

## Notice of a Meeting

### **Adult Services Scrutiny Committee** **Monday, 13 June 2011 at 2.30 pm** **County Hall**

#### **Membership**

Chairman -  
Deputy Chairman -

*Councillors:*            Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor            Larry Sanders            Alan Thompson  
   Jenny Hannaby                            Don Seale                 David Wilmshurst  
   Ian Hudspeth                             Dr Peter Skolar  
   Peter Jones                                 Richard Stevens

#### **Notes:**

*Date of next meeting: 6 September 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. Election of the Chairman for the 2011/12 Council Year

2.30

## 2. Election of the Deputy Chairman for the 2011/12 Council Year

2.35

## 3. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

## 4. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note

## 5. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

2.40

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 April 2011 (**AS5**) and Monday 9 May 2011, to be circulated separately, and to receive information arising from them.

## 6. Director's Update

2.45

The Director of Social and Community Services will give the Committee a verbal update on current issues and answer questions. The Cabinet Member for Adult Services will also be present to respond to questions from the Committee.

### **SCRUTINY MATTERS**

## 7. Continuing health care

3.30

This item follows on from discussions at meetings in October of last year and March this year. There is an opportunity to discuss issues around Continuing health care – looking at the responsibilities of the NHS and the Local Authority for the assessment and provision of care.

There will be a question and answer session with the Director of Social and Community Services and Nick Graham, Deputy Head of Law & Governance in attendance to respond to questions from the Committee.

## 8. NHS Health Reforms

3.45

This item will provide a briefing on the current progress of the Health and Social Services Bill and provide an update on the proposed relationship between Oxfordshire County Council and the NHS in the light of the revised Bill. This will be an oral update and so there is no paper attached for this item.

The item will be presented jointly by The Director for Social and Community Services and Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health.

There will be an opportunity for the Committee to ask questions following the presentation.

## 9. Oxfordshire Care Partnership

4.15

John Dixon, Interim Deputy Director, Adult Social Care will give a presentation giving the current progress on this strategy. The item will provide an overview of the broad policies under which this strategy is being taken forward. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. The Director of Social and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services will also be present to respond to questions.

## 10. LINK Update (Pages 9 - 12)

4.45

An update given by members of the Oxfordshire LINK summarising current and future areas of work. (A report is attached at **AS10**).

## 11. Report on visits to care homes (Pages 13 - 26)

5.00

A report from the Oxfordshire LINK giving feedback on the visits that have taken place to assess the standards of care homes funded by Oxfordshire County Council. The report has previously been presented to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 May.

The report (a copy of which is attached at **AS11a**) will be presented by the LINK Liaison members who conducted the visits.

A report giving a response to the LINK report is attached at **AS11b** will be summarised for the Committee by the Director for Social and Community Services. Andrew Colling Adult Services Contracts Services Manager will also with the Director to respond to questions from the Committee.

## INFORMATION SHARE

Link to Law Commission Report on Health and Social Care  
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/lawcommission/publications/1460.htm>

### 12. Close of Meeting

5.25

## 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.