

Notice of a Meeting

Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 27 April 2010 at 10.00 am County Hall

Membership

Chairman - Councillor Don Seale
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor

Councillors:

Jenny Hannaby	Sarah Hutchinson	Larry Sanders
Dr Peter Skolar	Alan Thompson	David Wilmshurst
Anthony Gearing	Tim Hallchurch MBE	

Notes: A pre-meeting will held at 9.30 am for all members of this Committee in meeting room 2.
A working lunch will be provided at 1pm in meeting room 2.

Date of next meeting: 8 June 2010

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

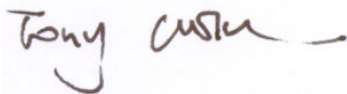
- Adult social services; health issues;

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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April 2010

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 to Chairman for Current Council Year
2. Election to Deputy Chairman for Current Council Year
3. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments
4. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page
5. Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2010 (**AS5**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

6. Speaking to or petitioning the Committee
7. Director's update

10:15

The Director for Social & Community Services will give a verbal update on key issues.

SCRUTINY MATTERS

To consider matters where the Committee can provide a challenge to the work of the Authority

8. Services for Adults on the Autistic Spectrum (Pages 13 - 20)

10:25

Contact Officers: Fenella Trevillion (01865) 334626, Martin Mellors (01865) 334652, Ann Nursey (01865) 323669

Ms Fenella Trevillion (Head of Joint Commissioning, NHS Oxfordshire), Mr Martin Mellors (Service Development Manager – Mental Health, NHS Oxfordshire) and Ms Ann Nursey (Assistant Head of Adult Social Care - Learning Disabilities) will attend for this item.

A report is attached at **AS8**.

The Committee will have the opportunity to hear from two young people with Asperger's

Syndrome, Ms Lindsay Smith and Mr Paul Isaacs, who will start this item by describing the issues they face and what would help them.

They will be accompanied by Ms Kathy Erangey, the parent of an eighteen year old son with Asperger's Syndrome, who is also assisting Oxfordshire County Council and NHS Oxfordshire with the work they are doing on Asperger's Syndrome specific service development as both a Consultant and an expert by qualification and experience.

The contact officers will then talk to their paper and the Committee will conduct a question and answer session.

The Committee is invited to conduct a question and answer session.

9. Progress Update on the Delivery of the National Dementia Strategy (Pages 21 - 26)

11:15

Contact Officers: Varsha Raja, Assistant Head of Adult Services, tel (01865) 323618; Suzanne Jones – Senior Service Development Manager, Older People, NHS Oxfordshire, tel (01865) 334613.

A report on progress is attached at **AS9**.

Ms Varsha Raja (Assistant Head of Adult Services) will attend to present the paper and to answer the Committee's questions, together with the Director for Social & Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services.

Mr Duncan Saunders (Service Development Manager - Older People's Mental Health – NHS Oxfordshire), together with ex carers Mrs Meg Barbour and Mrs Joyce Ruiz will also attend for this item.

The Committee is invited to conduct a question and answer session in relation to progress, with a particular focus on the issues and gaps in provision identified at its October meeting.

10. Transforming Adult Social Care: Progress Update and Q&A (Pages 27 - 32)

12:00

Contact: Alan Sinclair, Programme Director – Transforming Adult Social Care (01865 323665)

It has been agreed that a report on transforming Adult Social Care will be brought to every meeting of this Committee (**AS10**) and will include detail on self directed support.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Mr Sinclair will attend to answer any questions the Committee may wish to ask.

The Self Directed Support Task Group is also invited to give an update on their work as

part of this agenda item. The Group comprises Councillors Jenny Hannaby, Sarah Hutchinson and Larry Sanders.

The Committee is invited to track progress and conduct a question and answer session.

BUSINESS PLANNING

To consider future work items for the Committee

11. Forward Plan

12:30

The Committee is asked to note any items for possible consideration.

The current version of the Forward Plan covers May to August 2010.

12. Scrutiny Work Programme

12:35

Members of the Committee are reminded that last October they had agreed to include the following items in their future work programme:

- **Duty to involve** – Q&A and report at its February meeting on what this new statutory commitment involves and what the Council will be doing Completed;
- **Services for Adults on the Autistic Spectrum** – Q&A and report at its April meeting or once the Joint Needs Assessment has been finalised if later Completed;
- **Dementia Strategy** – Q&A and report at its April meeting in order to monitor progress in relation to issues and gaps in provision Completed;
- **Telecare** – Q&A and report at its October 2010 meeting;
- **Domiciliary Care** – consider at a future meeting once both inspections have been completed. Possibly to the October 2010 meeting.

The Committee will also look at the current situation with regard to delayed transfers of care at its June meeting.

Given that the Committee has now considered a number of these items, Members are invited to put forward any suggestions for future scrutiny consideration.

It would be appropriate for any suggestions to be related to the Council's priorities and the remit of this Committee, although suggestions which cut across more than one scrutiny committee could also be put forward for consideration.

Committee members are asked to submit any suggestions prior to the meeting and as soon as possible to Mr Fitzgerald.

Proposal forms working up these ideas will then be brought to this Committee's June meeting for consideration.

Members are reminded that a proposed scrutiny work programme will be brought to Committee for consideration later in the year.

Members of this Committee are invited to put forward any items for future scrutiny consideration.

13. Tracking Scrutiny Items (Pages 33 - 34)

12:45

A response from the Leader of the Council on this Committee's budgetary advice is attached (**AS13(a)**).

INFORMATION SHARE

12:50

Listed below are reports for information and links to background information that may be of interest to Members for noting only.

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Document</u>
Update from the Oxfordshire LINK including verbal update on the recent Hearsay Event.	AS13(b)

14. Close of Meeting

13:00

Following the meeting members of the Committee will have the opportunity to receive a presentation on NHS Continuing Health Care from Ms Sandra Stapley (Assistant Head of Adult Social Care – Older People & Physical Disabilities).

Members of the Committee are asked to note that a working lunch will be provided in committee room 2 prior to the presentation.

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.