

## Notice of a Meeting

### **Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 15 October 2009 at 10.00 am County Hall**

#### **Membership**

Chairman - Councillor Don Seale  
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor

*Councillors:*

Arash Fatemian	Jenny Hannaby	Dr Peter Skolar
Anthony Gearing	Sarah Hutchinson	Alan Thompson
Tim Hallchurch MBE	Larry Sanders	

**Notes:** *All members of this Committee are asked to note that there will be a pre-meeting at 9.30 am on the day of the meeting in Committee room 2. A working lunch will also be provided.*

*Date of next meeting: 2 December 2009*

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

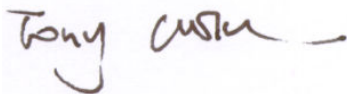
- Adult social services; health issues;

#### **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:**

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## **About the County Council**

The Oxfordshire County Council is made up of 74 councillors who are democratically elected every four years. The Council provides a range of services to Oxfordshire's 630,000 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 - see guidance note**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2009 (**AS3**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

4. **Speaking to or petitioning the Committee**

### SCRUTINY MATTERS

To consider matters where the Committee can provide a challenge to the work of the Authority and its partners

5. **Green Paper on Care and Support: Shaping the Future of Care Together** (Pages 11 - 18)

**10:15**

*Contact Officer: John Jackson, Director for Social & Community Services, tel (01865) 323572*

On 14 July 2009 the Department of Health issued a consultation document on the future shape of the care and support system in England. This document is available on the Department of Health's website (140 pages). <http://www.dh.gov.uk>. The Executive Summary is a useful starting point and has already been circulated to members of this Committee.

*Shaping the Future of Care Together* sets out a vision for a new care and support system. It highlights the challenges faced by the current system and the need for radical reform, 'to develop a National Care Service that is fair, simple and affordable for everyone'.

Within the Green Paper are a number of consultation questions [page 130 onwards]. The closing date for responses is 13 November 2009.

A paper which focuses on the different issues within the Green Paper is attached at **AS5**.

The Director for Social & Community Services, together with Mr Paul Purnell (Head of Adult Social Care), Mr Simon Kearey (Head of Strategy and Transformation) and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, will attend for this item to answer any questions

which the Committee may wish to ask.

The views of this Committee will be taken into account in considering what response the County Council will make to the Green Paper.

Any response will be submitted in the name of the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Leader of the County Council (as Cabinet Member for Finance).

***The Committee is invited to discuss its views on the consultation questions and to forward its views to the Directorate, for inclusion in any response.***

**6. Oxfordshire approach to the delivery of the National Dementia Strategy (Pages 19 - 22)**

**11:45**

*Contact Officers: Varsha Raja, Assistant Head of Service – Strategic Commissioning, tel (01865) 323618; Suzanne Jones, Service Development Manager – Older People, Oxfordshire PCT, tel (01865) 334613.*

The Committee will have the opportunity to conduct a question and answer session in relation to the current position and issues regarding Dementia, with a view to identifying any issues for a 'select committee' investigation at its February meeting.

A briefing paper is attached at **AS6**.

Colour copies of the map have been given limited circulation and placed on public deposit.

Ms Varsha Raja (Assistant Head of Adult Services) will attend to present the paper and to answer the Committee's questions, together with the Director for Social & Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services.

Ms Suzanne Jones (Service Development Manager - Older People - Oxfordshire PCT) and Mr Duncan Saunders (Service Manager - Oxfordshire and Berkshire - The Alzheimer's Society) will also attend for this item.

***The Committee is invited to receive the update and to conduct a question and answer session on the current position and issues, with a view to conducting a select committee investigation at its February meeting.***

**7. Impact of Council Financial Planning on Adult Services**

**12:30**

*Contact Officer: John Jackson, Director for Social & Community Services, tel (01865) 323572*

The Director for Social & Community Services will attend to give a brief explanation of the process being followed, accompanied by the Cabinet Member for Adult Services.

*The Committee is invited to receive the update.*

## **WORKING LUNCH 12:40 – 13:10**

### **BUSINESS PLANNING**

#### **8. Annual Scrutiny Work Programme October 2009 - July 2010 (Pages 23 - 26)**

**13.10**

*Contact: Des Fitzgerald, Policy and Review Officer, (01865 810477)*

The attached paper (**AS8**) notes the items which the Committee is already scrutinising as part of its work programme, and briefly lists other items (suggested by Members and Directorate officers) which may be considered and prioritised for possible future work. Members are asked to note the items already identified and to identify their priorities for other work, from the items listed.

***The Committee is asked to consider the proposals and to identify its priorities for its work programme.***

### **SCRUTINY MATTERS**

**To consider matters where the Committee can provide a challenge to the work of the Authority and its partners**

#### **9. Transforming Adult Social Care: Responses to previous questions (Pages 27 - 32)**

**13:55**

*Contact: Alan Sinclair, Programme Director – Transforming Adult Social Care (01865 323665)*

At this Committee's previous meeting it was agreed that Mr Sinclair would respond in writing to some of the Committee's questions. A response is attached at **AS9**.

Mr Sinclair will attend for this item to answer any questions which the Committee may wish to ask.

***The Committee is invited to consider the attached responses and whether it wishes to ask any further questions.***

### **REVIEW WORK**

**To take evidence, receive progress updates and consider tracking reports.**

**10. Self Directed Support Task Group: Update**

**14:15**

*Contact Officer = Julian Hehir, Scrutiny Review Officer, tel (01865) 815982*

[Lead Member Task Group comprises Councillors Jenny Hannaby, Sarah Hutchinson, Larry Sanders and Lawrie Stratford]

***The Committee is invited to receive an update on the work of the Task Group.***

**BUSINESS PLANNING**  
**To consider future work items for the Committee**

**11. Forward Plan**

**14:25**

The Committee is asked to note any items of interest.

(The current forward plan covers the time period October 2009 to January 2010).

**12. Tracking**

**14:30**

No items have been identified for tracking.

**14:30        approx Close of Meeting**

## Declarations of Interest

This note briefly summarises the position on interests which you must declare at the meeting. Please refer to the Members' Code of Conduct in Section DD of the Constitution for a fuller description.

### **The duty to declare ...**

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, ie where the matter affects (either positively or negatively):

- (i) any of the financial and other interests which you are required to notify for inclusion in the statutory Register of Members' Interests; or
- (ii) your own well-being or financial position or that of any member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association more than it would affect other people in the County.

### **Whose interests are included ...**

"Member of your family" in (ii) above includes spouses and partners and other relatives' spouses and partners, and extends to the employment and investment interests of relatives and friends and their involvement in other bodies of various descriptions. For a full list of what "relative" covers, please see the Code of Conduct.

### **When and what to declare ...**

The best time to make any declaration is under the agenda item "Declarations of Interest". Under the Code you must declare not later than at the start of the item concerned or (if different) as soon as the interest "becomes apparent".

In making a declaration you must state the nature of the interest.

### **Taking part if you have an interest ...**

Having made a declaration you may still take part in the debate and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a "prejudicial" interest.

### **"Prejudicial" interests ...**

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would think so significant as to be likely to affect your judgment of the public interest.

### **What to do if your interest is prejudicial ...**

If you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under consideration, you may remain in the room but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter under consideration, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

### **Exceptions ...**

There are a few circumstances where you may regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest or may participate even though you may have one. These, together with other rules about participation in the case of a prejudicial interest, are set out in paragraphs 10 – 12 of the Code.

### **Seeking Advice ...**

It is your responsibility to decide whether any of these provisions apply to you in particular circumstances, but you may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.