

Agenda

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Oxford Living Wage Review Group

Date: **Tuesday 17 October 2017**

Time: **2.00 pm**

Place: **Long Room, Town Hall**

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Oxford Living Wage Review Group

Membership

Chair

Councillor Mark Ladbrooke
Councillor Angie Goff
Councillor Dan Iley-Williamson
Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan
Councillor David Thomas – apologies received

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1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair will open the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

3 EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Review Group have asked to invite evidence from large and small employers, business groups, workers who are directly affected by low pay, and agencies, professionals and faith groups in the city that support low paid workers.

The following people have agreed to attend this meeting to speak to the Review Group about issues related to low pay and the promotion of the Oxford Living Wage. The Chair will ask each external guest to speak for up to 5 minutes.

- Matt Padley, Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University
- Mark Fransham, social researcher (former City Council employee)
- Luke Marion, Finance & Commercial Director, Oxford Bus Company
- Sue Merrell, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers
- Ed Thomas, Unison Brookes University
- Lamis Hamdi, Oxford University Islamic Society
- Eric Bossward, Church England St. Mary's Barton

4 PLENARY SESSION

An open discussion on implementing the Oxford Living Wage across the city in which the Review Group may wish to explore the following lines of inquiry:

- *What are the impacts of low pay on individuals and communities in the city; how widespread is this issue and in which sectors?*
- *What are the barriers to large and small employers in the city adopting a living wage policy?*
- *Would a Kitemarking system for the 'Oxford Living Wage' be workable?*
- *Is the Oxford Living Wage the best and most appropriate living wage rate for the Council to pay and promote more widely?*
- *What more could the Council do to promote the payment of a living wage and make it unacceptable for other employers in the city to not do so?*
- *Are there opportunities to strengthen encouragement to contractors and sub-contractors to pay a living wage? If not, what are the barriers? If so, what are the risks?*
- *What more could the Council do to publicise a living wage through publicity and communications such as Your Oxford, etc.?*

5 CALL FOR EVIDENCE

The Scrutiny Officer will provide a verbal update on the progress of the Review Group's call for evidence.

6 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meetings are included for reference.

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- 1 November 2017, 5pm
- 15 November 2017, 5pm

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