

To: Members of the Pension Fund Committee

Notice of a Meeting of the Pension Fund Committee

Friday, 12 November 2021 at 10.00 am

Council Chamber - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

Please note that Council meetings are currently taking place in-person (not virtually) with social distancing at the venue. Meetings will continue to be live-streamed and those who wish to view them are strongly encouraged to do so online to minimise the risk of covid-19 infection.

If you wish to view proceedings, please click on [Live Link to meeting](#)

However, that will not allow you to participate in the meeting.

Places at the meetings are very limited due to the requirements of social distancing. If you still wish to attend this meeting in person, you must contact khalid.ahmed@oxfordshire.gov.uk by 9am four working days before the meeting and he will advise if you can be accommodated at this meeting and of the detailed Covid-19 safety requirements for all attendees.



Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

3 November 2021

Scrutiny Officer: **Khalid Ahmed**
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Membership

Voting Members of Oxfordshire County Council – Councillors Kevin Bulmer (Vice-Chair), Imade Edosomwan, Nick Field Johnson, Bob Johnston (Chair) and Richard Webber

Non-voting Members of the Academy sector – Ms Shelley Cook and Mr Alan Staniforth

Non-voting Scheme Member Representative - Mr Steve Moran

Non-voting Member of Oxford Brookes University – Mr Alistair Fitt

Non-voting Member of District Councils – Councillor Jo Robb

Notes:

- ***Date of next meeting: 3 December 2021***

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**
4. **Age Discrimination Cases in the Firefighters Pension Scheme (Pages 1 - 6)**

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the latest legal position on the age discrimination cases in the firefighters' pension schemes and adopt the Immediate Detriment Framework as published by the Local Government Association and Fire Brigades Union.