



Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

***Tuesday, 17 December 2013 at 9.00 am
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Friday 27 December 2013 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

These proceedings are open to the public

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Note: Date of next meeting: 28 January 2014

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Items for Decision

1. Declarations of Interest

2. Question 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 Member'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.

3. Petitions and Public Address

4. Exempt Item

In the event that any Member or officer wishes to discuss the information set out in Annex 1 to Item 4, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of that Annex by passing a resolution in relation to that item in the following terms:

"that the public be excluded during the consideration of Annex 1 since it is likely that if they were present during that discussion there would be a disclosure of "exempt" information as described in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and specified below the item in the Agenda".

NOTE: The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public. The exempt information is contained in the confidential annex.

THE RELEVANT ANNEX TO THE ITEM NAMED HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE IT.

5. Healthwatch Oxfordshire (Pages 1 - 6)

Forward Plan Ref: 2013/112

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Report by Director for Social & Community Services (**CMDASC4**).

The information contained in Annex 1 is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category:

5 - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings

It is considered that in this case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that such disclosure would be to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to carry out its duties as a public authority and would distort the proper process of negotiations between the authority with another party for the purposes described and would prejudice the position of the authority in those negotiations and other negotiations of a similar nature in future.

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, all (top tier) Local Authorities were responsible for commissioning a Local Healthwatch by April 2013. The new organisation was established to be the independent 'consumer champion' for people of all ages using health and social care services. It replaced the Local Involvement Network (LINKs), and has a number of extended and statutory functions, as well as a seat on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The report sets out the current process of inviting individuals and organisations to bid to deliver Healthwatch Oxfordshire from April 2014 and following a shortlisting process and interview process on 12 December 2013 A preferred provider will be recommended for approval to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social care on 17 December 2013 (**Annex 2** to follow).

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care is RECOMMENDED to accept the preferred provider as recommended and presented by the Director of Social and Community Services for the award of the grant for Healthwatch, following the interviews on 12th December 2013.
