

# Agenda

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## **Delegated Decisions of the Board Member, Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships**

Date: **Wednesday 3 August 2011**

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Time: **5.00 pm**

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

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## Board Member

## Portfolio

**Councillor Bob Price**

Corporate Governance and  
Strategic Partnerships

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# AGENDA

## PART ONE PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Pages

#### 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Guidance on personal and personal prejudicial interests is attached to these agenda pages.

#### 2 PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Members of the public may, if the Board Member agrees, ask a question of the Board Member on any item for decision on this agenda (other than on the minutes). The full text of any question must be notified to the Head of Law and Governance by no later than 9.30 am two clear working days before the meeting. Questions by the public will be taken as read and, at the Board Member's discretion, responded to either orally or in writing at the meeting. No supplementary question or questioning will be permitted.

The total time permitted for this item will be 15 minutes.

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#### 4 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Lead Member: Councillor Price

Report of the Head of Law and Governance

To agree nominations to outside and other bodies for the 2011/2012 Council Year.

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## **5 OLD FIRE STATION - GUARANTOR FOR LOAN**

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Lead Member: Councillor Price

Report of the Head of Policy, Culture and Communications

To consider a request for the Council to act as guarantor for a bank loan of up to £115,000 to Arts at the Old Fire Station (the company).

A risk map appendix was not available when the agenda was dispatched and will be sent 'to follow.'

## **6 MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION**

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The Board member 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.

## **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.