



Notice of a Meeting

Performance Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 5 September 2019 at 10.00 am

Rooms 1&2 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

Membership

Chairman Councillor Liz Brighthouse OBE

Deputy Chairman - Councillor Jenny Hannaby

Councillors:

Nick Carter
Mike Fox-Davies
Tony Ilott

Liz Leffman
Charles Mathew
Glynis Phillips

Judy Roberts
Michael Waine
Liam Walker

Notes: *A pre-meeting briefing will take place in the Members' Board Room at 9.30am on the day of the meeting.*

***Date of next meeting:** 7 November 2019*

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- The performance of the Council and to provide a focused review of:
 - Corporate performance and directorate performance and financial reporting
 - Budget scrutiny
- the performance of the Council by means of effective key performance indicators, review of key action plans and obligations and through direct access to service managers, Cabinet Members and partners;
- through call-in, the reconsideration of decisions made but not yet implemented by or on behalf of the Cabinet;
- queries or issues of concern that may occur over decisions being taken in relation to adult social care;
- the Council's scrutiny responsibilities under the Crime and Justice Act 2006.

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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| Chairman | - | Councillor Liz Brighthouse E.Mail: liz.brighthouse@oxfordshire.gov.uk |
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Chief Executive

August 2019

About the County Council

The Oxfordshire County Council is made up of 63 councillors who are democratically elected every four years. The Council provides a range of services to Oxfordshire's 678,000 residents. These include:

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| 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 - Guidance note on back page of the agenda**
3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2019 and to receive information arising from them.

4. **Petitions and Public Address**
5. **Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner**

10.10

A presentation from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. The Committee will scrutinise progress against the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 and consider the 2018-19 Annual Report.

6. **Thames Valley Police Delivery Plan 2019-20**

10.40

A presentation from the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police. The Committee will scrutinise the performance of the Thames Valley Police Service in 2018-19 and areas of focus for 2019-20.

7. **Business Monitoring Report (To Follow)**

11.10

Joint report by the Assistant Chief Executive and the Director for Finance.

This report sets out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities and provides an update on the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan from 1 June to 31 July. Cabinet does not formally meet in August so information from June and July is covered in this report. A summary of overall performance and description of change is contained within the report. Each month the business management report will address:

- a) Corporate performance (measured against the Thriving Oxfordshire Outcomes Framework)
- b) Risk (summary of strategic risk and other significant matters)
- c) Human Resources (summary of key data)
- d) Finance (summary including forecast outturn variance)

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report and consider any matters for future attention by the Committee.

8. Safeguarding Children (Pages 7 - 54)

11.30

Report by the Director for Children's Services.

Local Safeguarding Children Boards were set up under the Children Act 2004 in order that agencies co-operate with each other to safeguard children and promote their welfare. The Oxfordshire Board is led by an independent chair and includes representation from all six local authorities in Oxfordshire, as well as the National Probation service, the Community Rehabilitation Company, Police, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, schools and Further Education colleges, the military, the voluntary sector and lay members. In April 2019 these arrangements changed to reflect the requirements of the DfE guidance 'Working Together 2018' however these reports relate to the financial year 2018/19.

This paper highlights findings from the Board's annual report on the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Oxfordshire. It also includes themes from two of the Board's multi-agency subgroups: the Case Review and Governance subgroup and The Performance, Audit and Quality Assurance subgroup.

The OSCB annual report will be considered at Cabinet, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the full Council.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note these annual reports and provide any comments.

9. Safeguarding Adults Annual Report (Pages 55 - 80)

12.00

Report by the Deputy Director, Adult Social Care.

The OSAB is required to report annually on the work of the Board and of its partners, assessing the position of the partnerships in relation to the safeguarding adults at risk within Oxfordshire.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to

- a) **note that the adult safeguarding partnership is working across Oxfordshire and that work undertaken by the Board and its partners has resulted in a significant decrease in safeguarding concerns being referred into the Local Authority, building on the reduction on concerns started last year; and**
- b) **note the priorities for 2019/20.**

10. LUNCH

12.30

11. Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge Feedback Report (Pages 81 - 102)

13.15

Report by the Assistant Chief Executive

During March 2019, the Council commissioned the Local Government Association to carry out a Corporate Peer Challenge.

The feedback report from the LGA was received in July 2019 and is being shared with the Performance Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity for feedback and comment ahead of Cabinet consideration in October 2019.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to:

- a) Note the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Report**
- b) Consider and comment on the recommendations made within the report**
- c) Consider whether specific recommendations should be included in the Performance Scrutiny Committee forward plan for more detailed consideration**

12. Development of the Corporate Plan (Pages 103 - 106)

13.35

Report by the Assistant Chief Executive

The Corporate Plan will be reviewed for the business year 2020/21 to ensure that the document accurately reflects progress and priorities. The revised plan will be recommended to Council in February 2020 alongside Service and Resource Planning proposals. It is the intention to retain the existing vision and priorities, updated to incorporate new and emerging issues.

The Performance Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the development proposals for the plan and to comment on the new and prioritised issues which are being considered for inclusion or additional emphasis.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to:

- a) note the proposals for updating the current Corporate Plan for the period 2020-23; and**
- b) comment on the new and prioritised issues for consideration set out at paragraph 8.**

13. Impact of drug use on children and families

14.05

The Committee will receive a presentation about the impact of drug use on children and

families and the work that the County Council does to address this particularly in relation to Child Drug Exploitation and County Lines work.

14. Work Programme (Pages 107 - 110)

14.20

To agree the committee's work programme for future meetings based on key priorities and discussion in the meeting.

15. Transformation Subcommittee (Pages 111 - 116)

For information only – Draft Minutes from the Transformation Sub-Committee meeting held on 25 July 2019.

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 **07776 997946** or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.