

County Council

10 February 2012

Agenda

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.

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, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

To: **Members of the County Council**

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Friday, 10 February 2012 at 10.00 am

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Item 3 will be recorded. The purpose of recording proceedings is to provide an *aide-memoire* to assist the clerk of the meeting in the drafting of minutes.

Members are asked to sign the attendance book which will be available in the corridor outside the Council Chamber. A list of members present at the meeting will be compiled from this book.

The civic party will process into the Council Chamber at 9.58 am.

A buffet luncheon will be provided.

AGENDA

1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 28)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2011 (**CC1**) and to receive information arising from them.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note

Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.

4. Official Communications

5. Appointments

- (a) to appoint Councillor Patrick Greene to the vacancy on the Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) to appoint Councillor Stewart Lilly to the vacancy on the Planning & Regulation Committee;
- (c) to make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.

6. Petitions and Public Address

7. Director of Public Health Annual Report (Pages 29 - 66)

Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report and note the recommendations.

8. Service & Resource Planning 2012/13 - 2016/17 (Pages 67 - 250)

Report by the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer (**CC8(a)**) and Report of the Cabinet by the Leader of the Council (**CC8(b)**). The recommendations set out below (and in the report) are made subject to the Commentary on the Budget Proposals by the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer, as the Council's Section 151 Officer, to be circulated separately. Annex 6 (Dedicated Schools Grant Provisional Allocation 2012/13) will be circulated separately, following the outcome of the School's Forum Meeting on 1 February 2012.

The Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green Groups propose to submit amendments to the budget proposals (**CC8 Liberal Democrat**), (**CC8 Labour**) and (**CC8 Green**) respectively and these will be circulated separately.

(a) (in respect of revenue) RECOMMEND Council to approve:

- (1) a budget for 2012/13 as set out in Annex 1;**
- (2) a medium term plan for 2012/13 to 2016/17 as set out in Annex 2 (which incorporates changes to the Business Strategies set out in Annex 3);**

- (3) a council tax requirement for 2012/13 of £284.525m;
 - (4) the Council Tax and Precept calculations for 2012/13 set out in Annex 4 to the report and in particular:
 - (i) a precept of £284.525m; and
 - (ii) a Council Tax for Band D equivalent properties of £1,161.71;
 - (5) the planned level of balances and reserves for 2012/13 to 2015/16 as set out in Annex 5;
 - (6) the use of Dedicated Schools Grant for 2012/13 as set out in Annex 6;
 - (7) virement arrangements for 2012/13 as set out in Annex 7;
- (b) (in respect of treasury management) to RECOMMEND Council to approve:
- (1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as at Annex 8 including the Prudential Indicators;
 - (2) that in relation to the 2012/13 strategy any further changes required be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer following consultation with the Leader of Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance.
- (c) RECOMMEND Council to approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in paragraphs 10 to 14 of Annex 9.
- (d) (in respect of Capital) to approve:
- (1) the Capital Strategy at Annex 10 and Corporate Asset Management Plan and Transport Asset Management Plan at Annexes 11a and 11b;
 - (2) the Capital Programme for 2011/12 to 2016/17 as set out in the capital programme at Annex 12;
 - (3) the prudential indicators for capital set out in Annex 13.

9. Oxfordshire County Council Corporate Plan 2012/13 - 2016/17 (Pages 251 - 280)

The Council's Medium Term Corporate Plan 2012/2013-2016/17 (**CC9**) sets out the challenges facing the County Council, the rationale for our objectives, and identifies the priority and activities on which we will focus.

The approach set out in last year's directorate business strategies and the overarching Corporate Plan continue to provide the foundations for our strategy. The next twelve months will therefore be the second year of delivering the four year plan we set out last year.

The Strategy & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee reviewed the draft Plan and submitted comments to the Cabinet, who approved the draft on 17 January 2012.

A summary of the key elements of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will be included once the Council has approved the budget, and the MTFP will form an annex to the plan.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS Council to approve the Corporate Plan subject to the inclusion of a summary of the Medium Term Financial Plan and any changes in the text approved by the Chief Executive after consultation with the Leader of the Council.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Thursday 9 February 2012 at 10:15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders