

# Agenda

**OXFORDSHIRE**

G R O W T H B O A R D

## **Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel**

**Thursday 22 November 2018 at 6.30pm  
The Old Library, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford OX1 1BX**

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### **Scrutiny Panel members 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

Councillor Andrew Gant (Chair)	Oxford City Council
Councillor David Henwood (Vice-Chair)	
Councillor Craig Simmons	
Councillor Neil Prestidge	Cherwell District Council
Councillor Sean Gaul	
Councillor Sean Woodcock	
Councillor Nick Carter	Oxfordshire County Council
Councillor John Sanders	
Councillor Emily Smith	
Councillor Elaine Hornsby	South Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor David Turner	
Councillor Ian White	
Councillor Debby Hallett	Vale of White Horse District Council
Councillor Ben Mabbett	
Councillor Chris Palmer	
Councillor Derek Cotterill	West Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor David Harvey	
Councillor Julian Cooper	

The quorum is 6 members, one from each council. Substitutes are allowed and should be notified to the contact above.

This meeting is open to the press and public.

# AGENDA

## PART ONE PUBLIC BUSINESS

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTES; DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
<b>2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  <b>Recommendation:</b> To approve the minutes of the previous meeting (attached, with one minor change from original published draft)	7 - 12
<b>3 WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE SCRUTINY PANEL - NOVEMBER 2018</b>  <b>Purpose:</b> To discuss the draft work programme for the Panel submitted for consideration by the Panel's acting scrutiny officer.  <b>Information:</b> Work programme (attached)  <b>Recommendation:</b> To agree the draft work programme as set out and to note that other relevant items may be added to agendas at the request of officers or the Chair.	13 - 14
<b>4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>  The terms of reference of the Panel state:  Members of the public may address meetings of the Scrutiny Panel, where notice is given to the secretariat no later than 4.00pm on the last working day before the day of the meeting.  The Chair will have discretion to manage the public participation procedure as they see appropriate, including rejecting frivolous, defamatory or offensive questions and managing the time afforded to public addresses.  Notice of a wish to address the meeting, including the subject of the address or the full question to be asked, must be sent to <a href="mailto:democraticservices@oxford.gov.uk">democraticservices@oxford.gov.uk</a> by 4.00pm on Wednesday 21 November 2018. The Chair's decision will be final.	

## 5 ENERGY STRATEGY

**Purpose:** To consider a report from OxLEP updating the Growth Board on the progress made in the development of an Oxfordshire Energy Strategy and presenting the draft energy strategy.

**Information:**

Report and draft energy strategy (attached) and presentation. A presentation was considered at the [Growth Board on 26 April 2018](#) (Minute 82).

**Recommendation:** To discuss and note the report, draft energy strategy and the presentation and make recommendations to the Growth Board.

## 6 OXFORD TO CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

**Purpose:** To consider an update from the Interim Deal Director Caroline Green on the selection of the route for the Oxfordshire section of the proposed Oxford-Cambridge expressway, including the implications for the development of the JSSP.

**Information:** Verbal update and presentation.

## 7 OXFORDSHIRE GROWTH BOARD PAPERS 27 NOVEMBER - FOR DISCUSSION

**Purpose:** To consider reports and matters on the agenda for the Oxfordshire Growth Board meeting on 27 November 2018.

**Information:** Agenda and reports [published on 19 November separately from this agenda](#).

**Recommendations:** To make any recommendations or comments to the Growth Board.

## 8 GROWTH DEAL - MATTERS NOT CONTAINED IN BOARD PAPERS

**Purpose:** To receive an update from and ask questions of the Interim Deal Director Caroline Green about any relevant matters not covered in the Growth Board agenda pack or elsewhere on the agenda.

**Information:** Verbal update.

## 9 RECRUITMENT AND STAFFING FOR THE GROWTH DEAL

**Purpose:** To receive an update from and ask questions of the Interim Deal Director Caroline Green about the current recruitment plans and

officer resources available for the work on the Growth Deal, both direct employees and formal and informal arrangements with partner authorities.

**Information:** Verbal update and presentation.

## 10 DATES OF MEETINGS

**Purpose:** To agree the dates for meetings of this Panel:

<b>Scrutiny Panel</b>	<b>Growth Board</b>
Thurs 24 January* 6.30pm	29 January
Thurs 21 March 6.30pm	26 March
Thurs 30 May 6.30pm	4 June

Meetings to be held in Oxford Town Hall.

\*if no rooms available in Town Hall, venue will change

## **Councillors' duties on 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.

### **Member's 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.

