

# **County Council**

**1 November 2016**

## **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 **07776 997946** or [glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk) for a hard copy of the document.

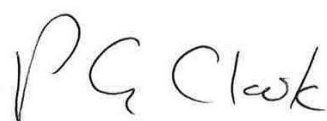
**If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.**

To: Members of the County Council

## ***Notice of a Meeting of the County Council***

**Tuesday, 1 November 2016 at 10.00 am**

**Council Chamber - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND**



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October 2016

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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.***

***A buffet luncheon will be provided.***

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 36)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 (**CC1**) and to receive information arising from them.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

### **3. 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.

### **4. Official Communications**

### **5. Appointments**

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

Members are asked to agree the following appointment:

To appoint Mr Richard Brown as Parent Governor Representative for primary Schools on Education Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect.

### **6. Petitions and Public Address**

### **7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public**

### **8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council**

### **9. Report of the Cabinet (Pages 37 - 42)**

Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 20 September 2016 and 18 October 2016 (CC9).

### **10. Partnership Update Report (Pages 43 - 76)**

Report by the Chief Policy Officer (CC10).

The report provides an update on the Oxfordshire-wide partnerships which are critical in progressing key countywide priorities, enabling partners to work across the themes of a thriving Oxfordshire, including economic growth, health and wellbeing, thriving communities, and support to the most vulnerable.

Each partnership report addresses the following points:

- The current focus for the Partnership;
- The personnel (Chairman and supporting staff) of the Partnership
- The Partnership's governance arrangements;
- The Partnership's key achievements in the last year;

- The aims for the Partnership in the year ahead;
- The key challenges for the Partnership and how these will be addressed going forward.

The most significant structural change to report since the 2015 update is that the Strategic Schools Partnership has established its terms of reference, working patterns, membership, and functions. The work of this partnership is included in this yearly update alongside an update from Oxfordshire Early Years Board.

***Council is RECOMMENDED to note the report.***

## **11. Director of Public Health Annual Report (Pages 77 - 164)**

Report by Director of Public Health (CC11).

The annual report summarises key issues associated with the Public Health of the County. It includes details of progress over the past year as well as information on future work.

It is an independent report for all organisations and individuals.

The report covers the following areas:

- Chapter 1: The Demographic Challenge
- Chapter 2: Building Healthy Communities
- Chapter 3: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage
- Chapter 4: Lifestyles and Preventing Disease Before it Starts
- Chapter 5: Mental Health
- Chapter 6: Fighting Killer Diseases

The report has also been considered at the Oxfordshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 and Cabinet on 18 October 2016.

***Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report and note its recommendations.***

## **MOTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

***WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS WITH NOTICE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PROPER OFFICER IN WRITING BY 9.00 AM ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING***

## **12. Motion From Councillor Janet Godden**

“This Council notes that:

- 1 in 4 adults will experience a mental health episode in any given year.
- Mental illness costs some £105bn each year in England alone.
- People suffering from mental illness are disproportionately likely to have other

- problems such as housing issues, employment and debt.
- People with severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.

As a local authority we have an important role to play in improving the mental health of all – by supporting people in our communities living with mental illness and tackling some of the widest most entrenched inequalities in health.

Mental health should be a priority across all local authority areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning. All councillors can play an important part in championing mental health, both as individuals and on a strategic basis, adding weight to the work of our social care, public health and community safety services.

The Council resolves to sign up to the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge and to support measures to promote positive mental health in Oxfordshire, enhancing our joint working with our partners in the NHS, the police authority and the voluntary sector.”

### **13. Motion From Councillor David Williams**

“Given that the Council has now opened a bidding process seeking external funding to maintain as large a number of Children’s Centres as possible, this Council recognises that rental costs will be a key element of each Centre’s survival. With this in view the Council calls on the Cabinet to:

- Waive rental fees for 2016-2017 as a major contribution to keeping all centres open beyond the proposed closure dates. Security of accommodation will be a vital factor in bidding for external funding in that it signals continuity of existence and will be the one contribution the County could make to keep the maximum number of Centres open if the future is to be built on external funding for activity based projects at each centre.
- Widely publicise the support all of the Children’s Centres to stop the rapid erosion of staffing that is now underway.
- During 2016-2017 carry out constructive consultations with the new authorities that emerge from any devolution decision to begin along with other organisations that may be willing to co-sponsor the Children Centres beyond 2017 such as the Health Service, the Police, parish councils and charities.”

### **14. Motion From Councillor David Williams**

There are now at least two proposals for the reorganisation of local government in Oxfordshire. Both envisage a unitary structure to service delivery and seek to rationalise local government into more effective and economic systems. Both have their merits and detractions.

Unfortunately, it would appear that there is no consensus between the County and District/City authorities as to what would be the most appropriate new structure and

the process seems deadlocked.

The cornerstone of any new structure must be that it is democratic and what the people of Oxfordshire perceive as representing their local community interest.

With this in view the County will conduct a full public consultation in Oxfordshire via internet poll of those that accept the unitary principle and present three options:

- 1) One single County Wide Unitary with a high degree of devolution.
- 2) Two Unitary Authorities. The City of Oxford and a unitary incorporating all the market towns around the City.
- 3) Three Unitary Authorities. The City of Oxford and two unitaries incorporating one to the North and one to the South.

Advocates of all these structures to make their case to the electorate during the in depth consultation.

The results of this consultation to be submitted to Central Government to illustrate the wishes of local people along with the various submissions from the existing local governments if these are to be made.

## **15. Motion From Councillor Sam Coates**

The EU Referendum held on the 23 June with its decision to EXIT the European referendum is not a mandate for abandoning the progressive reforms that the European Union introduced or the obvious advantages of the Single Market to industry and trade.

This Council is concerned that there seems no clear indication of what stance the Government will take in the negotiations after article 50 is triggered and alarmed at certain Ministers who are willing to consider a hard BREXIT – withdrawal from all aspects of EU cooperation including access to the Single Market . Such a move would destroy many industries in Oxfordshire and send the national economy into long term decline.

What is to be done in vital cooperation issues directly related to Council services such as pollution controls, recycling, structural funds, competition rules plus numerous rules and regulations related to employment and procurement are as yet totally unclear.

The Council calls on the Government to clarify its aims in the EU negotiations and to establish that a primary objective will be to maintain our exporters ability to access the Single Market with ease. Such a stance will stop the speculative runs on the pound we have already witnessed and make it clear to foreign companies who are only operating here because of our present tariff free access to Europe that they should remain.

The Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister to illustrate the Councils

concerns on this issue.

## **16. Motion From Councillor John Sanders**

“Cowley division is suffering from development without consideration of the necessary transport infrastructure, whether it is cycle routes, pedestrian access, parking controls, traffic controls, potholes or rat-running, there never is enough money made available to meet the demands of increased traffic on local roads.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor of the Exchequer demanding targeted government investment in road maintenance and minor traffic infrastructure improvements to mitigate the critical pressures on Cowley’s and other division’s roads.”

## **17. Motion From Councillor Sam Coates**

“Given that an increasing number of services are becoming ever more reliant on voluntary efforts and partnerships with charities the County Council ask the Cabinet to undertake a 'capacity survey' of charities and volunteers which may be engaged in the support of a wide variety of County services in the future.

The intention of the review would be to determine which services may be sustained via voluntary efforts, and where costs and the need for specialist workers make services unsustainable with third sector partners.”

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### **Pre-Meeting Briefing**

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 31 October 2016 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders