

## Notice of a Meeting

### **Adult Services Scrutiny Committee** **Tuesday, 26 April 2011 at 10.00 am** **County Hall**

#### **Membership**

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

*Councillors:*

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

#### **Notes:**

*Date of next meeting: 7 June 2011*

#### **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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## **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

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**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 March 2011 (**AS3**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

## 4. **Director's Update** 10.15

The Director for Social & Community Services will give a verbal update on key issues. The Cabinet Member for Adult Services will also attend for this item.

### **SCRUTINY MATTERS**

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

## 5. **Update on Delayed Transfers of Care** 11.00

A verbal statement on the current position in respect of delayed transfers of care in Oxfordshire. This is an update on the position reported in the paper that was discussed at the March meeting. The item will be presented by John Dixon (Deputy Director, Adult Social Care). Alan Sinclair (Assistant Head of Adult Social Care for Older People and Physical Disability Services) and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services will also be present to answer any questions raised.

## 6. **Report on Turnaround Project (Pages 9 - 12)** 11.30

*Contact Officers: Jon Ray, Senior Project Manager and Rachel Lawrence, Service Manager, Promoting Independence and Prevention.*

A report on the Turnaround Project is attached at **AS6**. The item will be presented by John Dixon (Deputy Director, Adult Social Care).

The Committee is invited to conduct a question and answer session on the Turnaround Project.

## 7. **Update on Progress in relation to the National Dementia Strategy** (Pages 13 - 20) 12.00

*Contact Officer: Varsha Raja (Assistant Head of Adult Services) and Suzanne Jones, Senior Commissioning Manager Older People, Directorates of Service Redesign*

Attached at **AS7a** is copy of the minute on this item from the meeting on 7 December 2010 and at **AS7b** a report giving an update and details of the current position in relation to the local implementation of this strategy. Ms Varsha Raja and Ms Suzanne Jones will be present to answer any questions.

## **8. Update from Oxfordshire LINK (Pages 21 - 28)**

**12.30**

The Committee is invited to receive the update from the Oxfordshire LINK as at (**AS8a**). Adrian Chant (Locality Manager) and Dermot Roaf (Chair of LINK Stewardship Group) will be present to answer any questions on the report.

A document is attached as at (**AS8b**) which promotes the work being carried out by the recipients of the Community Chest/'Have a Say' Fund 2010 grants.

### **BUSINESS PLANNING**

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

## **9. Forward Plan**

**12.45**

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**

**13.00 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.