

County Council

9 February 2010

Agenda

Declarations of Interest

This note briefly summarises the position on interests which you must declare at the meeting. Please refer to the Members' Code of Conduct in Section DD of the Constitution for a fuller description.

The duty to declare ...

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, ie where the matter affects (either positively or negatively):

- (i) any of the financial and other interests which you are required to notify for inclusion in the statutory Register of Members' Interests; or
- (ii) your own well-being or financial position or that of any member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association more than it would affect other people in the County.

Whose interests are included ...

"Member of your family" in (ii) above includes spouses and partners and other relatives' spouses and partners, and extends to the employment and investment interests of relatives and friends and their involvement in other bodies of various descriptions. For a full list of what "relative" covers, please see the Code of Conduct.

When and what to declare ...

The best time to make any declaration is under the agenda item "Declarations of Interest". Under the Code you must declare not later than at the start of the item concerned or (if different) as soon as the interest "becomes apparent".

In making a declaration you must state the nature of the interest.

Taking part if you have an interest ...

Having made a declaration you may still take part in the debate and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a "prejudicial" interest.

"Prejudicial" interests ...

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would think so significant as to be likely to affect your judgment of the public interest.

What to do if your interest is prejudicial ...

If you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under consideration, you may remain in the room but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter under consideration, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

Exceptions ...

There are a few circumstances where you may regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest or may participate even though you may have one. These, together with other rules about participation in the case of a prejudicial interest, are set out in paragraphs 10 – 12 of the Code.

Seeking Advice ...

It is your responsibility to decide whether any of these provisions apply to you in particular circumstances, but you may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

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

To: **Members of the County Council**

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 9 February 2010 at 10.00 am

County Hall, Oxford

Joanna Simons

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Chief Executive

January 2010

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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

AGENDA

1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 26)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2010 (CC1) to receive for information any matters 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. Section 85, Local Government Act 1972 - Approval of Absence

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. Medium Term Corporate Plan 2010/2011-2014/15 (CC8) (Pages 27 - 48)

The Council's Medium Term Corporate Plan 2010/2011-2014/15 will set out the challenges facing the County Council, the rationale for our objectives, and identifies the priority and activities on which we will focus. The Strategy and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee reviewed the draft Plan and submitted comments to the Cabinet, who approved the draft on 19 January 2010.

The Plan is in two parts:

- A broad strategy document now presented to the Council for approval
- A delivery plan which sets out the detail of priorities and targets. This part of the Plan is still being developed and will be completed in the next few weeks. However, the Strategy & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee has seen a draft and commented on it. The intention is that the final version will be shared with Group Leaders before it is signed off.

A summary of the key elements of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will also be included in the final version of the Plan.

A separate Annual Report will be produced in the summer, which will provide a review of the previous year, highlighting achievements and challenges faced and commenting on our performance.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS Council to approve the Corporate Plan 2010/11-2014/15 subject to the inclusion of the delivery plan, a summary of the Medium Term Financial Plan and any changes in the text approved by the Chief Executive after consultation with the Leader of the Council.

9. Service and Resource Planning 2010/11 to 2014/15 (Pages 49 - 234)

Report of the Cabinet (**CC9**) and Supplementary Report by the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer (**CC9 Supplementary**). The recommendations set out below (and in the report) are made subject to the Commentary on the Budget Proposals by the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer, as the Council's Section 151 Officer, to be circulated separately.

The Liberal Democrat and Green Groups propose to submit amendments to the budget proposals ((**CC9 Liberal Democrat**) and (**CC9 Green**) respectively) and these will be circulated separately.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS Council:

(a) (in respect of revenue) to approve:

- (1) a budget for 2010/11 as set out in Annex 4 and a medium term plan to 2014/15 as set out in Annex 1;***
- (2) a budget requirement for 2010/11 of £389.870m;***
- (3) the Council Tax and Precept calculations for 2010/11 set out in Annex 5 to the report and in particular:***
 - (i) a precept of £281.192m; and***
 - (ii) a Council Tax for Band D equivalent properties of £1,161.71;***
- (4) the use of the LABGI reserve funding as set out in Annex 2b;***
- (5) the disposition of Dedicated Schools Grant as set out in Annex 6 to the report;***
- (6) virement arrangements for 2010/11 as set out in Annex 7 to the report;***

(b) (in respect of treasury management) to approve:

- (1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as at Annex 8 including the Prudential Indicators;***
- (2) that in relation to the 2010/11 strategy any further changes required be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer following consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and leaders of the Opposition and Labour group.***

(c) to approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in paragraphs 10 to 14 of Annex 9.

(d) (in respect of Capital) to approve:

- (1) the Capital Strategy at Annex 10 and Corporate Asset Management Plan at Annex 11;***
- (2) the Capital Programme for 2009/10 to 2014/15 as set out in the capital programme at Annex 12;***
- (3) the prudential indicators for capital set out in Annex 13 to the report.***

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 8 February 2010 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders