

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF COUNCIL – 1 APRIL 2025

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

ITEM/TIME	ITEM	PROPOSALS (M = Motion; SEC = Seconders; Am = Amendment S = Statement; Q = Question; REC = Recommendation to be determined)
1 10:30	Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2025 (CC1) and to receive information arising from them.	
2	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllrs Bulmer, Miller, Povolotsky	
3	Declarations of Interest	
4 10:35 5 mins	Official Communications Oxfordshire is the first county council in the country to achieve Council of Sanctuary status. This is a fantastic achievement and underpins our commitment to supporting people fleeing war, persecution and serious human rights violations. Our thanks to the Migration team in Public Health and Communities, supported by colleagues in the County education team, as well as children's and adult social care for all their work in achieving this. The new link between the county of Oxfordshire with the Royal Navy ship HMS Diamond was sealed at a special ceremony at Blenheim Palace on Tuesday, 25 February with senior naval officers, including past commanders of HMS Diamond, and Lady Suzie Johns, Lady Sponsor for HMS Diamond present. They were joined by civic and military representatives from across	

	<p>Oxfordshire including the Lord-Lieutenant Marjorie Glasgow, Oxfordshire County Council leader Cllr Liz Leffman and Chair of the Council, Cllr Alison Rooke.</p> <p>Other events attended by the Chair and Vice Chair since the last Council meeting:</p> <p>12 Feb Royal visit, Chipping Norton, Chair</p> <p>18 Feb Meeting with Mikayla Beames (British Empire Medal recipient), County Hall, Chair</p> <p>19 Feb meeting of Convocation to admit The Rt. Hon. Lord Hague of Richmond as Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Oxford, Chair</p> <p>19 Feb The Oxfordshire Scout and Guide Show, Abingdon, Chair</p> <p>22 & 23 Feb The One World family festival, Oxford, Chair</p> <p>28 Feb Visit to Rewley Road, Oxford, Chair</p> <p>03 Mar Prison Awards, County Hall, Chair</p> <p>07 Mar Chair of WODC charity fundraising quiz, Witney, Chair</p> <p>09 Mar Abingdon on Artists Spring exhibition, Abingdon, Chair</p> <p>10 Mar High Sheriff Awards, County Hall, Chair</p> <p>11 Mar Chipping Norton branch visit, Chair</p> <p>13 Mar Lunch with Oxfordshire's Blind Veterans Association, Abingdon, Chair</p> <p>14 Mar Rhythms and Chips Grand Main Hall, Banbury, Vice Chair</p> <p>15 Mar Holi 2025 - A celebration of colours, Oxford, Vice Chair</p> <p>21 Mar Mayor's charity gala dinner, Bicester, Vice Chair</p> <p>23 Mar Mayor of Abingdon Civic Service, Chair</p> <p>25 Mar OCC Chair's Charity Donation reception, County Hall, Chair</p> <p>26 Mar OCVA Volunteer Recruitment Fair 2025, Oxford, Chair</p> <p>26 Mar Launch of the Standing With Giants VE Event, County Hall, Chair</p> <p>28 Feb Lord Mayor's Quiz, Oxford, Chair</p> <p>31 Mar Didcot powerhouse fund impact, Chair</p>	
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25 mins	<p>See Annex 3 for questions and responses. One supplementary question allowed for each.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constance to Gant 2. Constance to Roberts 3. Constance to Roberts 4. Hicks to Snowden 5. Cherry to Gant 6. Pressel to Gant 7. Pressel to Gant 8. Pressel to Sudbury 9. Ford to Roberts 10. Ford to Roberts 11. Waine to Gant 12. Waine to Howson 13. Thomas to Gant 14. Thomas to Gant 15. Thomas to Gant 16. Smith to Bearder 17. Ford to Gant 18. Graham to Fawcett 19. Field-Johnson to Gant 20. Hanna to Roberts 21. Hanna to Gant 22. Hanna to Leffman 	
<p>9</p> <p>11:40</p> <p>40 mins</p>	<p>Annual Report of the Director of Public Health (Pages 9 to 42)</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to note the Director of Public Health's Annual Report in Annex 1 and to take every opportunity to support actions and initiatives that will progress related work.</p>	<p>Speakers: Mina Fazel Emma Coles</p> <p>M Ley SEC Leffman S Phillips S Lygo S Elphinstone S Brighthouse S Enright S Hanna S Howson</p>
<p>10</p> <p>12:20</p>	<p>Report of the Cabinet (Pages 43-54)</p> <p>Leader (Cllr Liz Leffman) Pg 43: Item 1 Item 2</p>	<p>Q Johnston</p>

40 mins		Pg 44: Item 3	Q Edosomwan Q Elphinstone Q Enright Q Baines Q Pressel Q Brighthouse Q Smith Q Johnston
		Item 4 Item 5	
	Deputy Leader, Climate Change, Environment & Future Generations (Cllr Pete Sudbury)	Pg 44: Item 6 Pg 45: Item 7 Item 8 Item 9 Pg 46: Item 10 Item 11	Q Hicks Q Pressel Q Coles Q Hicks Q Baines Q Enright
	Adult Social Care (Cllr Tim Bearder)	Pg 47: Item 12 Item 13	Q O'Connor Q O'Connor
	Community & Corporate Services (Cllr Neil Fawcett)	Pg 47: Item 14	
	Finance (Cllr Dan Levy)	Pg 48: Item 15 Pg 49: Item 16 Item 17 Pg 50: Item 18 Item 19	Q Baines Q Baines Q Baines Q Cherry Q Baines Q Pressel
	Infrastructure & Development Strategy (Cllr Judy Roberts)	Pg 51: Item 20	
	Public Health, Inequalities & Community Safety (Cllr Nathan Ley)	Pg 51: Item 21	
	SEND Improvement (Cllr Kate Gregory)	Pg 51: Item 22	
	Transport Management (Cllr Andrew Gant)	Pg 52: Item 23	Q Saul Q Enright Q Baines
	Scrutiny Reports	Pg 52: Item 24	

13:00 40 mins	LUNCH	
11 13:40 30 mins	<p>Constitutional Amendments (Pages 55-292)</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED</p> <p>a) to approve amendments listed and tracked in Annex 1 (including Appendices 1 to 21) to the following Parts of the Council's Constitution, as proposed by the Constitution Working Group and, in the cases of (iii), (xii), (xiv) and (xvii), as amended by the Audit & Governance Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Part 1.2 How Oxfordshire County Council Operates; (ii) Part 1.3 Decision Making; (iii) Part 3.1 Council Procedure Rules; (iv) Part 3.1A Virtual Meeting Procedure Rules (delete); (v) Part 3.3 Virement Rules; (vi) Part 4.2 Cabinet Procedure Rules; (vii) Part 4.4 Delegated Decisions by Individual Cabinet Members; (viii) Part 4.6 Transport Advisory Panel (delete); (ix) Part 5.1A Regulatory and Other Committees; (x) Part 5.1B Health and Wellbeing Board; (xi) Part 6.1A Overview and Scrutiny Committees; (xii) Part 6.1B Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee; (xiii) Part 6.1C Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference (new Part); (xiv) Part 6.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules; 	<p>M Fenton SEC Smith</p> <p>Am Phillips SEC S Smith</p>

	<p>(xv) Part 6.3 Protocol on Scrutiny Participation (delete);</p> <p>(xvi) Part 7.2 Scheme of Delegation to Officers;</p> <p>(xvii) Part 8.3 Contract Procedure Rules;</p> <p>(xviii) Part 9.2 Protocol on Councillors' Rights and Responsibilities;</p> <p>(xix) Part 9.4 Policy on IT Use by Members of the County Council (delete);</p> <p>(xx) Part 9.6 Protocol on Member-Officer Relations;</p> <p>(xxi) Part 10.1 Members' Allowances;</p> <p>(xxii) correct erroneous references and update titles where they have changed;</p> <p>b) to approve additional items in Annex 2 agreed by the Audit & Governance Committee;</p> <p>c) to approve amendments in Annex 3 agreed by the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board to its Terms of Reference;</p> <p>d) to delegate to the Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer the ability to make any necessary additional changes to the Constitution to amend any inconsistencies arising from these proposed changes and where any existing drafting in the Constitution is inconsistent with the changes set out in this report and approved by Council.</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>14:10</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Committees and Review of Political Balance (Pages 293 - 304)</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED</p> <p>a) To note the review of political balance of committees to reflect the formation of the Green Group and Reform UK Group.</p>	<p>M Chair</p> <p>SEC Vice-Chair</p>

	b) To appoint members to the committees of the Council as listed at Annex 1.	
13 14:20 5 mins	The Use of Urgency Provisions (Pages 305 to 308) Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2 Council is RECOMMENDED to note a) the exemption from Call-in of the following decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet on 20 March 2025 - Initial Response to Government: Statutory invitation for Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution 	M Leffman SEC Sudbury S Brighthouse
14 14:25 10 mins	Interim Arrangements for Taking Emergency Decisions Immediately Following the County Council Elections (Revised report in Annex 4 of the Schedule of Business) Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2 Council is RECOMMENDED to agree a temporary variation to Part 7.2 of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers with effect that from 6 May to 20 May 2025 paragraph 6.3 (c) is to be read as follows:- “(c) Any function of the Cabinet or of a Council committee or sub-committee, after consultation with the appropriate Director and thereafter with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council and the Leader, as appropriate.”	M Chair SEC Vice-Chair
15 14:35 30 mins	Motion by Councillor Glynis Phillips – National Care Service Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2 A National Care Service is required in England to provide consistent high-quality care and provide further support for unpaid	M Phillips SEC Edosomwan Am Sudbury SEC S O'Connor S Cherry S Lygo S Howson

	<p>carers by creating and implementing national standards.</p> <p>There is a crisis in the adult social care workforce with the figures from Skills for Care showing that there are currently over 131,000 vacancies in the care sector. There are variations across the country in the way this vital workforce is treated with some care workers suffering from poor pay and conditions.</p> <p>This council agrees for the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care setting out our support for a National Care Service that will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the quality of care for everyone who needs it and providing further support for unpaid carers - Support independent living and enable people to recover outside hospital and care homes with the right level of support - Promote public sector and not for profit organisations delivering care services - Support partnership working with care providers including the voluntary sector, unions and government - Implement a fair pay agreement with all care providers including the voluntary sector. <p>This council supports the setting up of a National Care Service and urges the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to prioritise this reform.</p> <p><i>Note: The motion, if passed, would constitute the exercise of an executive function in which case it will be referred to the Cabinet together with any advice the Council may wish to give, in accordance with Rule 13.5.1 (i) of the Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution.</i></p>	<p>S Bearder S Hanna S Rouane</p>
<p>16</p> <p>15:05</p> <p>25 mins</p>	<p>Motion by Councillor Donna Ford – Banking Hubs</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p>	<p>M Ford SEC Fenton S Smith S Gregory S Fawcett</p>

Councillors note the increasing number of vacant bank and building society buildings on our high streets, which are largely the result of technological change. The loss of community banking services is of concern to many residents, especially older constituents and those with disabilities and adaptive needs.

Buckinghamshire Council has set up a Banking Hub in Buckingham library for people to access banking services in the town centre.

Established in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council through its Buckingham and Villages Community Board, with the support of Buckingham Town Council and community representatives, the temporary Banking Hub provides local people with access to banking services. This offers a counter service operated by the Post Office, where customers of all major banks and building societies can carry out regular cash transactions. It also offers a Community Banker service where customers can talk to their banking provider about more complicated issues. Community Bankers work on rotation, with a different bank or building society available on each day of the week, to ensure fair and equitable access to major banking and building society customers.

Council requests the relevant Cabinet member for Community and Corporate Services and the Cabinet Member for Finance to take a lead from forward-thinking colleagues at Buckinghamshire Council and, working with its Town Council, and District Council partners, invite banks and building societies that have left – or are due to leave – our high streets to explore opportunities to work with this Council to set up similar banking hubs within appropriate Council libraries.

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