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City Executive Board

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City Executive Board

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Councillor Bob Price	Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships
Councillor Ed Turner	Finance and Efficiency
Councillor Colin Cook	City Development
Councillor Van Coulter	Leisure Services
Councillor Steven Curran	Young People, Education and Community Development
Councillor Mark Lygo	Parks and Sports
Councillor Scott Seamons	Housing
Councillor Dee Sinclair	Crime and Community Safety
Councillor Val Smith	Customer Services and Regeneration
Councillor John Tanner	Cleaner, Greener Oxford

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AGENDA

PART ONE PUBLIC BUSINESS

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Board Members are asked to declare disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in any of the following agenda items. Guidance is contained 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 on a day so that there are at least 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 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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The following scrutiny committee reports will be submitted to this meeting:-

- ❖ Oxford Green Spaces Strategy – recommendation from Communities and Partnership Scrutiny, 30th January 2013 - report attached
- ❖ Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy – report circulated separately

5 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

3 - 154

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Finance and Efficiency

Report of the Head of Finance

The report presents the Council's Budget for 2013/14 and Medium

Term Financial Strategy for RECOMMENDATION to Council.

6 CORPORATE PLAN - CONSULTATION OUTCOME

155 - 212

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships

Report of the Head of Policy Culture and Communications

The report informs the Board of the consultation on the Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

The Board is recommended to:-

- (1) Agree copy and targets amended in the light of consultation for the Corporate Plan 2013 – 2017;
- (2) RECOMMEND that Council agrees the Corporate Plan 2013-2017;
- (3) Delegate authority to the Head of Policy, Culture and Communications to make minor textual amendments where necessary in preparation for formal publication of the Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

7 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2013/14

213 - 240

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Finance and Efficiency

Report of the Head of Finance

The report presents the Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/14 with the Prudential Indicators for 2013/14 – 2016/17.

The Board is asked to RECOMMEND that Council:-

- (1) Adopts and approves the Prudential Indicators and limits for 2013/14 to 2016/17 as set out in paragraphs 62 to 86 of the report;
- (2) Approves the Minimum Revenue Provision statement at paragraphs 25-27 of the report which sets out the Council's policy on the repayment of debt;
- (3) Approves the Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14 and the treasury prudential indicators at paragraphs 17-39 of the report;
- (4) Approves the Investment Strategy for 2013/14 contained in the

Treasury Management Strategy and the detailed investment criteria as set out in paragraphs 40-60 of and Appendix 1 to the report.

8 COMMUNITY GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2013/2014

241 - 278

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Young People, Education and Community Development

Report of the Head of Community Services

Subject to Council subsequently agreeing the grants budget for 2013/14 as set out in Table 1, the Board is recommended to:-

- (1) Approve the extension of the Commissioning Programme for a further year, in accordance with and as amended by the provisions of Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) Approve the recommendations for the rest of the commissioning programme as set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (3) Approve the recommendations for the applications received to the grants 2013/14 open bidding programme as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.

9 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME - CONSULTATION DRAFT

279 - 378

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Housing

Report of the Head of Housing

The report seeks approval for consultation on the new draft Housing Allocations Scheme.

10 HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY - REVIEW OUTCOME

379 - 426

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Housing

Report of the Head of Housing

The report sets out a revised Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan for 2013-18 following consultation, and asks the Board to review policy following the commencement of additional powers related to the Council fulfilling its duties by securing a private sector tenancy for statutory homeless households.

The Board is recommended:-

- (1) That the Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2013-18 is RECOMMENDED to Council for approval;
- (2) To note the commencement of additional powers introduced by virtue of the Localism Act related to Council fulfilling its duties by securing a private sector tenancy for statutory homeless households;
- (3) To approve the policy as outlined in Appendix D to the report as Council policy;
- (4) To delegate authority to the Head of Housing to implement the policy together with any minor changes that may come forward due to any subsequent revisions or clarifications to Government guidance and any ensuing case law.

11 GREEN SPACES STRATEGY - CONSULTATION OUTCOME

427 - 512

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Parks and Sports.

Report of the Head of Leisure

The report seeks approval for the Oxford Green Spaces Strategy that has been updated to reflect responses from public consultation.

12 CITY DEAL

513 - 526

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships.

Report of the Executive Director, Housing and Regeneration

The report provides a briefing on the City Deal Expression of Interest submitted to Government on 15th January 2013.

The Board is recommended:-

- (1) To note the report;
- (2) To formally support the submission;
- (3) In the event of the submission being successful, to delegate authority to the Executive Director, Housing and Regeneration to lead on developing the bid and negotiations with partners and Government.

13 ARISTOTLE LANE FOOTPATH OVER RAILWAY - CLOSURE

527 - 550

Lead Member: Executive Board Member for City Development

Report of the Head of City Development

The report explains that Network Rail is proposing to make substantial investment in Oxford Station and the main line network between Southampton and the Midlands. To support this investment, it is seeking agreement from the City Council to close the footpath crossing the railway at Aristotle Lane.

The Board is recommended to:-

- (1) Surrender such rights the City Council has in respect of the footpath crossing the railway between Aristotle Lane and the Trap Ground allotments by a Deed of Release;
- (2) Only permit the footpath to be closed once Network Rail has provided, in consultation with local stakeholders, the promised improvements to the Aristotle Lane footbridge, the provision of a new car park on Council land at Aristotle Lane and the provision of a permissive footpath over its land to the Trap Grounds (Town Green);
- (3) Instruct the Head of Corporate Assets to complete negotiations with the County Council to transfer part of the City Council's land to the Saint Philip and Saint James Primary School.

14 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.

15 MINUTES

551 - 572

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th and 19th December 2012 attached.

16 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.

*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.