



## ***Notice of a Meeting***

### **Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 10.00 am**

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

**These proceedings are open to the public**

**Please note** that Council meetings are currently taking place in-person (not virtually). 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 this Live Stream Link**. However, that will not allow you to participate in the meeting.

Places at the meeting are very limited. If you still wish to attend this meeting in person, you must contact the Committee Officer by 9am four working days before the meeting and they will advise if you can be accommodated at this meeting and of the detailed Covid-19 safety requirements for all attendees.

**Please note that in line with current government guidance all attendees are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test in advance of the meeting.**

#### **Membership**

Chair - Councillor Kieron Mallon

Deputy Chair - Councillor Charlie Hicks

*Councillors:*

Brad Baines  
Arash Fatemian  
Ted Fenton

Kate Gregory  
Judy Roberts  
Freddie van Mierlo

Richard Webber

**Notes:**    ***Date of next meeting: 28 June 2023***

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Martin Reeves  
Chief Executive

April 2023

## **What does this Committee review or scrutinise?**

Climate change, transport, highways, planning and place-based services. Including the delivery of regulatory services, fire and rescue, community safety and community services such as libraries. NB This Committee will act as the Council's 'Crime and Disorder Committee'.

## **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 4 working day before the date of the meeting.**

## **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:

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 4 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. **Declaration of Interests - see guidance note on the back page**
3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January and to receive information arising from them.

The Committee is recommended to **AGREE** the minutes as an accurate record having raised any necessary amendments

## 4. **Petitions and Public Address**

*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 are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e., 9am on Thursday 20 April 2023. Requests to speak should be sent to [committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk) If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails, then your views can still be 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.*

## 5. **Progress Against Police and Criminal Justice Plan for Oxfordshire (Pages 7 - 42)**

As part of its Crime and Disorder Panel responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 the Committee invites Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, Jason Hogg, Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police and Katy Barrow-Grint, Assistant Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police to present. Cllr Jenny Hannaby, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Safety, Ansaf Azhar, Director of Public Health, Rob MacDougall, Chief Fire Officer, Kevin Cox, Thames Valley Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor will also be attending to contribute to discussion, and Chairs of the Community Safety Partnerships in Oxfordshire have also been invited.

The Committee is asked to consider the reports and responses to questions and, having discussed them, **AGREE** any recommendations arising therefrom.

NB An additional presentation will be circulated as part of an addendum to the main agenda pack.

## 6. **Vision Zero (Pages 43 - 86)**

A report by Corporate Director of Environment and Place Bill Cotton on the Vision Zero Strategy and Programme. Cabinet Member Councillor Andrew Gant will also be attending the meeting to present the report and answer questions.

The Committee is recommended, having considered the report and responses to

questions, to **AGREE** any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet arising therefrom.

## 7. **Action & Recommendation Tracker**

The action and recommendation tracker is used to monitor the implementation of previously-agreed actions and recommendations. The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note it having raised any questions on the contents.

NB This item is to follow and will be issued as an addendum to the main report pack.

## 8. **Cabinet Responses to Place OSC Recommendations**

Cabinet has made no formal responses to Committee recommendations since the Committee's last meeting. No Cabinet responses are currently overdue.

The Committee is asked to **NOTE** this.

## 9. **Committee's Work Programme (Pages 87 - 90)**

The Committee is asked to consider and **AGREE** the proposed work programme.

## **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.