

Notice of a Meeting

Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 13 May 2010 at 10.00 am

County Hall

Membership

Chairman -

Deputy Chairman - Councillor David Nimmo-Smith

Councillors:

Roger Belson
Michael Gibbard
Pete Handley

Charles Mathew
Anne Purse
Keith Strangwood

John Tanner
David Turner
Nicholas P. Turner

Notes:

Venue: *Committee Rooms 1&2*

Date of next meeting: *29 July 2010*

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- Transport; highways; traffic and parking; road safety (those areas not covered by the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee); public passenger transport
- Regional planning and local development framework; economic development; waste management; environmental management; archaeology; access to the countryside; tourism
- The planning, highways, rights of way and commons/village greens functions of the Planning & Regulation 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 on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

For more information about this Committee please contact:

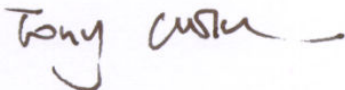
Chairman

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Committee Officer

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Tony Cloke

Assistant Head of Legal & Democratic Services

May 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 of Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year
2. Election of Deputy Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year
3. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments
4. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page
5. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2010 (GI5) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

6. Speaking to or petitioning the Committee

SCRUTINY MATTERS

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

7. Oxfordshire County Council Carbon Management (Pages 7 - 10)

Report by Head of Sustainable Development (GI7).

Contact Officer: Susan Kent, Environment & Climate Change Manager (tel. 01865 815089)

The report provides an overview of what Oxfordshire County Council is doing to hit its carbon reduction targets, and how it is looking to address the new financial and legislative drivers to hit current and future carbon reduction targets.

10:10 am Presentation by Susan Kent.

10:20 am Select Committee question and answer session.

The Scrutiny Committee is invited to:

- (a) ***note the work conducted by the carbon management programme over the past six months;***
- (b) ***advise on planned work, particularly with regard to:***
 - (1) ***converting 14,000 street lights to part-night lighting;***
 - (2) ***developing a Schools Carbon Reduction Strategy;***

(c) appoint a task group to consider further and report back.

8. The County Council's Arrangements for Winter Maintenance of Roads and Footways (Snow Review)

11:20 am

Update by Councillor Rodney Rose, Cabinet Member for Transport.

Contact Officer: Steve Howell, Head of Transport (tel. 01865 815845)

The Committee is invited to discuss and comment to the Cabinet Member for Transport, and to give further consideration at the next meeting.

9. Local Transport Plan 3

12 noon

On 10 March 2010 the Scrutiny Committee considered a report of the Local Transport Plan 3 Scrutiny Working Group and the report to Cabinet entitled Local Transport Plan 2011-2030 Draft Policies. The Committee referred points and queries raised during discussion to the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure.

On 16 March 2010 the Cabinet approved policies as the basis for the development of a draft Local Transport Plan and noted the timetable for the completion of the Plan.

Councillor David Nimmo-Smith (for the Working Group) will update the Committee.

The Committee is invited to discuss and comment to the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure.

10. Homes & Communities Agency Single Conversion: Local Investment Plan (LIP)
(Pages 11 - 56)

12:40 pm

Contact Officer: Ian Walker, Spatial Planning Manager (tel. 01865 815588)

On 10 March 2010 the Scrutiny Committee considered a report to Cabinet entitled Homes & Communities Agency Single Conversation: Local Investment Plan (GI5) and referred points and queries raised during discussion to the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure.

On 16 March 2010 the Cabinet resolved to delegate to the Head of Sustainable Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure authority to agree to and sign off the final Local Investment Plan. The Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure undertook to update the Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee as work progressed.

The Committee asked that the final document (the LIP) be brought back for information.

The main document is attached (**GI10**) and the appendices are available from the contact officer upon request.

The Committee is invited to note the Cabinet decision and receive an update from the Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure.

BUSINESS PLANNING

To consider future work items for the Committee

11. Forward Plan

12:55 pm

The Committee is asked to suggest items from the current Forward Plan on which it may wish to have an opportunity to offer advice to the Cabinet before any decision is taken, together with details of what it thinks could be achieved by looking at any items.

INFORMATION SHARE

Listed below is a report for information that may be of interest to Members for noting only.

12. Finmere Quarry

13:00 pm

Update by Councillor Michael Gibbard.

13. 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.