

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

### **Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee Wednesday, 16 September 2009 at 10.00 am County Hall**

#### **Membership**

Chairman - Councillor Patrick Greene  
Deputy Chairman - Councillor David Nimmo-Smith

*Councillors:*

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Anne Purse	David Turner
Michael Gibbard	Keith Strangwood	Nicholas P. Turner
Charles Mathew	John Tanner	

#### **Notes:**

***Date of next meeting: 28 October 2009***

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

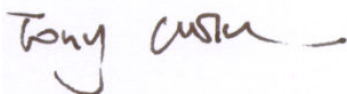
- Transport; highways; traffic and parking; road safety (those areas not covered by the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee); public passenger transport
- Regional planning and local development framework; economic development; waste management; environmental management; archaeology; access 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	-	Councillor Patrick Greene E.Mail: <a href="mailto:patrick.greene@oxfordshire.gov.uk">patrick.greene@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
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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 on the back page**
3. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2009 (**GI3**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

4. **Call in of a Decision by the Cabinet - Oxfordshire Residual Waste Treatment Procurement - Selection of a Preferred Bidder (Pages 1 - 18)**

Written notice has been given in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules requiring the decision of the Cabinet on 7 September 2009 to be called in for review by the Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee as the relevant Scrutiny Committee for waste management decisions.

The following documents are attached

- (a) A report (**GI4(a)**) setting out the names of the Councillors who have required the call in and the reasons given for the Call in.
- (b) The report considered by the Cabinet (**GI4(b)**)

5. **Access Science Vale Uk (Scots)**

*Contact: John Disley, Group Manager, Environment & Economy (01865 810460)*

To receive a briefing from the Head of Transport on the SCOTS report looking at it in the context of the continuing wider work, particularly on the Local Transport Plan 3 and the ongoing involvement of Scrutiny

Local Members who had requested a briefing on SCOTS are invited to attend along with the relevant South Oxfordshire District Council portfolio members.

***The Committee is RECOMMENDED to receive the briefing and to comment on future involvement***

6. **Capital Strategy - Quarterly Update**

Contact: Arzu Ulusoy-Shipstone

To consider a progress report (GI ) on the Capital Investment process.

**BUSINESS PLANNING**  
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(To consider future work items for the Committee)

**7. Work Programme (Pages 19 - 28)**

*Contact: Alexandra Bailey, Corporate Performance and Review Manager (Tel: 01865 816384)*

Following discussion at the last meeting to consider for approval the attached proposal forms (GI ).

**The Committee is RECOMMENDED to determine the proposal forms together with the priority order.**

**8. Service & Resource Planning 20010/11 to 2014/15**

The Assistant Head of Legal & Democratic Services reports as follows:

The practice in past years has been that specific informal budget briefings be arranged for all scrutiny committees (except Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview).

The briefing must take place between the agenda despatch day and the day before the Committee meeting.

Officers usually include the appropriate Director, relevant Heads of Service, Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer and the Directorate Business Manager, or their representatives and colleagues.

The purpose of the briefing is to enable members to ask questions on any matters relating to the scrutiny committee programme area. It will aim to assist members with their preparation prior to the December Scrutiny Committee meeting when they will be putting forward comments and advice on the budget proposals.

***The Committee is asked to consider and confirm the proposed arrangements for the informal budget briefing with the relevant directorate officers on the Environment & Economy programme area Service & Resource Planning process.***

**INFORMATION SHARE**

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

<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Document</b>
Finmere Quarry	Update from Councillor Michael Gibbard and information on current applications from the Director for Environment & Economy.

Environment & Economy Seminar – 14 October 2009, County hall	Drawing Members attention to the seminar to be held in october
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**9. 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 Section DD 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.