

Agenda

www.oxford.gov.uk



City Executive Board

Date: **Thursday 20 September 2012**

Time: **5.00 pm**

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

For any further information please contact:

William Reed, Democratic Services Manager

Telephone: 01865 252230

Email: wreed@oxford.gov.uk

City Executive Board

Membership

Councillor Bob Price	Hinksey Park;
Councillor Ed Turner	Rose Hill and Iffley;
Councillor Colin Cook	Jericho and Osney;
Councillor Van Coulter	Barton and Sandhills;
Councillor Steven Curran	Northfield Brook;
Councillor Mark Lygo	Churchill;
Councillor Scott Seamons	Northfield Brook;
Councillor Dee Sinclair	Quarry and Risinghurst;
Councillor Val Smith	Blackbird Leys;
Councillor John Tanner	Littlemore;

HOW TO OBTAIN AGENDA

In order to reduce the use of resources, our carbon footprint and our costs we will no longer produce paper copies of agenda over and above our minimum internal and Council member requirement. Paper copies may be looked at the Town Hall Reception and at Customer Services, St Aldate's and at the Westgate Library

A copy of the agenda may be:-

- Viewed on our website – mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk
- Downloaded from our website
- Subscribed to electronically by registering online at mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk
- Sent to you in hard copy form upon payment of an annual subscription.

AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in any of the following agenda items. Guidance on this is set out at the end of these agenda pages.

3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

When the chair agrees, questions from the public for up to 15 minutes – these must be about the items for decision at the meeting (excluding the minutes) and must have been given to the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am two clear working days before the meeting (email executiveboard@oxford.gov.uk or telephone the person named as staff contact). No supplementary questions or questioning will be permitted. Questions by the public will be taken as read and, when the Chair agrees, be responded to at the meeting.

4 FUTURE ITEMS

This item is included on the agenda to give members the opportunity to raise issues on the Forward Plan or update the Board about future agenda items.

5 EU FUNDING BID TO SUPPORT LOW CARBON PROJECTS

1 - 8

Report of the Head of Environmental Development attached.

City Executive Board is asked to:-

- a) Note the progress of the bid to the EU Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) programme and the associated opportunities and risks;
- b) Authorise officers to complete the negotiations with a view to securing funding as detailed in the report;
- c) In the event that funding is approved by the EU, delegate the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 officer, authority to enter into a grant agreement with the European Commission body the European Agency on Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI).

6 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 TWO **MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION**

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licences for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

¹ Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those of the member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

