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Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 17 October 2011**

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

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Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

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	Councillor Laurence Baxter	Quarry and Risinghurst;
	Councillor Mary Clarkson	Marston;
	Councillor Beverley Hazell	Marston;
	Councillor Graham Jones	St. Clement's;
	Councillor Shah Khan	Cowley;
	Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan	Lye Valley;
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AGENDA

Pages

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

3 **WORK PROGRAMME AND REPORT BACK ON COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Contact Officer: Pat Jones (Principal Scrutiny Officer), Tel 01865 252191, phjones@oxford.gov.uk

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 current work programme that was agreed by Councillors at an informal meeting in July.
Why is it on the agenda?
This item is presented here to allow the Committee to agree lines of enquiry for future meetings; take an overview of progress, 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 Chair and Vice-Chair will continue to monitor the Committee's work programme and report to future meetings.

4 **PARTNERSHIP WORKING AND INCREASING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**

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Contact officer: Sebastian Johnson, Strategic Policy and Partnerships Officer
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Background Information

The Committee selected Community Engagement as one of its themes for the year. Of particular interest was partnership working and increasing public involvement in decision making.

Why is it on the agenda?

The Head of Policy, Culture and Communications was asked to provide information in response to the following questions:-

Partnership Working

The committee's overall objective is to understand and critically appraise our engagement with partners, and understand the tangible value to Oxford's residents from this.

- Accepting that partnership working is somewhat in flux because of changing government directives and local/county priorities, what are the current arrangements for partnership working and how are things likely to "settle"? Can you include in this the partnerships that are in operation, who are our representatives (officer and member) and what are the reporting back mechanisms?
- What is the City Council hoping to gain from the partnerships it is involved in - i.e. what are our priorities for engagement and outcomes? Can you include in this how we make judgements about progress towards our priorities, and how strategies for engagement are developed as the partnership progresses?
- How much money do we spend on each of the partnership structures?
- What are the priorities for the Oxford Strategic Partnership for the coming year and how does this group fit with, and influence, our decision making process?

Public input into policy and decision making:

- The assessment of how much influence the public have currently and, assuming this is variable across our different activities, where is our focus for improvement?
- What are the plans to deliver on this objective and within what terms and targets?

Who has been invited to comment?

Sebastian Johnson, Peter McQuitty and Val Johnson will attend the meeting and present the report to the Committee.

Councillor Bob Price (Board Member for Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships) will also attend the meeting.

What will happen after the meeting?
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Any recommendations will be passed to the appropriate Board Member or City Executive Board for consideration.

5 PANEL REPORT - CLEANER GREENER OXFORD

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Contact Officer: Alec Dubberley (Democratic Service Officer) Tel 01865 252402, adubberley@oxford.gov.uk.

Background Information

The Communities and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee established the "Cleaner, Greener" Panel under its last work programme. The focus was the gathering of opinions from a broad section of the community in Blackbird Leys in order to assess the success and sustainability of the "Cleaner Greener" campaign.
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Why is it on the agenda?

This is an update report from the Panel. Members of the Panel and a Democratic Services Officer will present the report and its findings.

As only one of the Committee's current membership is currently involved with this Panel, the Committee is asked to decide whether it wishes to pursue the matter further, and if so, to nominate members to serve on it. If the answer is yes, the attached report presents a number of recommendations for furthering the work of the Panel.

Who has been invited to comment?

Alec Dubberley (Democratic Services Officer) will attend the meeting and present the report to the Committee, assisted by Panel members present.
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Councillor John Tanner (Board Member for Cleaner Greener Oxford) and Councillor Val Smith (Member of the Panel) will also attend the meeting.

What will happen after the meeting?
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Any recommendations will be passed to the appropriate Board Member or City Executive Board for consideration
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6 INTERIM REPORT - YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENGAGEMENT

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Contact Officer: Pat Jones (Principal Scrutiny Officer) Tel 01865 252191, phjones@oxford.gov.uk

<p>Background Information</p> <p>A Review Group was established during the Council year 2010/2011 to develop a young peoples' engagement project. This review continues into this year. .</p> <p>The project has been developed with the Positive Futures Team and has three over-riding aims:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with and support young people who are disadvantaged; • To provide lasting skills for the young people involved; • To encourage and launch a group of young people to form the first "Positive Futures Youth Forum", and to do all possible to sustain this as a positive engagement, listening and involvement group for the Council and its partners.
<p>Why is it on the agenda?</p> <p>The item is presented here to give the Committee an update on progress so far.</p>
<p>Who has been invited to comment?</p> <p>Councillors Sanders, Sinclair and Campbell are members of the review group. They, along with the Principal Scrutiny Officer, will introduce the item and give an overview of their progress and thinking to date.</p>
<p>What will happen after the meeting?</p> <p>Any recommendations made will be considered by group members as part of their work.</p>

7 MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2011 attached

8 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates have been agreed by Council:

- 12th December 2011
- 7th February 2012
- 2nd April 2012

Please note that the Committee will meet 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.

