

County Council

15 May 2018

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.

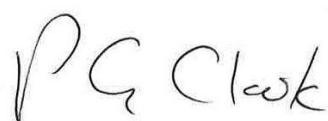
If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

To: **Members of the County Council**

Notice of a Meeting of the County Council

Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at 10.30 am

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



P.G. Clark
Chief Executive

May 2018

Committee Officer: **Deborah Miller**
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In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, notice is given that the meeting 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 Chairman for the 2018/19 Council Year**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2018/19 Council Year**
- 3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 22)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2018 (**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. **Petitions and Public Address**

7. **Official Communications**

8. **Response to the Secretary of State and Independent Reconfiguration Panel Recommendations (Pages 23 - 28)**

Report by the Director for Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer (**CC8**).

The report outlines the suggested response for Oxfordshire County Council to respond to the Secretary of State and Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) recommendations in relation to the closure of consultant-led maternity services at the Horton General Hospital.

Council is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) **agree to establish a Health Scrutiny Committee with Northamptonshire and Warwickshire County Councils with the express purpose of responding to the consultation for substantial reconfiguration of consultant-led obstetric services at the Horton General Hospital;**
- (b) **delegate to the joint committee, this Council's power to refer any such consultation to the secretary of state;**
- (c) **delegate to the Monitoring Officer and the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chairman of Oxfordshire Joint HOSC, the power to finalise and agree the Terms of Reference for the new Joint HOSC based on the draft at Annex A.**

9. **Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board Function and Governance Review: Proposal for Consideration and Decision by the Board (Pages 29 - 40)**

The report sets out proposals for strengthening the Health and Wellbeing Board (HAWB), having taken account of the views of Board members, a wide range of partners and the views expressed recently by the Care Quality Commission.

On 10 May 2018, the Health and Wellbeing Board will be asked to endorse the proposed changes and authorise the Director of Public Health and the Director of Law & Governance, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board to amend the Terms of Reference as necessary for approval by Full Council.

The Terms of Reference will be circulated to all members of the Council following the meeting on 10 May 2018.

Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the Terms of Reference for the Health & Wellbeing Board.

10. Committees and Review of Political Balance (Pages 41 - 54)

Report by the Director of Law & Governance & Monitoring Officer (**CC10**).

The Council is required by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 to review the political balance on its committees on an annual basis. The report sets out how the rules operate and seeks approval for adjustments which are necessary to achieve the balance across and within committees to comply with the rules.

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 in any amended schedule and at the meeting; and
- (c) to note the executive appointments in Annex 3 in relation to Oxfordshire Growth Board scrutiny arrangements and advisory sub groups.

11. Cabinet Membership and Delegation of Cabinet Functions

Report by the Leader of the Council (**CC11**) – to be published with the Schedule of Business.

Council is RECOMMENDED to note the delegations made by the Leader of the Council with regard to the functions of the Cabinet.

12. Committee Meeting Dates (Pages 55 - 62)

A schedule of meeting dates proposed for the 2019/20 Council Year is attached (**CC12**).

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 change to previous patterns: on the suggestion of the Director of Finance the February budget meeting is proposed for the second rather than the third Tuesday in February. This also avoids the budget meeting being held during the half term school holiday.

Council is RECOMMENDED to agree the schedule of meeting dates for 2019/20 and in particular to agree to waive Rule 2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules to allow the February 2020 budget meeting of full Council to be held on 11 February 2020.

13. Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report to Council 2017
(Pages 63 - 76)

Report by the Chairman of the Audit & Governance Committee (**CC13**).

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 2017/18.

Council is RECOMMENDED to receive the report.

14. Officer Scheme of Delegation (Pages 77 - 102)

Report by the Director of Law & Governance (**CC14**)

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 7.2 of the Council's Constitution. The Scheme of Delegation itself gives delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service, directors and other chief officers whose titles and/or areas of responsibility are set out in Part 2, Article 13 of the Constitution. Copies of both Article 13 and Part 7.2 are included as annexes to this report.

Since the approval of the officer scheme of delegation at last year's Annual Meeting (May 2017) no further changes have been necessary and no senior management reviews have occurred in the meantime.

The Council's Fit for the Future transformation programme, working towards a new operating model, may have implications for delegated activity later in the year but not at this time: questions of delegation would be considered as part of the governance implications of any such decisions.

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Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 14 May 2018 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders.