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Companies Scrutiny Panel

Date: **Thursday 12 March 2020**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **St Aldate's Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Companies Scrutiny Panel

Membership

Chair Councillor James Fry

Vice Chair

Councillor Tom Landell Mills
Councillor Chewe Munkonge
Councillor Craig Simmons

The quorum for this Committee is two, substitutes are not permitted.

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Items to be considered in private - matters exempt from publication

If the Panel 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 or at any other point in the meeting, it will be necessary for the Panel to pass a resolution to that effect.

The Panel 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.

Attached are the confidential minutes of the previous meeting.

4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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Recommendation: That the notes of the meeting held on 14th November be approved.

5 RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

At its last meeting the Panel agreed to make a recommendation to Cabinet that 'up to two members of the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group be nominated to participate in the recruitment and selection processes for i) non-executive directors, and ii) the managing director. Involvement to include membership of the interview panel.'

With the agreement of the Chair the report with this recommendation was not submitted on the grounds that the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group had already agreed to make the change.

6 SHAREHOLDER AND JOINT VENTURE GROUP REPORTS

To consider reports to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group (reports to follow as a supplement)

7 DATES OF THE NEXT MEETING

This meeting is the final Companies Scrutiny Panel meeting of the civic year. The first meeting of the next civic year is on 22 June 2020.

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.