment
David Bartholomew	Cabinet Member for Finance
Hilary Hibbert-Biles	Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education
Mark Gray	Cabinet Member for Local Communities

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on Tuesday 12 June 2018 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 June 2018

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.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

- guidance note opposite

3. 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.

4. Petitions and Public Address

5. Consultation on the Closure of Northfield School (Pages 1 - 6)

Cabinet Member: Public Health & Education

Forward Plan Ref: 2018/077

Contact: Barbara Chillman, Service Manager – Pupil Place Planning, Tel: (01865) 323804/Sandra Higgs, Schools Service Manager Tel: 07917 087603

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CA6**).

The County Council is seeking Cabinet approval to consult on the future of Northfield Special School, pending the outcome of the Council's Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Review. The consultation will seek views on the future of the school based on two options, prior to any decisions being taken. In summary, the options will be to (Option A) close the Northfield School, placing current students in alternate and more suitable provision, pending the outcome of the SEND Review or (Option B) to continue to operate Northfield School as is, pending the outcome of the SEND Review.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to support a public consultation on the following two options:

- (a) Close the Northfield School, placing current students in alternate and more suitable provision, pending the outcome of the SEND Review***
- (b) Continue to operate Northfield School as is, pending the outcome of the SEND Review.***

6. Joint Working Arrangements between Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council

Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council

Forward Plan Ref: 2018/078

Contact: Robin Rogers, Strategy Manager Tel: 07789 923206

Report by Chief Executive (**CA7**).

A report (**to follow**) will consider the implications of the changes to local government structures in Northamptonshire required by the Secretary of State, on Cherwell District Council and its current partnership arrangements with South Northamptonshire District Council. The report goes on to consider opportunities for future joint working between the County Council and Cherwell District Council with potential benefits to both councils and through them, residents. The report will seek agreement to the principle of joint working between Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council and to agree initial steps.

The report will be published as soon as it is available.
