



To: Members of the Pension Fund Committee

Notice of a Meeting of the Pension Fund Committee

Thursday, 7 May 2020 at 10.00 am

Virtual

***Due to guidelines imposed on social distancing by the Government
this meeting will be held virtually***

Due to the current guidelines regarding social distancing this meeting of the Pension Fund will be held virtually. Normally requests to speak at a public meeting are requested by 9 am on the preceding day to the published date of a meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Friday 1st May together with a transcript of your presentation emailed to deborah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk

***If you wish to view proceedings please click on this [live stream link](#).
However, that will not allow you to participate in the meeting.***

Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

April 2020

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Membership

Chairman – Councillor Kevin Bulmer
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson

County Councillors

Ian Corkin

John Sanders

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Mark Lygo
Charles Mathew

Roz Smith
Lawrie Stratford

District Councillors (Co-optees - Voting)

Alaa Al-Yousuf

Jo Robb

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.

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 and Temporary Appointments**
2. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note**
3. **Petitions and Public Address**

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4. **Administration Report (Pages 1 - 2)**

At its meeting in March, the Committee had received a report, asking them to determine how payment of a death grant should be split.

When administrators came to make the payment, it was found that incorrect information had been provided to officers and given to members in the report, therefore this updated report is seeking member's view on whether they would wish to review their decision in light of the new information set out in the report.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to consider whether they wish to amend their decision to share the payment of the death grant between the brother and sister to sharing the death grant between brother, sister and granddaughter, of the deceased member.