

Agenda

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Appointments Committee

Date: **Thursday 12 September 2019**

Time: **9.45 am**

Place: **Barristers' Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Appointments Committee

Membership Chair*

Vice-Chair*

Members (with substitutes)

Councillor Susan Brown

Councillor Andrew Gant

Councillor Pat Kennedy

Councillor Linda Smith

Councillor Mike Rowley (for
Councillor Ed Turner)

Councillor Ed Turner

Substituted by Councillor Mike
Rowley

The full membership is five councillors and the quorum for this meeting is three members. Substitute members are permitted.

These are shown above where notification of apologies and substitutes were received before the agenda was published. Apologies and substitutions sent after publication will be reported at the meeting.

*Substitutes for the Chair and Vice-chair do not take on these roles.

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AGENDA

Pages

1 Election of Chair

2 Election of Vice-Chair

The election of a Vice-Chair may not be considered necessary.

3 Apologies for absence and substitutions; declarations of interest

4 Exclusion of press and public

If the Committee wishes to exclude the press and public from the meeting during its consideration of items on the *exempt from publication* part of the agenda, it will be necessary for the Committee to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 specifying the grounds on which their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act 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.

(The Access to Information Procedure Rules at Section 16 of the Council's Constitution set out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings).

Recommendation: to resolve to exclude the press and public from the meeting during its consideration of the remaining business on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because their presence could involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to candidates for interview as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of that Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Part II - Matters Exempt from publication

5 Appointment of Interim Director of Housing

To consider an appointment to the post of Interim Director of Housing.

Exempt for reasons set out above: The public interest in maintaining the exemption is so that discussions and deliberations of the Committee with and about candidates are not compromised and so that the confidentiality of information provided by candidates is protected.

6 Minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of this meeting

Recommendation: to approve the minutes of this meeting as a true and accurate record and sign these as such.

Note: the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2018 were approved and signed at the conclusion of that meeting.

Councillors 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; licenses 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 member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.