

Agenda

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City Executive Board

Date: **Thursday 29 January 2015**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **The Old Library, Town Hall**

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City Executive Board

Membership

Chair	Councillor Bob Price	Corporate Strategy, Economic Development and Planning
	Councillor Ed Turner	Finance, Asset Management and Public Health
	Councillor Dee Sinclair	Crime and Community Response
	Councillor Christine Simm	Culture and Communities
	Councillor Susan Brown	Customer Services and Social Inclusion
	Councillor Pat Kennedy	Educational Attainment and Youth Ambition
	Councillor Mark Lygo	Sports, Events and Parks
	Councillor Mike Rowley	Leisure Contract and Community Partnership Grants
	Councillor Scott Seamons	Housing and Estate Regeneration
	Councillor John Tanner	Cleaner, Greener Oxford, Climate Change and Transport

The quorum for this meeting is 3, substitutes are not allowed.

Future items to be discussed by the City Executive Board can be found on the Forward Plan which is available on the Council's [website](#)

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AGENDA

PART ONE PUBLIC BUSINESS

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

When the chair agrees, the public can ask questions about any item for decision at the meeting for up to 15 minutes. Questions must have been given to the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am one clear working day 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

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

Scrutiny Committee

Oxfordshire Growth Board

Educational attainment

New Council controls over anti-social behaviour

Finance Panel

Capital programme process review

Banking services provider

Housing Panel

Fuel Poverty

STAR survey results

5 COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES ON ANY ITEM FOR DECISION ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA

When the chair agrees, Councillors can address the Board about any item for decision at the meeting for up to 3 minutes. Addresses must have been given to the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am, one clear working day before the meeting (email executiveboard@oxford.gov.uk or telephone the person named as staff contact). The Board Member who has political responsibility for the item for decision may respond or the Board will have regard to the points raised in reaching its decision.

6 COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS - COWLEY ROAD, OXFORD. 1 - 10

Lead Member: Councillor Seamons, Executive Board Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The Head of Housing and Property has submitted a report to initiate Compulsory Purchase proceedings in relation to a long term empty property at Cowley Road, Oxford in accordance with the approved Empty Homes Strategy 2013-2018.

Officer Recommendation: That the City Executive Board delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Property, in consultation with the Head of Law and Governance, the Head of Finance and the Regeneration and Major Projects Service Manager, to initiate Compulsory Purchase proceedings (preferred option) to acquire all interests in the property situated in Cowley Road, Oxford and to then dispose of the property in accordance with the Disposal Options set out in this report.

7 REVISED ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 11 - 18

Lead Member: Councillor Price, Executive Board Member for Corporate Strategy, Economic Development and Planning

The Head of Human Resources and Facilities has submitted a report which details an updated Organisational Development Strategy

Officer Recommendation: That the City Executive Board approves the revised Organisational Development Strategy attached at Appendix 1.

8 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – OXFORD AND ABINGDON FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES 19 - 40

Lead Member: Councillor Price, Executive Board Member for Corporate Strategy, Economic Development and Planning

The Head of Executive Director for Community Services has submitted a report which seeks approval to complete the memorandum of understanding -Oxford and Abingdon Flood Alleviation Schemes.

Officer Recommendation: That the City Executive Board delegate authority to the Executive Director Community Services to complete the Memorandum of Understanding in respect of the Oxford and Abingdon Flood Alleviation Schemes.

9 MINUTES

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Minutes of the meetings held on 10, 17 and 23 December 2014

Recommendations: The City Executive Board NOTES the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2014 as a true and accurate record.

The City Executive Board NOTES the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2014 as a true and accurate record.

The City Executive Board NOTES the minutes of the meeting held on 23 December 2014 as a true and accurate record.

10 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

11 EXEMPT APPENDICES FOR COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER- COWLEY ROAD

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Lead Member: Councillor Seamons, Executive Board Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Appendices A, B and C for item 6: Compulsory Purchase Order- Cowley Road are exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraphs 2 or 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following reason:

Appendix A – Site Plan – Para 2: information which is likely to reveal the individual of an individual

Appendix B – letter to Owner – Para 3: commercially sensitive business affairs of an individual

Appendix C – CPO costs and valuation – Para 3: commercially sensitive business affairs of the council

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.