

To: Members of the Cabinet

Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 10 August 2010 at 2.00 pm

County Hall, Oxford, OX11ND

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| Michael Waine | - <i>Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement</i> |
| Rodney Rose | - <i>Cabinet Member for Transport</i> |
| Mrs J. Heathcoat | - <i>Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities</i> |

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on 18 August 2010 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee. Copies of this Notice, Agenda and supporting papers are circulated to all Members of the County Council.

Date of next meeting: 21 September 2010

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.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest** – guidance note opposite
3. **Petitions and Public Address**
4. **Oxford School – Outcome of Closure Consultation** (Pages 1 - 12)

Cabinet Member: Schools Improvement

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/109

Contact: Roy Leach, Strategic Lead, School Organisation & Planning Tel: 01865 - 816458

Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CA4**).

Cabinet agreed in September 2009 that a feasibility study be undertaken into the replacement of Oxford School by an academy. As part of the study two parallel consultations have been undertaken: one to ascertain stakeholders' views about the legal closure of Oxford School and one seeking views about the academy that it is proposed would replace Oxford School should a decision to close it be made. The consultations were launched on 7 June 2010 and concluded on 19 July 2010 and the outcome of the closure consultation element is here reported to the Cabinet to inform a decision about whether or not to proceed with the publication of a Statutory Closure Notice.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to

- (a) ***consider the outcome of the consultation on the proposed closure of Oxford School to enable its replacement by an academy; and***
- (b) ***decide whether to proceed with the publication in September 2010 of a Statutory Notice for the closure of Oxford School, to be determined following a further six week period of representation.***