



County Council

14 May 2013

Agenda

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 Rachel Dunn on (01865) 815279 or Rachel.dunn@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.

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, 14 May 2013 at 10.00 am

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND



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Chief Executive

May 2013

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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.

A buffet luncheon will be provided.

A prayer will be said by the Very Revd. Robert A Wilkes, Priest in Charge, St Michael at the North Gate, City Rector prior to the meeting at 9.50 am.

The Annual Meeting of Council will be followed by 2 Extraordinary Meetings of the Council at 2.00 pm and 2.30 pm.

AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chairman for the 2013/14 Council Year**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2013/14 Council Year**
- 3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 24)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2013 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.

4. Apologies for Absence

5. 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.

6. Official Communications

7. Returning Officer's Report (Pages 25 - 34)

To receive the Returning Officer's Report (CC7) (TO FOLLOW) on the election of Councillors on 2 May 2013.

8. Constitution Review Following the Elections

Under the provisions of Part 2, Article 14 of the Constitution the Monitoring Officer will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that its aims, principles and requirements are given full effect and make recommendations on any necessary amendments to it to the Council. In undertaking this task he shall:

- (a) observe meetings of different parts of the member and officer structure;
- (b) undertake an audit trail of a sample of decisions;
- (c) record and analyse issues raised with her/him by members, officers, the public and other relevant stakeholders; and
- (d) compare practices in the authority with those in other comparable authorities, or national examples of best practice.

The Monitoring Officer is authorised to make any changes to the Constitution which are required:

- (a) to comply with the law; or
- (b) to give effect to decisions of the Council or (so far as within their powers) the Cabinet, scrutiny committees and ordinary committees; or
- (c) to correct errors and otherwise for accuracy or rectification.

All other changes to the Constitution will only be approved by the full Council after consideration of a recommendation from the Monitoring Officer.

The Council is therefore RECOMMENDED to authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any necessary changes to the Constitution, if required, following the

Election to allow the Council to operate lawfully.

9. Officer Scheme of Delegation (Pages 35 - 36)

Report by the Monitoring Officer (CC9).

At its Annual Meeting, Council is required to agree the officer scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution. The scheme of officer delegation is contained in Part 7.3 of the Council's Constitution. The Scheme of Delegation itself, gives delegated authority to the Chief Executive, directors and other chief officers whose titles and/or areas of responsibility are set out in Part 2, Article 11 of the Constitution.

The Scheme of Delegation itself is unchanged. However, the areas of responsibility and post titles contained in Part 2, Article 11 are in need of update by the addition of the Director of Public Health as a Chief Officer within paragraph 1(b).

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the amendment to Article 11 of the Constitution identified in paragraphs 4 & 5 above and to approve the Scheme of Officer Delegation contained in Part 7.3 of the Council's Constitution.

10. Revised Committee Dates following the Election (Pages 37 - 42)

The revised meetings schedule for 2013/14 (CC10) has been drawn up following the decision taken at Council about new governance arrangements.

Council is RECOMMENDED to agree the revised meetings schedule for 2013/14 subject to any changes agreed at the meeting.

11. Appointments (Pages 43 - 46)

(a) To make appointments to:-

- (1) The office of Leader of the Council;
- (1a) The Leader to announce appoints to the Cabinet;
- (2) The office of Leader of the Opposition.

(b) To review the political balance on Scrutiny and other committees and to appoint members to them (CC11) (**ANNEXES TO FOLLOW**).

At the conclusion of the Council's proceedings all members are asked to remain in their seats in the Council chamber while committees meet for the purpose of electing Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 13 May 2013 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders.

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2 April 2013 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 3.30 pm.

Present:

Councillor Don Seale – in the Chair

Councillors:

Tim Hallchurch MBE	Tony Harbour	John Sanders
M. Altaf-Khan	David Harvey	Larry Sanders
Alan Armitage	Steve Hayward	Bill Service
Lynda Atkins	Mrs J. Heathcoat	Dave Sexon
Marilyn Badcock	Hilary Hibbert-Biles	Chip Sherwood
Mike Badcock	Ian Hudspeth	C.H. Shouler
Norman Bolster	Ray Jelf	Dr Peter Skolar
Liz Brighouse OBE	Stewart Lilly	Roz Smith
Iain Brown	Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Val Smith
Nick Carter	A.M. Lovatt	Richard Stevens
Jim Couchman	Kieron Mallon	Keith Strangwood
Tony Crabbe	Charles Mathew	Lawrie Stratford
Roy Darke	Caroline Newton	John Tanner
Arash Fatemian	David Nimmo-Smith	Alan Thompson
Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor	Zoé Patrick	Melinda Tilley
Jean Fooks	Susanna Pressel	David Turner
Anthony Gearing	Anne Purse	Nicholas P. Turner
Janet Godden	G.A. Reynolds	Michael Waine
Patrick Greene	David Robertson	David Wilmshurst
Jenny Hannaby	Gillian Sanders	

The Council considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

10/13 MINUTES

(Agenda Item 1)

Councillor David Turner moved and Councillor Godden seconded that the words “following debate” be removed from the penultimate paragraph of Minute 9/13.

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was lost by 43 votes to 9.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of held on 19 February 2013 were approved and signed subject to the following amendment:

Minute 9/13 Page 5, 3rd paragraph – replace Councillor Alan Armitage with Councillor Roz Smith.

11/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Billington, Chapman, Mrs Fulljames, Jones, Malik, Mitchell, Rose and Viney.

12/13 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda Item 6)

The following public addresses were received by Council:

Ms Julie Mabberley addressed the Council on behalf of the Wantage & Grove Campaign Group in support of the Motion From Councillor Zoe Patrick, requesting that the Council find an urgent solution to the issue.

Mrs Julia Wells addressed the Council on behalf of Swyncombe Parish Council in support of the Motion from Councillor Tony Crabbe, requesting future joint working when planning future events.

Mr David Hammond, Chairman of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council addressed the Council in support of the Motion from Councillor Tony Crabbe and the earlier address by Mrs Wells. He urged the Council to consider the large amount of disruption the event caused to many householders and businesses in the area.

13/13 INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAKING EMERGENCY DECISIONS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

(Agenda Item 8)

The Council had before them a report which sought approval for interim arrangements for taking emergency decisions immediately following the County Council Elections on 2 May 2013.

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Seale, seconded by Councillor Hallchurch and carried nem con) to agree a temporary variation to Part 7.3 of the Constitution Specific Powers and Functions of Particular Officers with effect that from 7 May 2013 to 14 May 2013 paragraph 6.3 (c) is to be read as follows:-

“(c) Any function of the Cabinet or of a Council committee or sub-committee, after consultation with the appropriate Director and thereafter with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.”

14/13 IMPROVED MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND STREAMLINED GOVERNANCE: GOVERNANCE REVIEW

(Agenda Item 9)

The Council considered a report (CC9) which set out the findings of a cross party working group set up by the Strategy & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to review the Council's governance arrangements.

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Lindsay-Gale, seconded by Councillor David Turner and carried by 55 vote to 2, with 1 abstention) to:

- (a) endorse the proposals for new governance arrangements outlined in this report in paragraphs 5 to 24;
- (b) agree that any approved governance arrangements be reviewed twelve months after coming into effect;
- (c) note the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board for Oxfordshire and approve the outline terms of reference at Annex 3;
- (d) ask the Monitoring Officer to make the consequential amendments to the Constitution to reflect these changes;
- (e) note the additional Constitutional updates at Annex 4.

15/13 REPORT OF THE CABINET

(Agenda Item 10)

The Council had before them the report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 18 December 2012, 29 January, 26 February and 19 March 2013 (CC10).

In relation to paragraph 12 (Statutory Notice: Proposal to Expand Windmill Primary School, Oxford) (Question from Councillor Roz Smith) Councillor Tilley undertook to ask Councillor Rose to provide a written response to the question on when the traffic review report of the school would be available for local member consideration.

16/13 AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT

(Agenda Item 11)

The Council had before them the Annual Report of the Council's Audit & Governance Committee (CC11).

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Wilmshurst, seconded by Councillor Mathew and carried nem con) to receive the report.

17/13 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

(Agenda Item 12)

The Council had before them a number of Questions received with notice from members of the Council (Annex 2 to the Schedule of Business).

10 Questions with notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and the supplementary questions and answers (where asked) will be set out in Annex 1 to the Minutes.

In relation to Question 8 (Question from Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor Rodney Rose) Councillor Hudspeth undertook to provide Councillor Smith with a written answer to the question of why green travel plans were not taken into account.

18/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ANNE PURSE

(Agenda Item 13)

Councillor Purse moved and Councillor Fooks seconded the following motion:

“This Council is responsible for maintaining Oxfordshire’s roads, but there is great concern about the time taken and the standard of repair. It is acknowledged that the winter of heavy rain and freezing temperatures has caused a considerable increase in the problems, but we cannot continue with dangerous holes left for longer than the 28 days required, or holes filled to a such a poor standard that further repairs are needed shortly afterwards.

People are damaging their vehicles, motorcycles and cycles on our roads, but find it hard to get recompense since it is impossible to prove which pothole was reported when in a situation where many roads have repeated holes and repeated repairs. This Council calls upon the Cabinet to require our contractors to meet their obligation on highways repairs and so ensure our roads are fit for the public to travel on.”

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was lost by 41 votes to 17, with 3 abstentions.

19/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN TANNER

(Agenda Item 14)

Councillor Tanner moved and Councillor Brighthouse seconded the following motion:

“This Council regrets the £10 million of public money lost on the failed Cogges Link, the collapse of the recycling centre strategy, the failure to tackle delays in hospital to home transfer and the continued under performance of too many Oxfordshire schools. We urge the Cabinet, within existing budgets, to provide youth workers for every area of the County, to provide accessible transport for elderly and disabled people, to safeguard Oxfordshire’s children’s centres and to pay at least the Living Wage to all County Council staff and contracted employees.”

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was lost by 44 votes to 7, with 9 abstentions.

20/13 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR STEWART LILLY

(Agenda Item 15)

Councillor Lilly moved and Councillor Gearing seconded the following motion:

“This Council welcomes the news of the “City Deal”, and its significant benefits to all of Oxfordshire. This success in moving to the next stage recognises the tremendous efforts of this Council & it’s staff in the valuable contribution that Oxfordshire can and will make to bringing the country’s economy out of recession. Government clearly recognises that this authority has worked tirelessly in recent years to promote the County for economic growth. The University, the Science Vale Enterprise Zone, and the people of Oxfordshire now have exciting futures. Developing the detail of proposal will ensure that Oxfordshire’s important infrastructure will be able to progress and also provide much needed additional employment.

This Council wishes the next administration to build upon this success and commit to continued partnership working with the City and district councils, business community and universities in developing the deal.”

Councillor Val Smith moved and Councillor Tanner seconded the following amendment shown in bold italic:

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This Council also recognises that for the people of Oxfordshire to take up new exciting possibilities brought about by economic growth that more Homes are needed and will they work (as they do already) with the Districts to ensure this happens - particular in areas like Grenoble Road in SODC. An important aspect of growth in the City is reducing the travel to work numbers. Grenoble Road will do this.”

Following debate, the amendment was put to the vote and was lost by 46 votes to 7, with 6 abstentions.

Councillor Fooks then moved and Councillor Purse seconded the following amendment shown in bold italics and strikethrough:

“This Council welcomes the news of the “City Deal”, and its significant benefits to all of Oxfordshire. This success in moving to the next stage recognises the tremendous efforts of this Council & its staff in the valuable contribution that Oxfordshire can and will make to bringing the country’s economy out of recession. Government clearly recognises that this authority has worked tirelessly in recent years to promote the County for economic growth. The University, the Science Vale Enterprise Zone, and the people of Oxfordshire now have exciting futures. Developing the detail of ***the proposals following public consultation*** will ensure that Oxfordshire’s important infrastructure will be able to progress and also provide much needed additional employment.

This Council wishes the next administration to build upon this success and commit to continued partnership working with the City and district councils, business community and universities in developing the deal.”

Following debate, the amendment was put to the vote and was lost by 37 votes to 16, with 3 abstentions.

The substantive motion was the put to the vote and was carried nem con.

RESOLVED: (nem con)

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21/13 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS ZOE PATRICK, TONY CRABBE, JENNY HANNABY, KEITH MITCHELL, STEWART LILLY AND LARRY SANDERS

The time being 3.30 pm the meeting closed and the motions from Councillors Patrick, Crabbe, Hannaby, Mitchell, Lilly and Larry Sanders were considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing

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QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. The time allowed for this agenda item will not exceed 30 minutes. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

Questions	Answers
<p>1. COUNCILLOR STEWART LILLY</p> <p>As Science Vale UK is one of the most important economic opportunities to benefit the entire County, can the Leader please confirm that this County Council will support and ensure that appropriate priority will be given to ensure the success of this Enterprise Zone. This will create many jobs for residents of our County. Will the County Council be seeking to take the “Lead Role” in liaison with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to ensure the right promotions, resources and dialogue with Government officials are made to ensure the success of this opportunity for all in Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The County Council is supporting and prioritising the Enterprise Zone and will continue to do so. The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is responsible for the delivery of the Enterprise Zone (EZ) project and there is an agreed governance structure in place to ensure the progression of the project is appropriately managed and monitored. The County Council and LEP have three interrelated priority areas (Science Vale, Oxford, Bicester) to ensure the success of Oxfordshire as a whole.</p> <p>Our commitment and support of the Enterprise Zone is demonstrated by the fact we now have a Locality Manager for Science Vale and that to date the County Council, in partnership with the LEP and Science Vale UK delivery partnership, has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured over £6m of growing places fund to support and drive growth in the EZ. Projects include schemes to improve access to both sites and a project to provide the EZ with global quality broadband. • Supported, a small, but growing forensic science company in securing a small Growing Places Fund loan to support its expansion to the EZ. • Through ‘Invest in Oxfordshire’: (Part of the County Councils Economy & Skills) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secured Element 6 - a South African company - currently fitting out their new premises in the EZ that will bring over 120 jobs. ○ Supported Element 6 through this process by providing a 'soft landing' - a holistic support service for new investors that offers end to end support from assistance in finding premises, providing detailed socio-economic data and supporting recruitment, through to information on the local

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	<p>housing markets, schooling and leisure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supported Element 6 with a recent regional growth fund bid to further accelerate growth. ○ Been working with the European Space Agency in a similar vein to secure over 70 jobs at the EZ. • Attended conventions to support the area. We are attending the US Bio Convention in April and Space Symposium in May where the EZ will be heavily promoted, along with meeting senior overseas UKTI personnel to promote our offer. • Supported the development of an EZ skills pathway, led by David Martin of Culham resulting in a recent £2m employer ownership of skills bid to govt. • Worked closely with Milton Park and The Vale of White horse to secure a Local Development Order for the Enterprise Zone and wider Business Park. • Working closely with the Highways Agency to improve access for Harwell-Oxford Campus at Chilton Interchange • Submitted of a funding bid to the Department for Transport for improvements at Milton Interchange.
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>The Enterprise Zone in and around Harwell and those villages is exciting in many respects, however, I would seek this Council's support that with modifications proposed at the A34 Chilton junction/ A417 which is going to be come an extremely important link road across the southern part of the County, is kept under constant review and that LEP funding is going to be persuaded to assist in that particular highway difficulty. The question is can we keep pressure for A417 and the undoubted heavy traffic it is going to be facing?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I can assure Councillor Lilly that we will take into consideration what impact any modification to the A34 junction would have on the surrounding roads. Yes, we are promoting the Enterprise Zone, but we are not promoting it at the detriment to everywhere else across the County. We are making sure that any improvement there is beneficial not just to the Enterprise Zone but to the people who live and work in the area and also as well to make sure that the knock on effect isn't felt in Oxford or Bicester.</p>

Questions	Answers
<p>2. COUNCILLOR CAROLINE NEWTON</p> <p>Is the Cabinet Member pleased with the progress our children are making in schools?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR MELINDA TILLEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION</p> <p>In short, yes I am, overall, although, there are, of course, inevitably areas of relative strength and weakness and there is always more that can be done and more we shall do, in partnership with schools, through, for example, our Education Strategy.</p> <p>Progress from KS1-KS2 is very good. In 2012, 91% of pupils in Oxfordshire made the expected two levels of progress in English and 88% in Mathematics. This is a sharp increase from the results in 2011 and Oxfordshire currently performs above the national and statistical average for this measure.</p> <p>When compared with its statistical neighbours, Oxfordshire has the greatest proportion of pupils making at least the expected progress in English and Mathematics.</p> <p>I am pleased to report that our countywide reading campaign, delivered by the National Literacy Trust on behalf of the County Council, with a focus on approximately 80 schools, is making its mark and is valued by staff and children alike. The project is expected to deliver substantially improved reading standards as measured at level 2b+ in KS1 tests; contribute to wider improvements in education outcomes; raise the aspirations of children and families; foster a culture of reading and a love of books; and engage the whole community in the pursuit of high standards of literacy. As one of the members of staff involved with the scheme has said: "I must say I have never worked with a programme that has accelerated a child's learning and confidence in reading in such a short time."</p> <p>At secondary level, the proportion of pupils making the expected three levels of progress in Mathematics from KS2 to KS4 increased by 3.5% in 2012, placing the County above the national average and in the second quartile nationally.</p> <p>In English, however, the proportion of pupils making the expected level of</p>

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	progress from KS2 to KS4 fell by 4.6%, but this did follow the national pattern of a significant drop for 2012.
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Would Councillor Tilley like to join me in congratulating Ickneild Community College in my own division in Watlington for its very much improved results in GCSE's last year, which included a 9% increase in pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE's A*-C and some outstanding results in Maths with 78% of students achieving A*-C which places the Maths Department among some of the highest performing in Oxfordshire and could she reflect on whether other secondary schools in Oxfordshire are achieving similarly high standards and what the Council is doing to help improve them?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I am not very pleased with the progress in our secondary schools. Except for exceptional schools like Ickneild and a few others, we are not making the progress that I would like to see. I think the work that we are undertaking and the granting of a teaching school status in Oxfordshire (so that we can grow our teachers and jointly with Oxfordshire County Council) will help to improve outcomes in our secondary schools. Also while I am on my feet, there is a consultation at the moment on the DfE website about the new curriculum it is on the website until 16 April when the consultation closes, so if any Councillor wishes to comment on the new curriculum they can do so there or they contact us here. Our department here will also inform all members of our response before the deadline.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR CHARLES MATHEW</p> <p>Local residents have made clear their need for continuing a recycling facility at Stanford-in-the Vale. Would Councillor Hibbert-Biles please comment on the Council's plans to keep open this facility, which delivers an important local service?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>We know the residents value this centre and we are looking at ways to make sure it stays open.</p>

Questions	Answers
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>May I offer gratitude on behalf of local residents for your confirmation that Stanford recycling facility will stay open for the foreseeable future?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>The Children's Society recently did a study of the number of children who are defined as living in poverty who do not receive Free School Meals. They observed that many of these children come to school without lunch of the means to pay for it.</p> <p>How many children in Oxfordshire live in poverty and do not receive Free School Meals; what has the Council done in the last year to reduce this number and what plans does it have for the coming year?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR MELINDA TILLEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION</p> <p>It is important to distinguish between the number of Children in Poverty and the number eligible for Free School Meals, the former being much higher than the latter, which is one of the points made by the Children's Society report referred to by Cllr Sanders. The criteria for eligibility are those set by the DfE.</p> <p>In Oxfordshire we estimate that, using the Children's Society definitions, there are c. 19,511 children from families in poverty.</p> <p>The number of children taking Free School Meals in Oxfordshire is 8,680.</p> <p>Rather than comparing take up of Free School Meals with the number of children from families living in poverty, a more meaningful comparison would be with the number of children <i>eligible</i> for Free School Meals. Unfortunately these data are not available (we don't know how many families choose not to claim) but we can estimate that number (extrapolating from Children's Society data). On that basis, we estimate that there are very approximately, 13,020 families eligible for Free School Meals in Oxfordshire. Which, in turn, means that very approximately 4,340 eligible pupils do not receive Free School Meals.</p> <p>Food With Thought (FWT) actively encourages parents of primary school children to claim FSM if they are eligible. This is done, for example, by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reminding parents on the flier which is distributed to all parents when the menu changes (twice a year)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alerting parents at the point of starting primary as part of an information pack • via the FWT website <p>Of course these reminders are only available to parents of pupils who attend primary schools which are served by FWT.</p> <p>Schools have also been encouraged in the recent past to maximise the take up of Free School Meals in their schools because the Pupil Premium which they receive is directly related to it.</p>																
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you Councillor Tilley for a full response to my question, which has some worrying elements, including that there at 10,800 children in Oxfordshire in poverty who are not getting free school meals. I wonder if Councillor Tilley would agree with me that perhaps a more assertive approach rather than relying completely on the provider would be helpful?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Yes I do agree with you and yes I do think it is important. I think the pupil premium will go some way to alleviating this problem. But it is difficult to know apart from getting into schools and pushing schools that all children eligible are getting frère schools. The thought of any child turning up to school with no breakfast and no lunch terrifies me, so yes I do agree with you Councillor Sanders.</p>																
<p>5. COUNCILLOR LARRY SANDERS</p> <p>How many people in Oxfordshire are living in fuel poverty (they would need to spend at least 10% of their income on fuel in order to provide themselves with adequate warmth)? How many of these are children; how many are older people?</p> <p>What has the Council done in the last year to reduce these numbers and what success has</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The table below shows the number of fuel poor households in Oxfordshire.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="887 1185 2011 1414"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>All Households (estimated)</th> <th>Fuel Poor Households</th> <th>Fuel Poor (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cherwell</td> <td>56,306</td> <td>5,447</td> <td>9.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td>56,204</td> <td>7,086</td> <td>12.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Oxfordshire</td> <td>52,955</td> <td>5,701</td> <td>10.8%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	All Households (estimated)	Fuel Poor Households	Fuel Poor (%)	Cherwell	56,306	5,447	9.7%	Oxford	56,204	7,086	12.6%	South Oxfordshire	52,955	5,701	10.8%
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	<p>Oxfordshire has received funding of £152,754 to deliver programmes and initiatives addressing fuel poverty and to prevent vulnerable people across the county suffering from excess cold.</p> <p>The grant received from the Department of Health has provided the following practical help for people in need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical refurbishments for households vulnerable to the cold (over 60's and other vulnerable groups) • Delivery of additional benefit entitlement checks • Free membership to an oil bulk-buying scheme for up to 250 households • Provision of 'Fuel Vouchers' & Food Boxes • Specialist energy advice training • Talks and events for relevant groups (WI's, over 60's social groups, young parents, community groups, etc.) • The project has a dedicated telephone support line: 0800 107 0044 <p>By March 2013 we will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed at least 300 benefit checks for vulnerable clients and 200 vulnerable people have increased their income • Distributed £25,000 of extra fuel or food vouchers to a minimum of 80 people who are identified as vulnerable and in fuel poverty • Distributed £45,000 of practical refurbishments to assist 140 vulnerable households to improve the energy efficiency of their homes • Delivered energy efficiency training to at least 20 volunteers • 10 community action schemes will have identified a minimum of 150 vulnerable isolated older people in their local communities • Piloted the use of 'smart meters' in 35 households to test the effectiveness of smart meters in better managing fuel use. To be used as a model to engage other registered social landlords • Recruited 75 more households to the Oxfordshire bulk oil buying scheme and fund their membership for one year

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	<p>Partners The following partners are involved in the Warm Homes Healthy People Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire • Citizens Advice Oxfordshire • Age UK Oxfordshire • Oxfordshire Rural Community Council • Oxfordshire Community Foundation • Oxfordshire County Council • Oxford City Council • West Oxfordshire District Council • Cherwell District Council • Vale of Whitehorse District Council • South Oxfordshire District Council • Oxfordshire Supporting People • United Sustainable Energy Agency • Home Improvement Agencies throughout Oxfordshire <p>Promotion The Warm Homes Healthy People fund has been promoted widely across the county. OCC's has been actively taking the message and information to vulnerable people via its social workers, occupational therapists and other key staff that come in to contact with our vulnerable residents. We have also promoted the fund through our online resource, libraries and via OVCS.</p> <p>Priority 10 of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is '<i>Tackling the broader determinants of health through better housing</i>'. As part of this priority the Health Improvement Board is working to improve the co-ordination, sustainability and profile of work to counter fuel poverty across the county.</p> <p>The following possible roles and recommendation were put to Health Improvement Board on the 20 March 2013:</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote sustainability and wider participation in the work of the Affordable Warmth Network to ensure the work can continue beyond the period currently funded. This may include future bids for Warm Homes Healthy People grants. 2. Monitoring progress on current work and giving it a higher profile through the H&WB. This can be achieved by including relevant indicators in the “basket of indicators for housing and health” but also by setting outcomes for 2013-14 for reduction in fuel poverty in the County. 3. Assisting with surveillance and interpretation of data to ensure efficient and effective targeting of limited resource to the areas / sectors with worst fuel poverty outcomes.
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Again, thank you Councillor Hudspeth for a full response. There are some very worrying elements which show 28,000 household are in poverty in Oxfordshire of which at least half are vulnerable households, that is with children and elderly or with some one with a long-term illness of a disability. I note that there is £150,000 to help. It comes to less than £10 per vulnerable household and wonder if there are other things that could be done that could be more effective?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I think that the main thing is the County Council is actually being proactive in this. It is actually about the insulation being there. The County Council continue to work to make sure that people do have decent homes, but of course you have got to remember that a lot of the housing is down to the local district councils and the City Council and it is important that they do their bit to provide good warm homes for their residents.</p>
<p>6. COUNCILLOR ZOE PATRICK</p> <p>Will the Leader of the Council be taking up the recent launch of Norman Baker’s door-to-door strategy, the coalition government’s vision for a flourishing, joined-up, sustainable</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I’m sure that Councillor Patrick can remember that in the budget I set aside £50,000 to investigate the possibility of a fully integrated ticket, not just for buses but one that can be used across all forms of transport, including car parks. I have always had the desire to have a modern 21st century fully integrated system for</p>

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transport system which is encouraging councils to take up multi-operator ticketing systems?	Oxfordshire and I am therefore delighted that Norman Baker is following my example.
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you Leader for your answer, I look forward to seeing this in the new Council. I would like reassurance that this will also include some of the more rural areas of the County not just the City?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Quite simply my aim has always been Oxfordshire wide and I think that the proposal that came forward a few years ago was only about Oxford City. What happened with the joint ticketing in Oxford was due to the proposal that came forward because that was the only system available under the old outdated wayfarer technology that was used at the time. However, I can give a reassurance that things have moved on and they have got a City Centre deal working and my aim is to have an Oxfordshire wide scheme including such things as car parking and anything else relating to transport to make it as easy as possible for people to move around the County.</p>
<p>7. COUNCILLOR JANET GODDEN</p> <p>In the light of the Prime Minister's recent much publicised praise for the campaign for a community path from Eynsham to Botley, is the Cabinet now prepared to back the efforts of Bike Safe and support them in seeking additional funding to make the community path a reality?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>I congratulate all at Bike Safe for their continued campaign for a community path from Eynsham to Botley. I do support this initiative, while regretting that the County Council has no financial or officer support at this time.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>My question was what advice can you offer the Prime Minister about the best way to further the cause of a community path</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I would hate to offer advice to my local PM because obviously he knows what's best for the Country, but until we get rid of the deficit that was left behind by the previous Labour Government there is very little we can do.</p>

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<p>8. COUNCILLOR ROZ SMITH</p> <p>The London Road from Sandhills to Headington Centre and the Slade Road are reported as in the top ten of the country's most congested roads. Drivers experiencing such congested roads will inevitably find other routes, often through residential side roads, to shorten their journey times. What are the council's plans to mitigate these congested roads and to stop 'rat-running' through residential roads?"</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>It's no secret that Oxford's road network experiences significant congestion problems during peak hours, and that the City was never designed to cope with the volume of traffic passing through it today. Much work has been done and continues to be done to address these issues, not least the highly successful Park & Ride sites which have been instrumental in reducing the number of cars coming into the City Centre. We are in the process of creating an extra 500 spaces at Thornhill Park & Ride, provide more capacity for Headington commuters.</p> <p>"Oxford is also very well served by bus services and cycle routes and we always encourage people, where possible, to consider these extremely viable alternatives to the car. The County Council recently brokered a Smartcard deal with the City's two major bus companies which has made bus travel easier than ever before.</p> <p>"We have also launched the Oxfordshire Car Share scheme, a project aimed at helping the environment, cutting congestion and saving money for motorists at a time when the cost of running a car is more expensive than ever. This scheme continues to grow and we now have thousands of registered members making many hundreds of shared journeys between Oxford and the wider County.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you Chairman, while I am on my feet can we wish Councillor Rose a speedy recovery and thank him for his response. His response however, does not mention the</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>In relation to that I can't say why he omitted the green travel plan. They are important when planning permission goes forward, because obviously if there are buildings being proposed there are knock on effects with more people coming to the area. We work closely with the hospitals. I do think that we have to have a</p>

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<p>green travel plans imposed on institutions like hospitals, universities and indeed schools in the area (Headington area). We have got some vast building going on including the possibility of an extra 1,500 staff going on the Churchill site going onto Old Road. I wonder if he hadn't included these green travel plans because you share with some of the residents concern that they are not worth the paper on which they are inscribed.</p>	<p>more strategic review of that whole area because there is an awful lot of development going on. I think we have got to look to see what can be done to encourage more people to use public transport and to actually reduce the burden of the people in that area, but I don't know the reason why it wasn't in there in the first place, I will get an answer for that.</p>
<p>9. COUNCILLOR JENNY HANNABY</p> <p>I thank the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board for answering my question to Cabinet regarding delayed transfers of care.</p> <p>I am aware of the implementation of discharge to assess and fully support the initiative, to the extent the Liberal Democrat alternative budget rejected by the ruling group had funded a further five occupational therapists.</p> <p>The success of this system depends entirely on partnership co-operation, comments made at the Health & Wellbeing Board gave the impression that this is not happening. Is it not the duty of the Health and Wellbeing board to monitor working practices and if found lacking sends out strong warnings further delays due to non-co-operation will not be tolerated.</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The Council and the NHS are building on good relationships established over many years to get us all through a period of change. There is strong commitment to working together for the benefit of the people of Oxfordshire. This commitment is demonstrated by a Joint Commissioning Strategy for older people, active discussions about integrated health and social care teams working on the front line and a proposed larger pooled budget. Furthermore the Director of Social Services has based himself at the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's HQ in recent months to help build new relationships with GPs.</p> <p>We all recognise that despite some tricky negotiations from time to time, we have to work together to get the best outcomes for local people.</p>

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I note that the Director of Social Services based himself two years to working with the Joint Commission and I also know that he had put himself on the Health & Wellbeing Board. So at the last Wellbeing Board were you not as dismayed as I was to hear that there seemed to be a happy acceptance that delayed transfers of care will be going up rather than going down in the future and though they are putting in good working practices together it is obvious that the NHS and essential services just are not working to bring down these delaying transfers of care.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I am Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board and I was actually present at that meeting, I am sorry but I cannot recall anybody present being happy about the increase in delayed transfers. I think that remark is absolutely out of order because everyone is acknowledging the fact. We have to work harder together to reduce that. We are putting in a process to make sure that there is joint working, if fact if you remember there was reference to a meeting earlier in the day where we were working with the Clinical Commissioning Group and the NHS because we have got to get down this delayed transfer, so I am sorry I just can't understand where your remark has come from.</p>
<p>10. COUNCILLOR JANET GODDEN</p> <p>Recent NICE advice on active travel, http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byID&o=13975 addressed specifically to directors of Highways and of Public Health requires them</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR RODNEY ROSE, DEPUTY LEADER</p> <p>We recognise the vital role that walking and cycling play in keeping people of all ages active and healthy. Walking and cycling is a low-cost option for individuals, and can be built into the daily travel routine, unlike other forms of physical activity. In particular, we recognise that our transport policy needs to support efforts to tackle obesity, and help people to maintain health in old age through</p>

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<p>to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensure</i> that local, high-level strategic policies and plans support and encourage both walking and cycling. This includes a commitment to invest sufficient resources to ensure more walking and cycling – and recognition that this will benefit individuals and the wider community. • <i>Ensure</i> that the walking and cycling aspects of these plans are developed in conjunction with relevant voluntary and community organisations. • Assess the impact of relevant policies and decisions on people's ability to walk and cycle. Where necessary, <i>amend them to ensure support for walking and cycling.</i> <p>What action will the Cabinet be taking with regard to this advice? Does the Cabinet plan to apply for additional monies from the Department of Transport that will enable it to put this guidance into practice for the benefits of Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>remaining active. Encouraging greater use of public transport is also important, because journeys by bus or train usually involve some walking or cycling, whereas journeys by car usually involve very little.</p> <p>Our Local Transport Plan 3, which is the overarching transport policy document for transport in Oxfordshire, contains strong policies supporting walking and cycling (see attached). When we update LTP3 this year we will be looking to further strengthen these policies, and the document will make clearer links than before to public health, referencing the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The updated LTP3 will be drafted for members' consideration after the county council elections, through the proposed Transport Advisory Panel (if adopted by the new Council), and is expected to be published for consultation in the autumn.</p> <p>When we develop walking and cycling infrastructure schemes, we will involve local users and potential users to ensure we get the detail right. We have a successful track record of carrying out community walking and cycling audits, which are extremely useful in finding out exactly what is needed. We also build in consideration of the needs of pedestrians and cyclists in the development of, and decision making on all highway improvement schemes.</p> <p>We remain committed to seeking external funding to support the implementation of our ambitions to improve walking and cycling infrastructure, in particular to support housing and employment growth. We will take up opportunities to bid for government funding for schemes and programmes, focussing on those where there is a match between the criteria and our strategic priorities, and where we have schemes developed to a sufficient level, including options appraisal and preliminary design.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Is there a date for the completion of LTP3 and its associated policies (very happy to have a</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>LTP3 is a 20 year document lasting up to 2030 which is about aspirations rather than a particular list of programmes. LTP1 and 2 which was a list of programmes</p>

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

2 May 2013

REPORT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS

I hereby report that the names and address of the councillors elected for the respective Electoral Divisions of the County of Oxfordshire at the election held on the 2 May 2013 were:-

Abingdon East	Rooke , Alison Rosemary 6 Brode Close Abingdon OX14 2QJ
Abingdon North	Lovatt , Sandy 1 Curtyn Close Abingdon Oxon OX14 1SE
Abingdon South	Fawcett , Neil 23 Turberville Close Abingdon Oxon OX14 5ER
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Banbury Grimsbury & Castle	Beale , Mike 2a Lenton Road Banbury Oxon OX16 9ED
Banbury Hardwick	Dhesi , Surinder 33 Waller Drive Banbury Oxon OX16 9NS

Banbury Ruscote	Christie, John 12 Broad Close Barford St Michael Banbury Oxon OX15 0RW
Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst	Phillips, Glynis 28 New High Street Oxford OX3 7AQ
Benson & Cholsey	Gray, Mark Stuart 5 Little Lane Cholsey Wallingford Oxon OX10 9LX
Berinsfield & Garsington	Lindsay-Gale, Lorraine Nut Tree Cottage 31 The Green South Warborough OX10 7DR
Bicester North	Stratford, Lawrie 8 Queens Court Bicester Oxon OX26 6JX
Bicester Town	Waine, Michael Frederick 15 Cedar Drive Bicester Oxon OX26 4EZ
Bicester West	Sibley, Les 4 Derwent Road Bicester Oxon OX26 2JA
Bloxham & Easington	Mallon, Kieron Paul Wykham Park Farm Cottages Wykham Lane Wykham Banbury, Oxon OX16 9UP

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Oxon
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Carterton South & West

Handley, Pete
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Oxon
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OX49 5JZ

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OX7 6JA

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Cowley

Sanders, John Leo
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OX3 7PS

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Didcot Ladygrove	Harris , Neville 180 Abingdon Road Didcot Oxon OX11 9BP
Didcot West	Hards , Nick 184 Abingdon Road Didcot Oxon OX11 9BP
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Grove & Wantage	Patrick, Zoe Anne 16 Churchward Close Grove Wantage Oxon OX12 0QZ
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Iffley Fields & St Mary's	Williams, David 320 London Road Oxford OX3 8DN
Isis	Tanner, John 32 Sunningwell Road Oxford OX1 4SX
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Kingston & Cumnor	Tilley, Melinda Vera Appleby House Oxford Road Kingston Bagpuize Oxon OX13 5AP
Kirtlington & Kidlington North	Gearing, Anthony Ian 7 Chawley Lane Cumnor Oxford OX2 9PX
Leys	Smith, Val 4 Flaxfield Road Oxford OX4 6QD
Marston & Northway	Lygo, Mark 20 Valentia Road Headington Oxford OX3 7PL
North Hinksey	Godden, Janet 5 Hurst Rise Road Oxford OX2 9HE
Otmoor	Hallchurch, Tim Paddock Cottage Thrupp Oxon OX5 1JY

Ploughley	Fulljames , Catherine Ann Winter Hill House Ardley Road Middleton Stoney Oxon OX25 4AD
Rose Hill & Littlemore	Sanders , Gill 200 Headington Road Oxford OX3 7PS
Shrivenham	Constance , Yvonne Jean Cross Bargain Farm Kingston Lisle Wantage OX12 9QY
Sonning Common	Bartholomew , David Christopher High Meadow Mill Lane Shiplake Henley-on-Thames RG9 3ND
St Clement's & Cowley Marsh	Azad , Jamila 21 Reliance Way Oxford OX4 2FG
St Margaret's	Howson , John Orrell 70 Rewley Road Oxford OX1 2RQ
Sutton Courtenay & Marcham	Webber , Richard John Orchard Barn Sutton Wick Lane Drayton Abingdon OX14 4HJ
Thame & Chinnor	Carter , Nick 66 Park Street Thame Oxon OX9 3HT

Thame & Chinnor	Wilmshurst , David Noel 6 Leybourne Gardens Chinnor Oxon OX39 4EL
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Wheatley	Purse , Anne The Cottages Otmoor Lane Beckley Oxford OX3 9UX
Witney North & East	Langridge , Richard Andrew 5 Hoyle Close Witney Oxon OX28 1JD
Witney South & Central	Price , Laura 19 The Springs Witney Oxon OX28 4AJ
Witney West & Bampton	Hoare , Simon James Akeman Barn Ramsden OX7 3AU
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JOANNA SIMONS
Returning Officer

May 2013

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COUNCIL – 14 MAY 2013

OFFICER SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Report by the Monitoring Officer

Introduction

1. At its Annual Meeting, Council is required to agree the officer scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution.

Scheme of Delegation

2. The scheme of officer delegation is contained in Part 7.3 of the Council's Constitution. The Scheme of Delegation itself, gives delegated authority to the Chief Executive, directors and other chief officers whose titles and/or areas of responsibility are set out in Part 2, Article 11 of the Constitution.
3. The Scheme of Delegation itself is unchanged. However, the areas of responsibility and post titles contained in Part 2, Article 11 are in need of update following transference to the Council of public health services.

Director for Public Health

4. Dr Jonathan McWilliam is the Council's Director for Public Health. Dr McWilliam has served in this capacity pending formal transfer to the County Council of responsibility for public health. This transfer formally took place in April this year and so Dr McWilliam's role is now formally a Chief Officer of the County Council. Article 11 has now been changed by the Monitoring Officer to reflect this. A copy of the Council's Officer Scheme of Delegation and an amended copy of Article 11 have been placed in the Members' Resource Centre for information.

RECOMMENDATION

5. **Council is RECOMMENDED to note the amendment to Article 11 of the Constitution identified in paragraph 4 above and to approve the scheme of Officer Delegation contained in Part 7.3 of the Council's Constitution.**

PETER CLARK

County Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Background papers: Nil

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May 2013

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REVISED COUNCIL COMMITTEE DATES 2013/14

P- Performance Scrutiny Committee

2013

Thur 10.00 am 27 June (new)
Thur 10.00 am 26 September
Mon 10.00 16 December (budget scrutiny)

2014

Thur 10.00 am 9 January
Thur 10.00 am 13 March

E - Education Scrutiny Committee

2013

Thur 10.00 am 4 July
Thur 10.00 am 19 September
Thur 10.00 am 14 November

2014

Thur 10.00 am 6 February (new)

HOSC - Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

2013

Thur 10.00 am 13 June
Thur 10.00 am 5 September
Thur 10.00 am 5 December (new)

2014

Thur 10.00 am 27 February (new)

Transport Advisory Groups – Dates for these to be drafted in consultation with the Deputy Leader.

PF - Pension Fund – 10.00 am

2013

Fri 10.00 am 7 June
Fri 10.00 am 6 September
Fri 10.00 am 6 December

2014

Fri 10.00 am 14 March (from 7 March)

CC – County Council - Unchanged

2013

Tues 10.00 am 9 July
Tues 10.00 am 10 September
Tues 10.00 am 5 November

Tues 10.00 am 10 December
2014

Tues 10.00 am 18 February

*Annual meeting

C- Cabinet - Unchanged

2013

Tues 2.00 pm 21 May

Tues 2.00 pm 18 June

Tues 2.00 pm 16 July

Tues 2.00 pm 17 September

Tues 2.00 pm 15 October

Tues 2.00 pm 19 November

Tues 2.00 pm 17 December

2014

Tues 2.00 pm 28 January

Tues 2.00 pm 25 February

Tues 2.00 pm 18 March

CMDAS: Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Adult Services – Unchanged**

2013

Tues 9.00 am 21 May

Tues 9.00 am 18 June

Tues 9.00 am 16 July

Tues 9.00 am 17 September

Tues 9.00 am 15 October

Tues 9.00 am 19 November

Tues 9.00 am 17 December

2014

Tues 9.00 am 28 January

Tues 9.00 am 25 February

Tues 9.00 am 18 March

CMD: BC, PP, L; Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Business & Communications, Police & Policies, Leader, - Unchanged**

2013

Tues 4.00 pm* 16 April

Tues 4.00 pm * 21 May

Tues 4.00 pm* 18 June

Tues 4.00 pm* 16 July

Tues 4.00 pm* 17 September

Tues 4.00 pm* 15 October

Tues 4.00 pm* 19 November

Tues 4.00 pm* 17 December

2014

Tues 4.00 pm* 28 January
Tues 4.00 pm* 25 February
Tues 4.00 pm* 18 March

* or on the rising of Cabinet

CMD: E Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Education – Unchanged****2013**

Mon 12.00 pm 20 May
Mon 12.00 pm 24 June
Mon 12.00 pm 15 July
Mon 12.00 pm 9 September
Mon 12.00 pm 7 October
Mon 12.00 pm 4 November
Mon 12.00 pm 9 December

2014

Mon 12.00 pm 6 January
Mon 12.00 pm 10 February
Mon 12.00 pm 10 March

CMD: C - Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Children – Unchanged****2013**

Mon 12.00 pm* 22 April
Mon 12.00 pm* 20 May
Mon 12.00 pm* 24 June
Mon 12.00 pm* 15 July
Mon 12.00 pm* 9 September
Mon 12.00 pm* 7 October
Mon 12.00 pm* 4 November
Mon 12.00 pm* 9 December

2014

Mon 12.00 pm* 6 January
Mon 12.00 pm* 10 February
Mon 12.00 pm* 10 March

* or on the rising of CMDE

CMDGI - Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Growth & Infrastructure – Unchanged****2013**

Wed 10.00 am 12 June 2013
Wed 10.00 am 24 July 2013
Wed 10.00 am 4 September 2013
Wed 10.00 am 16 October 2013
Wed 10.00 am 27 November 2013

2014

Wed 10.00 am 8 January 2014
Wed 10.00 am 19 February 2014
Wed 10.00 am 2 April 2014

CMDDL - Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions: Deputy Leader – Unchanged****2013**

Thur 10.00 am 6 June
Thur 10.00 am 18 July
Thur 10.00 am 12 September
Thur 10.00 am 10 October
Thur 10.00 am 21 November

2014

Thur 10.00 am 9 January
Thur 10.00 am 27 February
Thur 10.00 am 27 March

CMDSSC - Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities – Unchanged****2013**

Mon 12.00 pm 20 May
Mon 12.00 pm 17 June
Mon 12.00 pm 15 July
Mon 12.00 pm 16 September
Mon 12.00 pm 14 October
Mon 12.00 pm 11 November
Mon 12.00 pm 9 December

2014

Mon 12.00 pm 20 January
Mon 12.00 pm 24 February
Mon 12.00 pm 24 March

** To be reviewed in the light of the Cabinet Member portfolios announced on 14 May 2013

AG - Audit & Governance Committee – Unchanged**2013**

Wed 2.00 pm 3 July
Wed 2.00 pm 18 September
Wed 2.00 pm 20 November

2014

Wed 2.00 pm 15 January
Wed 2.00 pm 26 February

PLAN - Planning & Regulation Committee – Unchanged

2013

Mon 2.00 pm 10 June
Mon 2.00 pm 22 July
Mon 2.00 pm 9 September
Mon 2.00 pm 21 October
Mon 2.00 pm 2 December

2014

Mon 2.00 pm 13 January
Mon 2.00 pm 3 March

TJC - OCC & Teachers Joint Consultative Committee - Unchanged

2013

Thur 2.00 pm 27 June
Thur 2.00 pm 24 October

2014

Thur 2.00 pm 13 February

EMJCC - OCC & Employees Joint Consultative Committee - Unchanged

2013

Thur 2.00 pm 20 June
Thur 2.00 pm 12 September
Thur 2.00 pm 12 December

2014

Thur 2.00 pm 6 March

FIRCC - OCC Joint Consultative Committee for Uniformed Members of the Fire Service - Unchanged

2013

Fri 10.00 am 21 June
Fri 10.00 am 20 September
Fri 10.00 am 13 December

2014

Fri 10.00 am 21 March

HWB - Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board - Unchanged

2013

Thur 2.00 pm 25 July
Thur 2.00 pm 21 November

2014

Thur 2.00 pm 13 March

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Division(s): N/A

COUNTY COUNCIL – 14 MAY 2013

POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES

Report by the County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

1. The Council is required by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 to review the political balance on its committees on an annual basis. A note is attached (**Annex 1**) which summarises how the rules operate. This note also outlines the co-opted members.
2. A schedule will be circulated separately (**Annex 2**) showing the initial arithmetical product of the rules for the Council's committees. The figures in brackets show the adjustments which are necessary to achieve the balance across and within committees to comply with the rules.
3. A further schedule (**Annex 3**) will be circulated separately showing the group nominations which have been received, together with the names of co-opted members where relevant. These nominations will be put forward on the basis of the adjusted memberships of the respective bodies as referred to in paragraph 2 above.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. **The Council is RECOMMENDED:**
 - (a) **to confirm the political balance on committees shown in Annex 2 to the report;**
 - (b) **to appoint to committees the councillors and co-opted members shown in Annex 3, subject to any changes reported at the meeting.**

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County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

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May 2013

Local Government & Housing Act 1989 - Political Balance

General Description of the Rules

1. For most local authority committees and sub-committees and for certain other appointments, the 1989 Act requires the Council to allocate seats to political groups in accordance with the groups' proportionate strength on the Council as a whole.
2. The political balance requirement applies only where political groups have been set up, but where it does apply the allocation to committees has to be reviewed annually. A review is also required on the formation of a new political group or if requested by a member newly joining a group.
3. A committee must review the allocation of seats on its sub-committees following any change in the committee's membership as a result of a 1989 Act review.

The Allocation

4. The allocation process depends on the proportionate strengths of the political groups and the nature of the committee, sub-committee or other body concerned. The following rules apply:
 - (i) Where a group has an overall majority on the Council, that group is entitled to a majority of the seats on each committee and sub-committee. For this purpose only, the calculation must include seats occupied by voting co-optees on a scrutiny committee or sub-committee concerned with education.
 - (ii) Each political group is entitled to its proportion of the total number of seats on all the committees added together, according to the ratio of the number of members of the group to the number of members of the Council.¹
 - (iii) Subject to (i) and (ii) above, each group is entitled to its proportion of the number of seats on each individual committee.
 - (iv) For sub-committees and some other bodies, a group is entitled to its proportion of the number of seats regardless of the total number of seats involved (but still subject to the majority rule in (i) above).
 - (v) The allocations of seats to political groups are rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. Where the allocations leave a seat or seats unfilled on a committee, sub-committee or other body those seats must be allocated to any independent members of the Council.

¹ The Council has in the past sought so far as possible to apply this principle to the total seats on scrutiny committees and "other" committees also, but this is not a legal requirement

5. Except where a “no dissent” alternative (as described below) is adopted, application of these principles, “so far as reasonably practicable”, is mandatory. Once the allocations have been agreed under this procedure, the appointment of individual members must then be made in accordance with the wishes of the respective groups.

Alternatives where “No Dissent”

6. The requirement to allocate seats according to political groups’ proportionate strengths can be overridden by some other arrangement, either in relation to all committees, sub-committees and other bodies or in relation to any individual committee, sub-committee or other body, provided that no councillor votes against the alternative arrangement when it is proposed.

Co-opted members on Committees

7. A number of Committees have co-opted members:

Audit & Governance Committee – One representative of the Business Community (nominee on Annex 3)

Pension Fund Committee – 2 voting co-opted members representing the District Councils – 2 District Councillors appointed by the District Council.

Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Under Section 8(2)(a) of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 5 District Councillors are appointed by the District Councils. By agreement with all partners of the joint committee there are 3 non-voting co-opted members in order to assist it in its work.

Education Scrutiny Committee – Under the Localism Act 2000 there must be 4 voting co-optees who vote only on matters relating to education functions representing:

The Church of England – nominated by the relevant Diocesan Board of Education

The Roman Catholic Church – nominated by the Bishop of the relevant Diocese

Primary Schools Parent Governors – by advert and election process

Secondary and Special Schools Parent Governors – by advert and election process

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