

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 10.00 am
Room 2 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

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Membership

Chairman - Councillor Jane Hanna OBE
Deputy Chairman - District Councillor Paul Barrow

<i>Councillors:</i>	Nigel Champken-Woods	Damian Haywood	Dan Levy
	Imade Edosomwan	Nick Leverton	Dr Nathan Ley
<i>District Councillors:</i>	Sandy Dallimore	Elizabeth Poskitt	
	Jabu Nala-Hartley	David Turner	
<i>Co-optees:</i>	Jean Bradlow	Vacancy	Vacancy

Date of next meeting: 8 June 2023

Notes:

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Martin Reeves
Chief Executive

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What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- Any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area of its local authorities.
- Health issues, systems or economics, not just services provided, commissioned or managed by the NHS.

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 no later than 9 am on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

About the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Joint Committee is made up of 15 members. Twelve of them are Councillors, seven from Oxfordshire County Council, and one from each of the District Councils – Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, Oxford City, Vale of White Horse, and South Oxfordshire. Three people can be co-opted to the Joint Committee to bring a community perspective. It is administered by the County Council. Unlike other local authority Scrutiny Committees, the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee involves looking 'outwards' and across agencies. Its focus is on health, and while its main interest is likely to be the NHS, it may also look at services provided by local councils which have an impact on health.

About Health Scrutiny

Health Scrutiny is about:

- Providing a challenge to the NHS and other organisations that provide health care
- Examining how well the NHS and other relevant organisations are performing
- Influencing the Cabinet on decisions that affect local people
- Representing the community in NHS decision making, including responding to formal consultations on NHS service changes
- Helping the NHS to develop arrangements for providing health care in Oxfordshire
- Promoting joined up working across organisations
- Looking at the bigger picture of health care, including the promotion of good health
- Ensuring that health care is provided to those who need it the most

Health Scrutiny is NOT about:

- Making day to day service decisions
- Investigating individual complaints.

What does this Committee do?

The Committee meets up to 5 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 relevant part of the Oxfordshire (or wider) NHS system and/or to the Cabinet, the full Councils or scrutiny committees of the relevant local authorities. 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 on the back page**
3. **Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**

Members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting can attend the meeting in person or 'virtually' through an online connection.

To facilitate 'hybrid' meetings we are asking that requests to speak or present a petition are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e., 9am on 05 May. Requests to speak should be sent to scrutiny@oxfordshire.gov.uk

If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that your views are taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9am 2 working days before the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

4. **Wantage Engagement**

Appointed members of the HOSC met on 20 April 2023 with Dan Leveson, Place Director for BOB HOSC, Ben Riley, Executive Director for Oxford Health NHS Trust, Kerry Rodgers, Director of Corporate Affairs, Oxford Health NHS Trust, Karen Fuller, Corporate Director of Adults and Housing, Oxfordshire County Council to discuss the substantial change form submitted in relation to the loss of community hospital beds. The agreed outcome of the meeting was that the planned process for engaging with the community in Wantage around how the hospital will be used in the future be made available to HOSC members prior to any further decision being made.

Dan Leveson, Ben Riley, Kerry Rogers and Karen Fuller are invited to present this item. Having listened to the presentation and discussion the Committee is recommended to **AGREE** its next steps.

NB This document is still currently in draft and publication will be delayed to allow greater coordination between stakeholders. A supplement to the agenda is to follow and is expected to be issued on Friday 05 May.

5. Co-optee Appointment

The agreed at its meeting on 20 April 2023 to undertake a recruitment exercise for one of the vacant co-optee posts on the Committee, whilst delaying the other following feedback from organisations representing diverse communities around the payment of co-optees and pending the Council's review of this issue. Following the completion of this recruitment the Committee is asked to formalise the proposed appointee.

The Committee is asked to **AGREE** the recommendations of the report.

NB This report is to follow and will be issued as part of the supplement to the agenda.

6. Dentistry Action

At its meeting on 20 April the Committee agreed that officers would draft an action based on the conversation held at the Committee for agreement by the Committee at its next meeting.

The Committee is recommended to **AGREE** the proposed action, having made any necessary amendments.

NB This item will be issued alongside the others as part of the supplement to follow in order to keep all relevant papers together.

Councillors declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed 'Declarations of Interest' or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (i.e. payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member 'must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself' and that 'you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned'.

Members Code – Other registrable interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your other registerable interests then you must declare an interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person's quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

Other registrable interests include:

- a) Any unpaid directorships
- b) Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority.

- c) Any body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

Members Code – Non-registrable interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under other registrable interests, then you must declare the interest.

In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied:

Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest.

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.