

EXECUTIVE BOARD

A G E N D A

Date: Monday 18 December 2006 at 9.00 am

Venue: Old Library, Town Hall

Membership as from 18 May 2006

John Goddard (Leader)
David Rundle (Deputy Leader)
Alan Armitage
Jean Fooks
Patrick Murray
Stephen Tall
Caroline van Zyl
Antonia Bance
Sajjad Malik
Matthew Sellwood

Portfolios

Overarching
Stronger Communities
Healthier Environment
Cleaner City
Improving Housing
Better Finances
Safer City
Without portfolio
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The quorum of the Executive Board is three members. No substitutes are permitted.

Declaring Interests

What interests do I need to declare in a meeting?

As a first step you need to declare any personal interests you have in a matter. You will then need to decide if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter.

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 your friends more than it would affect other people in the Council's area. A personal interest can affect you, your relatives or your friends positively or negatively. You should declare it if you or they would stand to gain or lose by the decision.

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 in a matter?

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.

Can I stay in a meeting if I have a personal interest?

You can still take part in the meeting and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a prejudicial interest.

What is a prejudicial interest?

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public who knows the relevant facts would reasonably think is so significant that it is likely to affect your judgement of the public interest.

What is not a prejudicial interest?

The Code of Conduct sets out a small number of exceptions. Check with the Monitoring Officer if you are in any doubt.

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

If you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting, you must leave the room. You cannot take part in discussions on that matter or try improperly to influence anyone's decision on the matter.

PART I
PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interests they have in any of the following agenda items. Guidance on this is set out above.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Executive Board Procedure Rule 13(iii) - At the discretion of the Executive Board, members of the public may ask questions about issues set out on the agenda, subject to having registered with the Chief Executive their wish to speak, and the subject matter of the question, by 2.00 pm on the working day before the meeting.

Procedure Rule 13(iii) says that the Executive Board may hear questions for up to a maximum of 15 minutes. There is no provision for the terms of the Procedure Rule to be suspended.

ITEMS 4 -12 SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

4. OXFORD FLOOD ALLEVIATION PLAN

Report (attached) of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

5. RIVERBANK MAINTENANCE

Report (attached) of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

6. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report (attached) of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

7. OSNEY TREES

Report (attached) of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

8. WIND TURBINE OPTIONS

Report (attached) of the Environment Scrutiny Committee, with the Financial and Asset Management Business Manager's report appended

9. CONCESSIONARY FARES

A report on this recommendation from the Finance Scrutiny Committee will be submitted to the Board in January 2007.

10. PLAY AREA FACILITY ACTION FRAMEWORK

The Community Scrutiny Committee on 23 November considered this item as urgent business because of concerns expressed on the means and method of consultation and resolved: -

- (1) To ask Executive Board to extend the consultation period for a further period, and to ensure that all Councillors were properly involved;
- (2) To ask that Executive Board ensured the quality of the consultation of play area users was reviewed;
- (3) To ask that the report be revised to include more information on Super Output Areas.

The report considered by Area Committees and Community Scrutiny Committee is attached. The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Armitage, and the Leisure and Cultural Services Business Manager, Mags Mernagh, will respond to the Community Scrutiny Committee recommendation at the meeting. Please note that the Leisure Services Business Manager will be submitting a report on the Play Area Action Framework (but not specifically the consultation issues) to the Board on 29 January 2007.

11. HOLIDAY PLAY ACTIVITIES – SUMMER 2006

The Community Scrutiny Committee considered a report of the Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager and resolved: -

- (1) To express support for the work carried out as part of the Summer Play Activities;
- (2) To ask Executive Board to increase the budget available for this scheme to £200,000.

The Portfolio Holder will respond at the meeting.

12. HEALTH SCRUTINY

The Oxford Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee has made a recommendation concerning the establishment of a City Council Health Scrutiny Committee. A report on this will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

(END OF SCRUTINY REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS)

13. MUSEUMS FREE ADMISSION TRIAL

Portfolio holder: Councillor Armitage

Report (attached) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Business Manager

14. DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT WYATT ROAD – MAJOR PROJECT APPROVAL

Portfolio holder: Councillor Murray

Report (attached) of the Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager

(See also the exempt from publication appendix at item C1.)

15. OXFORD CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL INCLUSION AUDIT

Portfolio holder: Councillor van Zyl

Report (attached) of the Strategy and Review Business Manager

16. OXFORD CITY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

Portfolio holder: Councillor van Zyl

Report (attached) of the Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager

17. ICT 5 YEAR PLAN AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Portfolio holder: Councillor Goddard

Report (attached) of the Business Systems Business Manager

The Finance Scrutiny Committee considered this report at its meeting on 30 November 2006 and resolved: -

- (1) to note the long-term cost pressures referred to in the report and the potential risks and costs of not addressing them;
- (2) to endorse the report and the core strategies for ICT and the ongoing capital investment needs set out in it;
- (3) that sustainability issues be taken fully into account when taking investment decisions.

18. AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT - LOW EMISSIONS ZONES FEASIBILITY STUDY

Portfolio holder: Councillor Fooks

Report (attached) of the Environmental Health Business Manager

19. SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

Portfolio holder: Councillor Tall

Report (attached) of the Chief Executive

20. SECOND QUARTER REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2006/07

Portfolio holder: Councillor Tall

Report (attached) of the Financial and Asset Management Business Managers

21. THREE YEAR INDICATIVE BUDGET 2007/08 TO 2011/12

Portfolio holder: Councillor Tall

Report (to be circulated separately) of the Strategic Director, Finance and Corporate Services

22. WESTGATE REDEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

Portfolio holder: Councillor Goddard

Report (attached) of the Strategic Director, Finance and Corporate Services

23. AREA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no recommendations for the Board to consider

24. PORTFOLIO HOLDER QUESTIONS

There are no questions for the Board to consider

25. DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNCIL

There are no decisions for the Board to consider

26. FUTURE ITEMS

List (attached) of future agenda items as set out in the Forward Plan, published on 17 November 2006, compiled by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

27. MINUTES

Minutes (attached) of the meetings of the Board held on 6 and 20 November 2006

28. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

If the Board wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for the Board to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Board may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART II

MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

C1. DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT WYATT ROAD – MAJOR PROJECT APPROVAL

Portfolio holder: Councillor Murray

Exempt from publication appendix (attached) to the report of the Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager at item 6.

(Exempt – paragraph 3 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person [including the authority holding that information]).

The public interest in maintaining an exemption is that negotiations relating to the acquisition or disposal of assets are not compromised for so long as they remain subject to contract.)