



To: Members of the Cabinet

Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 17 March 2015 at 2.00 pm

Meeting Rooms 1&2, County Hall, Oxford, OX1 1ND

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Membership

Councillors

Ian Hudspeth	<i>Leader of the Council</i>
Rodney Rose	<i>Deputy Leader of the Council</i>
Mrs Judith Heathcoat	<i>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</i>
Nick Carter	<i>Cabinet Member for Business & Customer Services</i>
Melinda Tilley	<i>Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families</i>
Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	<i>Cabinet Member for Cultural & Community Services</i>
David Nimmo Smith	<i>Cabinet Member for Environment</i>
Lawrie Stratford	<i>Cabinet Member for Finance</i>
Hilary Hibbert-Biles	<i>Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector</i>

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on 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: 21 April 2015

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 (01865) 815270 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. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 (**CA3**) and to receive information arising from them.

4. 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.

5. Petitions and Public Address

6. The Big Plan - Learning Disability Strategy - 2015-2018 (Pages 7 - 18)

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care

Forward Plan Ref: 2014/156

Contact: Benedict Leigh, Strategic Commissioner, Adults Tel: (01865) 323548

Report by Director of Adult Social Services and Chief Executive of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (**CA6**).

Oxfordshire County Council is the lead commissioner of learning disability health and

social care services, through a county council and clinical commissioning group pooled budget.

The current Learning Disability Strategy is due for a refresh and a new strategy and commissioning intentions have been developed with people with learning disabilities, their families, and professionals before going to a broader consultation, which finished on 9 February 2015. As a result of the consultation we have made changes to some of the commissioning intentions in the draft strategy.

The report covers our commissioning plans for delivering services to people with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire, including changes made as a result of the consultation.

The Cabinet is recommended to consider the results of the public consultation on Oxfordshire's joint Learning Disability Strategy 2015 – 2018 and approve the way forward as set out in this paper.

7. Care Home Fees 2015 (Pages 19 - 56)

Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care

Forward Plan Ref: 2014/202

Contact: Andrew Colling, Quality & Contracts Service Manager Tel: (01865) 323682

Report by Director of Adult Social Services (**CA7**).

The services that care homes provide within Oxfordshire play an important role in helping to meet the needs of vulnerable adults. The Council has to ensure that there is sufficient capacity within the social care market to meet its current and future commissioning requirements.

The Council has stated that it is keen to ensure the sustainability of care home services in Oxfordshire to meet the assessed needs of vulnerable adults, and is committed to work alongside providers to ensure that services are of the highest quality.

The purpose of this report is to describe the process the Council has undertaken to review the amount it pays for care homes and in particular to agree the Target Banding Rates to be applied for 2015-16.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED that in view of the above:

for 2015/16 to revise our Target Banding Rates from April 2015 and

- (a) Increase the Target Banding rate for the Residential-Extensive Specialist Category to £473 per week for new placements.***
- (b) Increase all existing weekly Residential payment rates that are currently paid below £473 per week to £473 per week***
- (c) Increase the Nursing-Extensive Target Banding Rate to £583 per week***
- (d) Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive that are currently below £583 per week to £583 per week***
- (e) Increase the Nursing-Specialist Target Banding Rate to £655 per week***
- (f) Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive and Substantial rates that***

- are currently below £655 per week to £655 per week*
- (g) Increase the above rates to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing Care once this is announced later in April 2015.*
 - (h) Increase all other existing Care Home placements to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing care once this is announced later in April 2015*
 - (i) Continue to use these rates as a guide to secure a care home placement at a funding level as close to the Target Banding Rate as possible.*
 - (j) The above to apply from April 2015 and for care home placements in Oxfordshire.*

8. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 57 - 58)

Cabinet Member: All

Contact Officer: Sue Whitehead, Committee Services Manager (01865 810262)

The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include "updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting". Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at **CA8**. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.

The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity to identify any further changes they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.

9. Exempt Item

In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in the Annex to Item 10, the Cabinet 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 the Annexes 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 ANNEX TO THE ITEM NAMED HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.

THIS IS FOR REASONS OF COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY.

THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE CONTENTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH

OTHERS AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE MADE.

10. North West Bicester Exemplar Primary School (Pages 59 - 64)

Cabinet Member: Environment

Forward Plan Ref: 2015/011

Contact: Adrian Rowlands, Service Manager – Property & Procurement Tel: (01865) 323678

Report by Director for Environment & Economy (**CA10**).

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

3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that where a tender or bidding process is in progress disclosure would distort the proper process of open competition and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of the transaction and the Council's standing generally in relation to such transactions in future, to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority

Cherwell District Council is developing a new local plan to guide the development of the district up to 2031 and significant housing growth is planned for Bicester. This plan includes proposals for North West Bicester (Eco Town) for at least 5000 homes in total (1793 of these by 2031) along with new primary schools and a Secondary school.

Outline Planning consent has been gained for the first phase (exemplar) of this overall development (housing and schools etc.) by the developer; associated with which is a S106 agreement securing land and contributions towards various infrastructure, including the proposed primary school.

The Scheme has been submitted for detailed planning consent in November 2014 following approval of the Outline Business Case that was granted in October 2014. The scheme is currently being developed to detailed design to be completed in order to enable construction to start in June 2015, with completion in time to enable pupils to begin school in September 2016.

This report is being submitted for consideration now by the Cabinet in anticipation of an expeditious Final Business Case review and subsequent governance approvals in the first financial quarter 2015, to facilitate mobilisation phases on receipt of the Land transfer agreement expected in May 2015.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) endorse the progress to date; and***
- (b) delegate to the Chief Finance Officer and Director for Environment & Economy in consultation with the Leader the authority to approve the Stage 2 Full Business Case and the award of the construction contract.***