

County Council

10 July 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, 10 July 2018 at 3.30 pm or on the rising of Council

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



P.G. Clark
Chief Executive

June 2018

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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. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. 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.

- 3. Petitions and Public Address**
- 4. Appointment of a Joint Chief Executive for Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council (Pages 1 - 10)**

This report applies in the event that, earlier on 10 July, Full Council reaches a decision to make an appointment to the post of 'Joint Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service', in partnership with Cherwell District Council. Following any such decision, Cabinet members will have been consulted during the day about these intentions, in accordance with the Council's Constitutional, and statutory rules.

This report therefore sets out the decisions that would need to be confirmed if Full Council is now minded, in the light of any comments from Cabinet members, to proceed with an appointment and subsequent redundancy. The rationale and context is supplied in the report of the same title on the Full Council agenda, at the meeting held earlier today.

An addenda to this agenda will be circulated, to summarise the views of Cabinet members as to whether they have any objections or not.

Council is RECOMMENDED:

- 1. Having received the views of Cabinet in consequence of Full Council's earlier decisions then, as appropriate:***
 - (a) confirm the appointment of Yvonne Rees as Joint Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service of Oxfordshire County Council in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9; and as a consequence***
 - (b) confirm the ending of the current Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service role on the grounds of redundancy in accordance with paragraphs 14-15 and Annex 2, and that a Notice of Termination be issued on the 30 September 2018 ending Mr Clark's employment; and***
 - (c) ask the Director of Human Resources to issue the necessary offer of appointment to Yvonne Rees;***
 - (d) ask the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution to reflect these decisions, as appropriate;***
 - (e) agree that these decisions are subject to Cherwell District Council confirming its decision to enter into joint working with Oxfordshire County Council, which it is currently scheduled to do on 16 July 2018.***

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 9 July 2018 at 10.15 am** for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Deputy Group Leaders