

County Council

9 September 2014

Agenda

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 Rachel Dunn on (01865) 815279 or Rachel.dunn@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.

To: Members of the County Council

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 9 September 2014 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

Joanna Simons

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Chief Executive

August 2014

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Items 3, 7 and 8 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.

A buffet luncheon will be provided.

AGENDA

1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 28)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014 (**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

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Hudspeth has given notice that Councillor Fatemian is standing down as Cabinet Member for Finance and is to be replaced by Councillor Stratford and that Councillor Chapman is standing down as Cabinet Member for the Fire Service and Corporate Plan and that her portfolio duties will be taken over by Councillor Rose. The change having been duly notified will take effect from Monday 1 September 2014.

Members are asked to agree the following appointments:

- (i) appoint Councillor Constance in place of Councillor Stratford on the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
- (ii) appoint Councillor Hallchurch in place of Councillor Stratford on the Education Scrutiny Committee;
- (iii) appoint Councillor Harrod in place of Councillor Stratford on the Performance Scrutiny Committee;
- (iv) appoint Councillor Hoare in place of Councillor Stratford on the Audit & Governance Committee.

6. Petitions and Public Address

7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public

8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council

9. Treasury Management Outturn 2013/14 (Pages 29 - 46)

Report by Chief Finance Officer (**CC9**).

The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the financial year 2013/14 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, changes in Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2013/14.

10. Partnerships Update Report (Pages 47 - 74)

Report by the Chief Executive (**CC10**).

This Annual report to Council aims to set out some of the key activities over the past

year of both the Oxfordshire Partnership, and a number of the key formal partnerships within which the County Council plays a part.

This report provides an update on the Oxfordshire-wide partnerships which are critical in progressing key countywide priorities, enabling partners to work across the themes of a thriving Oxfordshire, including economic growth, health and wellbeing, thriving communities, and support to the most vulnerable.

Each partnership report addresses the following points: the current focus for the Partnership; the personnel (Chairman and supporting staff) of the Partnership; the Partnership's key achievements in the last year; the aims for the Partnership in the year ahead; the key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.

11. Director of Public Health Annual Report (Pages 75 - 114)

Report by the Director of Public Health (CC11).

Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report.

12. Report of the Cabinet (Pages 115 - 118)

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 15 July 2014 (CC12).

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

13. Motion From Councillor Liz Brighouse

“This Council is deeply concerned about the effect of the cuts and other fiscal policies on Oxfordshire County Council expenditure which are due to Central Government, disproportionately placing the deficit reduction on Local Government.

As we prepare to consider our budget for 2015/16 it asks the Leader to write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition pointing out the enormous damage which has been done, not only to services provided for the whole community and particularly those services provided for the most vulnerable but also to the workforce valiantly struggling to cope with increasing demand and expectation.”

14. Motion From Councillor John Howson

“Council welcomes the introduction of free school meals for infant and reception class pupils in state-funded schools across the County from this September. This policy proposed by the Liberal Democrats as partners in the coalition government at Westminster is in support of the government’s aim to drive up education standards in schools across England. Council also welcomes the additional funding provided to over 80 small schools across Oxfordshire in addition to the general capital funding for distribution to all maintained schools plus the separate capital funding for voluntary schools and academies.

Council congratulates staff in both schools and the local authority and its partners in achieving the introduction of this policy in under a year.”

15. Motion From Councillor Gill Sanders

“This Council asks the Education Scrutiny Committee to consider asking those schools which currently do not, to provide school breakfast clubs for their pupils. In particular, it is asked to consider the impact this would have on raising attainment, improving absence rates and lateness and to investigate how sponsorship, alongside the Pupil Premium, might fund the breakfasts. This information should then be provided to all schools in the County.”

16. Motion From Councillor David Williams

“This Council is concerned that the new system of voter self-registration with its involved system of self-identification documentation and declaration will significantly reduce the number of individuals registered to vote and thereby undermine the democratic process. With Oxfordshire having such a highly mobile population, especially in the City of Oxford, this new complex process is likely to erode the register rapidly and further reduce the already declining participation in County Council and other local elections.

The County Council will monitor the impact of the new system on elections involving county Councillors, consulting with all the Districts authorities and the City on this issue gathering data on forthcoming elections. The County will also, in conjunction with the other authorities, prepare a report on what measures may be adopted to enhance participation of potential voters noting the influence of self-registration. This report to be considered by the County Cabinet Members at a later date with a view to commenting to the Electoral Commission and the Government of the day.”

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 8 September at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders