

# County Council

**27 July 2010**

## 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***

**Tuesday, 27 July 2010 at 2.00 pm**

**County Hall, Oxford**



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Chief Executive

July 2010

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Item 2 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.

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***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 1.58 pm.***

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. 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.

**3. Official Communications**

**4. Appointments**

- (a) to appoint Councillor Jerry Patterson as the Voting Co-opted Member District Council Representative on the Pension Fund Committee.
- (b) to make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.

**5. Petitions and Public Address**

**6. 2010/11 In - Year Grant Reductions And Requests For Virements**  
(Pages 1 - 22)

Report by Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer (**CC6**).

The Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet on 20 July 2010 sets out the impact of national in-year reductions in grant allocations for Revenue and Capital on the Council. A separate Service & Resource Planning report, the first for 2011/12, provides an update on the changes to our planning assumptions over the medium term.

Under the Council's Financial Regulations, Council approval is required for virements larger than £0.5m or where they represent a change in policy. The report therefore includes recommendations to approve the virements underpinning the proposed carry forwards from 2009/10 for Children, Young People & Families and Social & Community Services.

Cabinet also agreed that for transparency Council should also approve the changes relating to the reduction in revenue grant funding in 2010/11. The report sets out details of the proposed reductions and implications thereof, and details other changes to note.

**Subject to the decisions of Cabinet on 20 July 2010, Council is RECOMMENDED to:**

- (a) **note the report;**
- (b) **approve the virements larger than £0.5m and the associated carry forwards from 2009/10 for Children, Young People & Families and Social & Community Services;**
- (c) **approve the reductions in revenue grant funded expenditure and related virements as set out in Annex 2b;**

- (d) approve the deferral of capital expenditure originally programmed for 2010/11 as set out in paragraph 19;
- (e) note the reduction in capital grant funding and associated reductions in expenditure as set out in paragraph 23;
- (f) agree that any further changes to specific capital grant funding in 2010/11 should be made in accordance with the notification;
- (g) agree that any further urgent changes associated with reductions in specific grants that are not ringfenced should be delegated to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer after consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance & Property.

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### **Pre-Meeting Briefing**

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 26 July 2010 at 10.00 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders