

County Council

4 November 2014

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 Glenn Watson on (01865) 815270 or glenn.watson@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, 4 November 2014 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

Joanna Simons

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Chief Executive

October 2014

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Items 4, 8, 9 and 10 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

AGENDA

- 1. Election of the Vice Chairman for the Remainder of the 2014/15 Council Year**
- 2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 38)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 (**CC2**) and to receive information arising from them.

3. Apologies for Absence

4. 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.

5. Official Communications

6. Appointments

To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.

7. Petitions and Public Address

8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public

9. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council

10. Report of the Cabinet (Pages 39 - 44)

Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 16 September 2014 and 21 October 2014 (CC10).

11. Requests for Virements and the Use of Reserves (Pages 45 - 48)

Report by the Chief Finance Officer (CC11).

Under the Council's Financial Regulations, Council approval is required for temporary virements of £0.500m or more and where they represent a change in policy. The one-off transfer of funds of £0.500m or more between revenue and capital budgets also requires Council approval.

The Financial Monitoring & Business Strategy Delivery Report to Cabinet on 21 October 2014 set out the following requests which require approval in accordance with the Financial Regulations and the Virement Rules for 2014/15.

Council is recommended to:

- (a) approve the release of £2.751m contingency to Children's Social Care (CEF2-3) within CE&F on a one – off basis;***
- (b) agree that that £1.500m one – off funding from the Older People and***

Physical Disability Pooled Budget reserves will be used to offset part of the in – year pressure across the pools (SCS1) including the Learning Disabilities Pool;

- (c) approve the request to release £0.500m one – off funding from the Efficiency Reserve to SCS1-4 for the Adult Social Care Improvement Programme;***
- (d) approve the transfer of £1.193m from the Carry Forward reserve to the Budget Reserve; and***
- (e) approve a £0.850m contribution to capital from the Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant funding to increase capacity for two year olds.***

12. Themed Debate - Fracking (Pages 49 - 78)

At its Meeting on 1 July 2014, the County Council agreed a Motion from Councillor John Sanders in the following terms:

"Oxfordshire has been identified as one of the areas where there could be a potential to frack for shale gas. Rightly many residents particularly in the north of the County are concerned about the implications for their communities. This Council believes that its members need to have the opportunity to discuss the issues and asks that a Themed Debate is organised in the near future to allow that to happen."

Accordingly, two briefing papers are attached for members' information (**CC12**).

RECOMMENDATION

The Council is invited to note the matters identified in the report.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 3 November 2014 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders.