

County Council

12 February 2019

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, 12 February 2019 at 10.30 am

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



Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

February 2019

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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. Minutes (Pages 1 - 36)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018 (**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. Pay Policy Statement - Report of the Remuneration Committee (Pages 37 - 50)

Report by the Strategic Director Resources (**CC7**)

The Remuneration Committee is required to report annually to Council on the Pay Policy Statement. The Remuneration Committee considered this report on 30 January 2019 and now submit it for approval to Council on 12 February 2019.

The Council is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) receive the report of the Remuneration Committee;***
- (b) approve the revised Pay Policy Statement at Annex 2 to this report.***

8. Service & Resource Planning 2019/20 - 2022/23 (Pages 51 - 304)

Report by Director of Finance (**CC8**).

This report is the culmination of the Service & Resource Planning process for 2019/20 to 2022/23. It sets out the Cabinet's proposed budget for 2019/20, medium term financial plan to 2022/23 and capital programme to 2028/29, together with a number of strategies and policies that the Council is required to approve for the 2019/20 financial year.

The report is divided into four main sections which are outlined below:

Section 1 – Leader of the Council's overview (To follow)

Section 2 – Corporate Plan

Section 3 – Statutory Report by the Director of Finance (Chief Finance Officer)

Section 4 – Budget Strategy and Capital Programme

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- (a) approve the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2021 as set out in section 2;**
- (b) have regard to the statutory report of the Director of Finance (at Section 3) in approving recommendations c to e below;**
- (c) (in respect of revenue) approve:**
 - (1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2019/20 set out in section 4.3 and in particular:**
 - (i) a precept of £369,064,777;**
 - (ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £1,468.83;**
 - (2) a budget for 2019/20 as set out in section 4.4;**
 - (3) a medium term plan for 2019/20 to 2022/23 as set out in section 4.1 (which incorporates changes to the existing medium term financial plan as set out in section 4.2;**
 - (4) virement arrangements to operate within the approved budget for 2019/20 as set out in section 4.5;**
 - (5) the Financial Strategy for 2019/20 at section 4.6**
 - (6) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2019/20 at section 4.7 including**
 - (i) the Chief Finance Officer’s recommended level of balances for 2019/20 (section 4.7 Appendix 1), and**
 - (ii) the planned level of reserves for 2019/20 to 2022/23 (section 4.7.1)**
 - (7) the use of Dedicated Schools Grant (provisional allocation) for 2019/20 as set out in section 4.8; and**
- (d) (in respect of treasury management) approve:**
 - (1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2019/20 incorporated in the Capital & Investment Strategy in section 4.9;**
 - (2) the continued delegation of authority to withdraw or advance additional funds to/from external fund managers to the Treasury Management Strategy Team;**
 - (3) that any further changes required to the 2019/20 strategy be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance;**
 - (4) the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators; and**
 - (5) the Specified Investment and Non Specified Investment Instruments as set out in Appendix A and B of section 4.9.**
- (e) (in respect of capital) approve:**
 - (1) the Capital & Investment Strategy for 2019/20 – 2028/29 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in Section 4.9; and**
 - (2) a Capital Programme for 2019/20 to 2028/29 as set out in section 4.9.1 which includes the Highways Structural Maintenance**

Programme 2019/20 and 2020/21 in section 4.9.3.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 11 February 2019 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders