

Notice of a Meeting

Adult Services Scrutiny Committee **Tuesday, 8 March 2011 at 10.00 am** **County Hall**

Membership

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

Councillors: Jenny Hannaby Sarah Hutchinson Alan Thompson
 Anthony Gearing Dr Peter Skolar David Wilmshurst
 Tim Hallchurch MBE Larry Sanders

Notes:

Date of next meeting: 26 April 2011

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 meetings held on 7 December 2010 (**AS3a**) and 20 December 2010 (**AS3b**) to note for information any matters arising on them.

4. **Speaking to or petitioning the Committee**
5. **Director's update**
10:15

The Director for Social & Community Services will give a verbal update on key issues.

6. **Annual Report by the Care Quality Commission on Adult Social Services**
(Pages 11 - 36)
11:00

Contact Officer: John Jackson Director for Social & Community Services

The 2009/10 report for Oxfordshire is attached as (**AS6b**) along with a covering report which draws out the highlights of the CQC attached as at (**AS6a**). Oxfordshire is rated as performing well which means that Oxfordshire is 'consistently delivering above the minimum standard required for people.' Both reports went to Cabinet on 25 January 2011.

These results show a significant improvement on the previous report (2008/9) where the council was assessed as performing well on 6 outcomes and as performing adequately on one outcome.

The report's overall summary says 'Oxfordshire County Council has had a very productive year and has achieved well on the key outcome areas. It has strong leadership and tight financial controls in place that have enabled it to deliver significant efficiency savings and a slight budget under-spend.'

As well as providing reports on individual councils, CQC provide a national report, which highlights areas of good practice. Several examples of developments in Oxfordshire are included in the national report.

This is the last year that CQC will provide an annual assessment of performance.

The Cabinet member for Adult Services and the Director of Social & Community Services will be there to answer any questions.

SCRUTINY MATTERS

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

7. Delayed Transfers of Care (Pages 37 - 44) 11:15

Contact Officer – Alan Sinclair, Assistant Head of Adult Social Care (Older People and Physical Disability Services)

A report to update Scrutiny Committee on the performance, remedial action and strategy in respect of delayed transfers of care (**AS7**). The report provides an update to the report presented on 26 October 2010. The minute of the meeting on 26 October 2010 is attached as an annex.

The Director for Social & Community Services will present the report and Mr Sinclair and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services will also be present to answer any questions raised.

8. Transforming Adult Social Care: Progress Update and Q&A (Pages 45 - 50) 11:45

Contact: Jon Ray, Acting Programme Director – Transforming Adult Social Care

This is the final report from the Transforming Adult Social Care programme (**AS8**).

The attached report covers the progress that has been made in achieving the agreed deliverables, the impact on clients and carers and the Council as well as the progress being made on handover of the key deliverables to business as usual.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Mr Ray will attend to answer any questions the Committee may wish to ask.

The Self Directed Support Task Group is also invited to give its progress update to the Committee as part of this item.

[Task Group comprises Councillors J. Hannaby, R. Stevens, L. Sanders, L Stratford and D. Seale].

The Committee is invited to track progress and conduct a question and answer session.

9. 'Report on plans to meet the needs of people who have Asperger's Syndrome or High Functioning Autism, and update on implementation of the Autism Act in Oxfordshire.' (Pages 51 - 68)

12:00

Contact Officers: Fenella Trevillion (01865) 334626, Juliet Long (01865) 334606 and Ann Nursey (01865) 323669

Ms Fenella Trevillion (Head of Joint Commissioning, Oxfordshire PCT), Ms Juliet Long (Service Development Manager – Mental Health, Oxfordshire PCT) and Ms Ann Nursey (Assistant Head of Adult Social Care – Learning Disabilities) have been invited to attend for this item to answer Members' questions. Ms Sarah Ainsworth (Area Service Manager – Disability Lead – Children, Young People & Families) will also attend in order to answer any questions on transition issues.

The attached report provides details on the needs analysis, consultation and proposed service developments to meet the needs of people who have Asperger's Syndrome or High Functioning Autism, and also gives an update on the implementation of the Autism Act in Oxfordshire.

Ms Kathy Erangey, the parent of a young man who has Asperger's Syndrome, who is assisting Oxfordshire County Council and NHS Oxfordshire with the work they are doing on Asperger's Syndrome specific service development will also attend for this item to contribute to the discussion as both a Consultant and an expert by qualification and experience.

Ms Lindsay Smith and Mr Paul Isaacs, both of whom have Asperger's Syndrome and who are now members of the working group have also been invited to attend and comment on the report.

The report is attached at **(AS9a)**.

The service developments for people with AS, and the broader strategy which will cover all autistic spectrum conditions, will continue to be shaped through consultation and overseen by an Autism Partnership Board that will be established by summer 2011. The first service developments resulting from the work undertaken will be in place by March 2011.

The minute of the Committee's discussion at its April meeting is attached at **(AS9b)**.

The Committee is invited discuss the report **(AS9a)**, conduct a question and answer session and offer any comment.

10. Update from Oxfordshire LINK
12.45

BUSINESS PLANNING

To consider future work items for the Committee

11. Forward Plan
13.00

The Committee is asked to suggest items from the current Forward Plan on which it may wish to have an opportunity to offer advice to the Cabinet before any decision is taken, together with details of what it thinks could be achieved by looking at any items.

12. Tracking Scrutiny Items

INFORMATION SHARE

Listed below are reports for information and links to background information that may be of interest to Members for noting only.

Transforming Adult Social Care

Think Local, Act Personal: Next Steps for Transforming Adult Social Care has now been finalised as the way forward for personalisation and community-based support. There is a link below to view the document. Hard copies will be available at the meeting.

http://www.puttingpeoplefirst.org.uk/library/PPF/NCAS/THINK_LOCAL_ACT_PERSONAL_17_1_11.pdf

13.15 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 Part 9.1 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.