



## ***Notice of a Meeting***

### **Performance Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 12 November 2020 at 10.00 am Virtual Meeting**

*Please note that due to guidelines imposed on social distancing by the Government the meeting will be held virtually.*

*If you wish to view proceedings please click on this [Live Stream Link](#)*

*However, that will not allow you to participate in the meeting.*

#### **Membership**

Chairman Councillor Liz Brighthouse OBE  
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Jenny Hannaby

<i>Councillors:</i>	Nick Carter	Liz Leffman	Glynis Phillips
	Mike Fox-Davies	Jeannette Matelot	Judy Roberts
	Tony Ilott	Charles Mathew	Michael Waine

**Notes:** *A pre-meeting briefing will take place virtually 10am on Monday 9 November 2020*  
*Date of next meeting: 10 December 2020*

#### **What does this Committee review or scrutinise?**

- The performance of the Council and to provide a focused review of:
  - Corporate performance and directorate performance and financial reporting
  - Budget scrutiny
- the performance of the Council by means of effective key performance indicators, review of key action plans and obligations and through direct access to service managers, Cabinet Members and partners;
- through call-in, the reconsideration of decisions made but not yet implemented by or on behalf of the Cabinet;
- queries or issues of concern that may occur over decisions being taken in relation to adult social care;
- the Council's scrutiny responsibilities under the Crime and Justice Act 2006.

#### **How can I have my say?**

We welcome the views of the community on any issues in relation to the responsibilities of this Committee. Members of the public may ask to speak on any item on the agenda or may suggest matters which they would like the Committee to look at. **Requests to speak must be submitted to the Committee Officer below no later than 9 am on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

**For more information about this Committee please contact:**

Chairman	- Councillor Liz Brighthouse E.Mail: <a href="mailto:liz.brighthouse@oxfordshire.gov.uk">liz.brighthouse@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
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Chief Executive

November 2020

## About the County Council

The Oxfordshire County Council is made up of 63 councillors who are democratically elected every four years. The Council provides a range of services to Oxfordshire's 678,000 residents. These include:

schools	social & health care	libraries and museums
the fire service	roads	trading standards
land use	transport planning	waste management

Each year the Council manages £0.9 billion of public money in providing these services. Most decisions are taken by a Cabinet of 9 Councillors, which makes decisions about service priorities and spending. Some decisions will now be delegated to individual members of the Cabinet.

## About Scrutiny

Scrutiny is about:

- Providing a challenge to the Cabinet
- Examining how well the Cabinet and the Authority are performing
- Influencing the Cabinet on decisions that affect local people
- Helping the Cabinet to develop Council policies
- Representing the community in Council decision making
- Promoting joined up working across the authority's work and with partners

Scrutiny is NOT about:

- Making day to day service decisions
- Investigating individual complaints.

## What does this Committee do?

The Committee meets up to 6 times a year or more. It develops a work programme, which lists the issues it plans to investigate. These investigations can include whole committee investigations undertaken during the meeting, or reviews by a panel of members doing research and talking to lots of people outside of the meeting. Once an investigation is completed the Committee provides its advice to the Cabinet, the full Council or other scrutiny committees. Meetings are open to the public and all reports are available to the public unless exempt or confidential, when the items would be considered in closed session.

**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, giving as much notice as possible before the meeting**

**A hearing loop is available at County Hall.**

# AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
- 2. Declarations of Interest - Guidance note on back page of the agenda**
- 3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2020 (**PSC3**) and to receive information arising from them.

- 4. Petitions and Public Address**

*This meeting will be held virtually in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. **9 am on Friday 6 November 2020**. Requests to speak should be sent to [colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:colm.ocaomhanaigh@oxfordshire.gov.uk) together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting.*

*Where a meeting is held virtually and the addressee is unable to participate virtually their written submission will be accepted.*

*Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.*

- 5. Police and Crime Commissioner and the Thames Valley Police Delivery Plan 2020-21 (To Follow)**

10.10

This will be a presentation from the Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police followed by a verbal update from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and both will take questions.

- 6. Safeguarding Missing Children (To Follow)**

11.10

Report by Director of Children's Services

This report is produced on an annual basis by Children's Social Care for scrutiny and challenge through the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board's Sub Group for Child Exploitation.

The data suggests that across the reporting period, less children have gone missing less often within Oxfordshire when compared to statistical neighbours, regional and nationally.

In Oxfordshire, there are more instances of boys going missing compared to girls and

the majority of them are aged between 14yrs – 16yrs. All children reported missing more than once had a completed CE screening tool, which reassures that children frequently being reported missing are known and or open to Children's Social Care (CSC) services and that the Child Exploitation screen tool is widely adopted within the reviews of children whom are repeatedly going missing.

There are clear and robustly monitored processes in place for Oxfordshire children placed out of area who are reported missing.

Particular focus and attention is required for those areas that the data reveals have proportionately higher numbers of missing children than in other areas of the county and to ensure there is targeted action to reduce the numbers. The nature and concentration of fostering and residential children's homes within the area, means that the issues will not dissipate quickly. Partnership arrangements with placement providers require regular review to ensure that there are effective and robust strategies in place to safely and proportionately manage the joint responses required to safeguard children who go missing children. The LPA Detective Inspector and CSC Strategic Lead remain in regular contact to ensure this is kept under review.

When return home interviews are completed, they provide detailed context and are a rich source of intelligence for the partnership, which informs partnership activities and safeguarding responses. However, not all children have a return home interview recorded within statutory timeframes, this needs to be addressed promptly to ensure that all children who go missing are appropriately safeguarded, and that there is provision of services available in support for reducing the numbers of children who go missing in the county.

**The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report.**

## **7. Implementing the Family Safeguarding Model**

11.40

This will be a presentation on the progress of Family Safeguarding Plus.

## **8. Business Management and Monitoring Report (Pages 9 - 64)**

12.10

Report by the Corporate Director for Customers and Organisational Development and Director of Finance

The report at Appendix 1 sets out Oxfordshire County Council's progress towards Corporate Plan priorities during September 2020.

The report will be considered at Cabinet's 17th November meeting.

**The Committee is recommended to note the report and consider any matters for future attention by the Committee.**

## **9. Work Programme (Pages 65 - 66)**

12:40

To agree the Committee's work programme for future meetings based on key priorities and discussion in the meeting.

## 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](mailto:glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk) for a hard copy of the document.