

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 of April 24th (**AS3a**) and note matters arising from them.

To also approve the minutes of the meeting on 15th May 2012, (**AS3b**) to appoint the Chairman & Deputy Chairman.

4. Speaking to or petitioning the Committee

5. Director's Update

10:00

John Jackson, Director for Social and Community Services, will update the committee on local and national issues in Adult Social Care.

6. Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Pages 9 - 30)

10:45

John Jackson will present the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (**AS6a** and **AS6b**) for Oxfordshire. The consultation started on 15th May and will run until the 22nd June 2012.

Members are invited to comment on the priorities identified and the draft strategy.

7. Joint Physical Disability Commissioning Strategy (Pages 31 - 60)

11:15

Sara Livadeas, Deputy Director for Joint Commissioning, and Ian Bottomley, Deputy Head of Partnerships at Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, will present the Joint Physical Disability Commissioning Strategy (**AS7**). A further report covering the results of the recent consultation will be distributed to the committee prior to the meeting.

Members are invited to comment on the strategic direction outlined in the paper and consider its implications.

8. Integrated Community Services (Pages 61 - 64)

11:45

John Dixon, Deputy Director for Adult Services, will deliver a report on the integration of community services teams. The report (**AS8**) covers the ways in which Health and Social Care teams are joined up at a locality level.

The committee are invited to note the findings and comment on the direction of travel.

9. Equality Act and Equality Duty (Pages 65 - 68)

12:15

Ben Threadgold, Senior Policy and Performance Officer, Chief Executive's Office, will provide an update on the Equality Act 2010 and the Equality Duty and its relevance to scrutiny (**AS9**).

10. LINK Update (Pages 69 - 70)

12:30

Adrian Chant, LINK Host Manager, and a member of the LINK Core Group will deliver an update from the Local Involvement Network and answer the committee's questions (**AS10**).

11. Close of Meeting

12:45

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, i.e. 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.