



Notice of a Meeting

Education Scrutiny Committee Monday, 17 June 2019 at 1.00 pm Committee Room 2, County Hall

Membership

Chairman Councillor Michael Waine
Deputy Chairman - Councillor John Howson

<i>Councillors:</i>	Ted Fenton	Jeannette Matelot	Emma Turnbull
	Mrs Anda Fitzgerald- O'Connor	Gill Sanders	

Co-optees:

<i>By Invitation:</i>	Donald McEwan	Carole Thomson
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Notes: *Date of next meeting: 4 September 2019*

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- a focus on the following key areas:
 - work in relation to the education strategy, and including review of an annual report on progress;
 - constructive challenge on performance issues highlighting issues where the Committee can support the improvement dialogue;
 - reviewing the Council's education functions including early years, Special Education Needs and school place planning;
 - reviewing the progress of, and any issues emanating from, the School Organisation Stakeholder Group with regard to admissions patterns and arrangements;
 - reviewing issues raised by the Schools Forum.
- assists the Council in its role of championing good educational outcomes for Oxfordshire's children and young people;
- provides a challenge to schools and academies and to hold them to account for their academic performance;
- promotes jointed up working across organisations in the education sector within Oxfordshire.

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.**

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About the County Council

The Oxfordshire County Council is made up of 63 councillors who are democratically elected every four years. The Council provides a range of services to Oxfordshire's 678,000 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 2019/20 Council Year**
2. **Election of Deputy Chairman for the 2019/20 Council Year**
3. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
4. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note of the back page**
5. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 14)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2019 (**ESC5**) and to receive information arising from them.

6. **Petitions and Public Address**
7. **Regional Schools Commissioner**

1:10

The Committee is pleased to welcome Dame Kate Dethridge, Interim Regional Schools Commissioner for North London and the South East region, for a Q and A session at the start of the meeting. The session is to give Dame Dethridge an opportunity to set out the RSC role, its relationship with other statutory bodies and how the post-holder approaches support to academies in areas such as attainment and finance. The Committee also wishes to understand what is in place to ensure transparency and accountability of Multi Academy Trusts.

8. **New Schools Building Programme (Pages 15 - 16)**

2:10

The report (**ESC8**) sets out the up to date position of the capital building programme for new schools in Oxfordshire to 2023 as requested at the last meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider the programme.

9. **Annual Academies in Oxfordshire Report (Pages 17 - 54)**

2:30

The report (**ESC9**) identifies and analyses trends in the Academies Programme during 2018, and indicates changes from those noted in 2017, under the following headings.

- 1.National and Local Statistics
- 2.Conversion Numerical Data
- 3.Trends in Conversions
- 4.Sponsorship
- 5.Cost of Conversions
- 6.New Academies
- 7.Regional Schools Commissioner
- 8.Conclusion

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to consider the findings of the report.

10. Post 16 results and Education, Employment and Training Data (Pages 55 - 72)

2:35

The report (**ESC10**) covers three main areas:

- 16-18 attainment – for schools and colleges (A level, Applied General and Tech Level qualifications) – 2017/18;
- Achievement rates for Further Education settings (2017/18):
 - Apprenticeships;
 - Education and training
- Destinations of students following key stage 5 (2016/17).

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report.

11. Update on Northfield School Post-Ofsted Inspection Work and Progress

2:55

The Committee will receive a verbal update from Kim James, Head of Learning and School Improvement on Northfield School post-Ofsted inspection and progress on actions.

12. Fair Access Protocol (Pages 73 - 94)

3:00

Members requested an update following the revision of Oxfordshire's In Year Fair Access Protocol which is attached at (**ESC12**). The purpose of the protocol is to ensure that vulnerable children not on roll at school, are admitted on a school roll in a fair, equal and transparent manner.

https://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/default/files/folders/documents/childreducationandfamilies/educationandlearning/schools/startingschool/admissionrulesandpolicies/rules_2019_20/FairAccessProtocol2018onwards.pdf

The Committee is asked to consider the protocol and related Fair Access issues.

13. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy (Pages 95 - 104)

3.15

The attached SEND Strategy (**ESC13**) is currently in draft format and has been shared with colleagues from schools and settings across the county. The request was for colleagues to consider if the priorities outlined in the strategy were appropriate for the actions under each priority to be formulated and agreed (some draft actions have been added for colleagues to consider)

The Strategy has been shared with school colleagues at the Heads & Chairs briefings which were held before the Easter break. It has also been shared with colleagues attending the SEND Performance board, including the Parent Carer Forum and OASSH (Oxfordshire Association of Special School Heads).

Further work will be undertaken to develop the strategy on the 21 June 2019, where a provider network event is being held with parents and health colleagues to expand on the strategy further.

The SEND Strategy will become part of the wider Education Strategy which will be shared with colleagues across education which will include Education Scrutiny, and which will require Cabinet sign off.

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to consider the priorities identified in the document attached and advise whether any changes need to be made.

14. Forward Plan and Committee Business (Pages 105 - 108)

3:35

An opportunity to discuss and prioritise future topics for the Committee, potential approaches to its work and to discuss the schedule for future meetings.

CLOSE OF MEETING

3:40

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members’ conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Glenn Watson on **07776 997946** or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.