

County Council

11 July 2017

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 for a hard copy of the document.

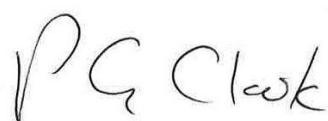
If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

To: Members of the County Council

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 11 July 2017 at 10.30 am

County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND



P.G. Clark
Chief Executive

June 2017

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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that Items 3, 7 and 12 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. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2017 (**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.

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 9 - 12)**

Report of the Cabinet Meetings held on 14 March 2017, 25 April 2017, 23 May 2017 and 20 June 2017 (**CC9**).

10. **Audit & Governance Annual Report (Pages 13 - 26)**

The Annual Report sets out the role of the Audit & Governance Committee and summarises the work that has been undertaken both as a Committee and through the support of the Audit Working Group in 2016/17.

Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report.

11. **County Council Meeting Dates (Pages 27 - 34)**

The report of the Monitoring Officer containing the schedule of meeting dates proposed for the 2018/19 Council Year is attached (**CC11**).

The schedule has been drawn up to reflect the various rules about frequency of meetings set out in the Council's Constitution. Attention is drawn to the following proposed changes to the usual patterns which are reflected in the attached schedule:

- 1) The constitution fixes the April meeting as the 1st Tuesday – this is 3 April 2018 and falls in the 1st week of the school holidays. It is recommended that the

- meeting be brought forward to Tuesday 27 March 2018.
- 2) The constitution fixes the budget Council meeting as the third Tuesday in February – this is 19 February 2019 and falls in the spring half term holiday. It is recommended that the meeting be brought forward to Tuesday 12 February 2019
 - 3) Planning & Regulation Committee meets every 6 weeks but this would mean that it meets in the Easter holiday 2018. It is recommended that the meeting be brought forward to Monday 26 March 2018.

Council is RECOMMENDED to agree the schedule of meeting dates for the 2018/19 and in particular to agree to waive Rule 2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules to allow the April 2018 meeting and February 2019 budget meeting of full Council to be held on 27 March 2018 and 12 February 2019 respectively.

12. Virements to Council (Pages 35 - 44)

Report by the Chief Finance Officer (CC12)

As set out in the Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn Report to Cabinet on 20 June 2017 given the pressures in both Special Educational Needs (SEN) Home to School Transport and Children's Social Care placements, it is proposed that the underspends in Social and Community Services, Environment & Economy and Corporate Services will be used to offset the overspends in Children, Education & Families.

Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the virements greater than £1.0m for Children, Education & Families, Social & Community Services and Environment & Economy as set out in Annex 1.

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

13. Motion From Councillor Ian Hudspeth

“Oxfordshire County Council congratulates all the newly elected Oxfordshire MPs following the recent General Election. We look forward to working with them all in the future and would like to invite them to address a Council meeting in the future.

This Council asks the Chairman to write to each MP congratulating them on their successful campaign, inviting them to address a Council meeting.”

14. Motion From Councillor Liz Brighthouse

“This Council, wishing to ensure that governance arrangements for the County are transparent, inclusive and reflect the political situation which exists, asks the Cabinet to work with Political Group Leaders to come forward with a plan to replace the Cabinet with 3 Committees to cover each of the Strategic Directorates.

These Committees would have delegated decision making powers from the Council and would be politically balanced. The Locality Groups would become Committees for each of the District Council Areas (there is already a Locality Group for the City). These Locality Committees would be consulted on policy and budget matters by the Directorate Committees. Robust Scrutiny Structures would be put in place. The Plan to be worked on with a view to the change in the structure being put in place by May 2018.”

15. Motion From Councillor David Bartholomew

“At meetings of the County Planning & Regulation Committee (PRC), District or City Councillors have historically been allotted their own speaking slot. However, at District and City planning meetings, County Councillors are treated as members of the public and have to share a speaking slot with anyone else who wants to speak.

In the interest of fairness, this Council instructs the Monitoring Officer and Chairman of the PRC to write to District and City Monitoring Officers and Planning Chairmen advising them that from 1st January 2018 this Council will introduce a policy of reciprocity to ensure parity of treatment. This means that District or City Councils that allow County Councillors their own speaking slot will enjoy the same privilege for their Councillors at County PRC meetings and those that do not, will not get their own speaking slot.

Council delegates to the Monitoring Officer the authority to make the necessary changes to the Constitution to reflect the above arrangements.”

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 10 July 2017 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders