

# Agenda

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## Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 18 June 2012**

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Place: **Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford**

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# Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

## Membership

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan</b>	Headington Hill and Northway;
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan</b>	Lye Valley;
	<b>Councillor Jim Campbell</b>	St. Margaret's;
	<b>Councillor Bev Clack</b>	St. Clement's;
	<b>Councillor Roy Darke</b>	Headington Hill and Northway;
	<b>Councillor Mick Haines</b>	Marston;
	<b>Councillor Rae Humberstone</b>	Blackbird Leys;
	<b>Councillor Graham Jones</b>	St. Clement's;
	<b>Councillor Pat Kennedy</b>	Lye Valley;
	<b>Councillor Helen O'Hara</b>	Cowley;
	<b>Councillor Gill Sanders</b>	Littlemore;
	<b>Councillor Ruth Wilkinson</b>	Headington;
	<b>Councillor Dick Wolff</b>	St. Mary's;

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## AGENDA

Pages

- 1 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2012/2013
- 2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2012/2013
- 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have on items contained in this agenda.

- 5 COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION RAISED BY COUNCILLOR WOLFF - RE-DEVELOPMENT OF ST. CLEMENTS CAR PARK

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### Background Information

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Police and Justice Act 2006 allow for councillors to raise issues in support of their constituents. Councillors have the ability to call for a debate or discussion at a committee on a topic of neighbourhood concern and to try to bring about specific solutions to local problems. These are known as "Councillor Calls for Action" (CCA).

Councillor Wolff has submitted a CCA concerning the application to redevelop St Clement's Car Park. The attached report provides further details of this.

### Why is it on the agenda?

The item is presented in order that the Committee can consider it. The issues raised by Councillor Wolff are as follows:-

- The City Council is the landowner and as a public body should give consideration to and balance the social and economic well being of its communities in the management and disposal of its assets. There are economic considerations in the disposal of this land which should be identified and evaluated. Mitigation measures should be suggested for any negative consequences identified.
- The same economic considerations are material to the

planning application to redevelop because of the value of this commercial area to the diversity of the City. The Planning committee needs to understand these issues and the effectiveness of mitigation measures.

The solution proposed by Councillor Wolff is that an Economic Impact study is commissioned by the Council and made available at the point of decision making on the planning application.

**Who has been invited to comment?**

The Committee will:-

- Hear the representation from Councillor Wolff;
- Hear any representations from the two Ward Members;
  
- Consider whether it wishes to proceed any further with the matter;
- If no, the matter ends there;
- If yes, the Committee has a number of options open to it (described below)

**What will happen after the meeting?**

If the Committee decides that it does not wish to proceed with this issue, then it is at an end.

If it decides that it will pursue this further, it can:-

- ask for further information to allow the Committee to form a view;
- make comments / recommendations to officers;
- make comments/recommendations to the relevant Planning Committee;
- make comments to the City Executive Board or Council (if the Committee believes there to be some systematic issue or failure)

The CCA does not stop any processes that are already in place.

**Background Information**

Scrutiny Committees work each year within a programme agreed by Councillors.

This item will appear on all future agendas to allow members to see progress on the work programme items, and plan agenda for future meetings.

Attached is the draft work programme for consideration.

**Why is it on the agenda?**

This item is presented here to allow the Committee to agree its future work, lines of enquiry for future meetings; and gauge support for, and Councillor interest in, the items agreed.

**Who has been invited to comment?**

The Principal Scrutiny Officer will present the report and answer questions.

**What will happen after the meeting?**

The work of the Committee will begin in line with the decisions made at this meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair will continue to monitor the Committee's work programme and report to future meetings.

**7 MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 attached

**8 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The following dates have been scheduled for meetings of this Committee:-

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

The Committee is asked to agree its starting time. Last year meetings started at 6pm.

## **DECLARING INTERESTS**

What is a personal interest?

You have a personal interest in a matter if that matter affects the well-being or financial position of you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association more than it would affect the majority of other people in the ward(s) to which the matter relates.

A personal interest can affect you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association positively or negatively. If you or they would stand to lose by the decision, you should also declare it.

You also have a personal interest in a matter if it relates to any interests, which you must register.

### **What do I need to do if I have a personal interest?**

You must declare it when you get to the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You may still speak and vote unless it is a prejudicial interest.

If a matter affects a body to which you have been appointed by the authority, or a body exercising functions of a public nature, you only need declare the interest if you are going to speak on the matter.

### **What is a prejudicial interest?**

You have a prejudicial interest in a matter if;

- a) a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest; and
- b) the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter; and
- c) the interest does not fall within one of the exempt categories at paragraph 10(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct.

### **What do I need to do if I have a prejudicial interest?**

If you have a prejudicial interest you must withdraw from the meeting. However, under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, if members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about that matter, you may also make representations as if you were a member of the public. However, you must withdraw from the meeting once you have made your representations and before any debate starts.

