

## Notice of a Meeting

### Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 7 September 2010 at 10.30 am County Hall

#### Membership

Chairman - Councillor Don Seale

Deputy Chairman - Councillor Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor

<i>Councillors:</i>	Jenny Hannaby	Sarah Hutchinson	Larry Sanders
	Dr Peter Skolar	Alan Thompson	David Wilmshurst
	Anthony Gearing	Tim Hallchurch MBE	

#### Notes:

- All members of the Committee are asked to note that a pre-meeting will be held at 10.00 am in meeting room 2
- A sandwich lunch will be provided for the Committee at 13.10 pm in meeting room 2

**Date of next meeting:** 26 October 2010

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

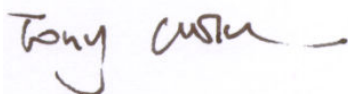
- Adult social services; health issues.

#### 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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Committee Officer	-	Kath Coldwell, Tel: (01865) 815902 E-Mail: kath.coldwell@oxfordshire.gov.uk



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Assistant Head of Legal & Democratic Services

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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. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
2. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2010 (**AS3**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

4. **Speaking to or petitioning the Committee**

## SCRUTINY MATTERS

**To consider matters where the Committee can provide a challenge to the work of the Authority and its Partners**

5. **Transforming Adult Social Care: Progress Update and Q&A** (Pages 9 - 28)

**10:30**

*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 (**AS5**) and will include detail on self directed support.

The above report includes a short update on progress in relation to the policy for the operation of personal budgets for Adult Social Care in Oxfordshire (the Resource Allocation Policy), together with the Quarterly Milestones self assessment report (Refer Annex 1).

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 its progress update to the Committee as part of this item.

[Task Group comprises Councillors J. Hannaby, S. Hutchinson & L. Sanders].

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

## OXFORDSHIRE LINK

10:50

(a) **Oxfordshire LINK update**\_(Pages 29 - 32)

Subject Matter	Document
Oxfordshire LINK update	AS6(a)

*The Committee is invited to receive the update from the Oxfordshire LINK.*

(b) **Interim report from LINK research project relating to self directed support**\_(Pages 33 - 38)

Subject Matter	Document
Interim report from the LINK research project relating to Self Directed Support.	AS6(b)

Ms Sue Butterworth and Mr John Hutchinson will represent the LINK Stewardship Group for this item.

*The Committee is invited to receive the interim report from the LINK research project relating to Self Directed Support.*

(c) **Oxfordshire LINK Annual Report**\_(Pages 39 - 150)

Subject Matter	Document
LINK Annual Report	AS6(c)

*The Committee is invited to receive the annual report and conduct a question and answer session.*

### 7. Proposals on Day Services for Older People

11:20

Contact Officer: John Jackson – Director for Social & Community Services, tel (01865) 323574

The Director for Social & Community Services will give a presentation on the proposals on Day Services for Older People.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services will also attend for this agenda item to answer Members' questions.

*The Committee is invited to comment on the proposals.*

## 8. Response to NHS White Paper - 'Equity and Excellence - Liberating the NHS'

**12:10**

*Contact Officer: John Jackson, Director for Social & Community Services, Tel (01865) 323574*

The NHS White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS', sets out the government's long-term vision for the future of the NHS. The vision builds on the core values and principles of the NHS - a comprehensive service, available to all, free at the point of use, based on need, not ability to pay.

It sets out how the government intends to:

- put patients at the heart of everything the NHS does;
- focus on continuously improving those things that really matter to patients - the outcome of their healthcare; and
- empower and liberate clinicians to innovate, with the freedom to focus on improving healthcare services.

The Department of Health is consulting on elements of these proposals.

In particular, the Department would welcome comments on the implementation of the proposals requiring primary legislation, and will publish a response to the views raised on the White Paper and the associated papers, prior to the introduction of the Bill.

A full copy of the White Paper can be viewed by clicking on the link below or by going on to the Department of Health Web site:

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_117353](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_117353)

Copies of the ensuing consultation documents can also be found on the Department of Health Web site:

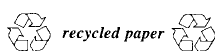
- Liberating the NHS: Increasing democratic legitimacy in health
- Liberating the NHS: commissioning for patients – consultation on proposal

Hard copies of all of the above documents have been circulated to all members of the Committee and placed on public deposit.

A paper setting out issues and points for discussion is attached at **AS8 - to follow**.

The Director for Social & Community Services, accompanied by the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Ms Sonia Mills (Chief Executive – NHS Oxfordshire) and Dr Jonathan McWilliam (Director of Public Health) will attend for this item in order to answer any questions which the Committee may wish to ask.

The Committee will consider the changes in light of:



- (1) Public Health
- (2) Democratic Accountability
- (3) Adult Social Care including integration with health.

The views of this Committee will be taken into account in considering what response the Cabinet will make to the White Paper.

***The Committee is invited to discuss its views on the consultation questions and to forward its comments to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.***

## **13:10 – 13:40 SANDWICH LUNCH**

### **9. Director's Update**

**13:40**

The Director for Social & Community Services will give an oral update on key issues.

### **10. Service and Resource Planning Presentation**

**14:40**

*Contact Officer: John Jackson – Director for Social & Community Services, tel (01865) 323574*

The Director will give a presentation to the Committee which will provide a high level overview of the services provided by the Directorate and the challenges which will need to be addressed to meet the target.

***The Committee is invited to receive a presentation from the Director.***

## **BUSINESS PLANNING**

**To consider future work items for the Committee**

### **11. Future Items for Possible Scrutiny Consideration**

**15:10**

Items logged for future meetings are listed below:

#### **26 October 2010**

- **Dementia Strategy** – progress update.
- **Telecare** – Q&A and report.

- **Delayed Transfers of Care – Q&A**
- **Report on Transforming Adult Social Care including Task Group update**
- **LiNK research report into personalised budgets**
- **LiNK update**

### **7 December 2010**

- **Services for Adults on the Autistic Spectrum – ongoing** – including draft report to be used as the basis for the Outline Commissioning Strategy.
- **Report on Transforming Adult Social Care including Task Group update**
- **LiNK update**

***The Committee is asked to consider if there are any items they may wish to have presentations about in the future or any items that they may wish to include in future agendas.***

## **12. Forward Plan**

**15:20**

The Committee is asked to note any items in the current version of the Forward Plan which covers the time period September to December 2010.

## **13. 15:25 approx Close of Meeting**

## 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.