Agenda





Summons

A meeting of the City Council will be held to transact the business set out below on

Date: Monday 20 July 2020

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: Zoom - Remote meeting

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Deputy Lord Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan

Mayor

Sheriff Councillor Stephen Goddard

Members Councillor Lubna Arshad Councillor Dan Iley-Williamson

Councillor Jamila Begum Azad Councillor Pat Kennedy

Councillor Shaista Aziz Councillor Tom Landell Mills

Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan

Councillor Susan Brown Councillor Mark Lygo
Councillor Nigel Chapman Councillor Sajjad Malik

Councillor Mary Clarkson

Councillor Dr Joe McManners

Councillor Colin Cook

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Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Susanna Pressel

Councillor Steven Curran Councillor Mike Rowley
Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini Councillor Martyn Rush

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Councillor Roz Smith
Councillor John Tanner
Councillor Michael Gotch
Councillor Richard Tarver

Councillor Mick Haines Councillor Sian Taylor

Councillor Paul Harris Councillor Marie Tidball

Councillor Tom Hayes Councillor Ed Turner

Councillor David Henwood Councillor Louise Upton
Councillor Alex Hollingsworth Councillor Elizabeth Wade

Councillor Richard Howlett Councillor Dick Wolff

Councillor Rae Humberstone

Apologies will be reported at the meeting.

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The business to be transacted is set out below

			Pages
		PART 1 - PUBLIC BUSINESS	
1		Apologies for absence	
2		Declarations of interest	
3		Minutes of previous meetings	
		Minutes of the meetings of Council held on	
		 27 January 2020 13 February 2020 (Budget meeting) 24 February 2020 (adjourned Budget meeting) 20 May 2020 (Annual meeting) 8 June 2020 (Special meeting) Council is asked to approve the minutes of these 5 meetings as a correct record, noting that minutes are taken at ordinary meetings of Council and not budget, annual or special meetings. 	
	3a	Minutes , 27/01/2020 Council	17 - 32
		<u>Link to</u> full minutes pack including members' questions on notice and public addresses with responses.	
	3b	Minutes , 13/02/2020 Council	33 - 40
	3с	Minutes , 24/02/2020 Council	41 - 44
	3d	Minutes , 20/05/2020 Council	45 - 52
	3е	Minutes , 08/06/2020 Council	53 - 56
		Link to full minutes pack including public addresses with responses.	
4		Appointment to Committees	
		The Head of Law and Governance has been notified of changes of membership on committees requested by group leaders.	
		Council is asked to approve the following change to committee memberships notified by the Liberal Democrat group leader:	
		West Area Planning Committee - Cllr Wade to replace Cllr Harris	
		Any further changes will be circulated with the briefing note.	

5 Announcements

Announcements by:

- The Lord Mayor
- 2. The Sheriff
- 3. The Leader of the Council (who may with the permission of the Lord Mayor invite other councillors to make announcements)
- 4. The Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer

6 Public addresses and questions that relate to matters for decision at this meeting

Public addresses and questions to the Leader or other Cabinet member received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 11.12, 11.13, and 11.14 relating to matters for decision in Part 1 of this agenda.

The briefing note will contain the text of addresses and questions submitted by the deadline, and written responses where available.

The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address or question must be received by the Head of Law and Governance by 5.00 pm on 14 July 2020

Up to five minutes speaking time is permitted for each address.

Questions must be under 200 words and up to three minutes speaking time is permitted.

A total of 45 minutes to hear all speeches and replies is allowed for both public speaking items.

OFFICER REPORTS

7 Polling Places Review - Effects of Covid-19 and the postponement of the ward boundaries

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The Head of Law and Governance has submitted a report asking Council to approve the a draft schedule of polling districts and polling places (shown at Appendix 1) for the administrative area of the City Council in order to allow by-elections to take place before May 2021 on the old ward boundaries.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr Brown, will introduce the report.

Recommendations: Council is recommended to:

- 1. approve the draft schedule of polling places and polling districts as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report;
- 2. agree that the changes should not be formally published unless required;
- 3. agree that the scheme approved by Council on 13 February 2020 will apply again from 1 December 2020.

8 Decisions taken under Parts 9.3(b) and (c) of the Constitution

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The Head of Law and Governance has submitted a report on behalf of the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) asking Council to note the decisions taken by the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) using the urgency and emergency powers delegated in Parts 9.3(b) and (c) of the Constitution.

Please note an appendix may follow as a supplement, if required (paragraph 4 of the report refers).

Recommendation: Council is recommended to note the decisions taken as set out in the report.

QUESTIONS

9 Questions on Cabinet minutes

This item has a time limit of 15 minutes.

Councillors may ask the Cabinet Members questions about matters in these minutes:

Minutes of mosting Wednesday 42 February 2020 of Cabinet

9e	Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 15 July of Cabinet (to follow)	To follow
9d	Minutes of meeting Wednesday 24 June 2020 of Cabinet	93 - 98
9с	Minutes of meeting Monday 8 June 2020 of Cabinet	89 - 92
9b	Minutes of meeting Wednesday 11 March 2020 of Cabinet	81 - 88
9a	minutes of meeting wednesday 12 repruary 2020 of Cabinet	13-82

10 Questions on Notice from Members of Council

Questions on notice from councillors received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.11(b).

Questions on notice may be asked of the Lord Mayor, a Member of the Cabinet or a Chair of a Committee. One supplementary question may be asked at the meeting.

The full text of questions must have been received by the Head of Law and Governance by no later than 1.00pm on 8 July 2020.

The briefing note will contain the questions and written responses where available.

PART 2 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SCRUTINY

11 Public addresses and questions that do not relate to matters for decision at this Council meeting

Public addresses and questions to the Leader or other Cabinet member received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.12, 11.13 and 11.14 and **not** related to matters for decision in Part 1 of this agenda.

The briefing note will contain the text of addresses and questions submitted by the deadline, and written responses where available.

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12 Outside organisation/Committee Chair reports and questions

1. Report on behalf of the Leader of Council on the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (to follow)

To follow

2. Members who are Council representatives on external bodies or Chairs of Council Committees who consider that a significant decision or event has taken place may give notice to the Head of Law and Governance by 1.00 pm on Thursday 16 July 2020 that they will present a written or oral report on this and how it may influence future events. Written reports will be circulated with the briefing note.

13 Scrutiny Committee update report

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The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has submitted a report which updates Council on the activities of Scrutiny and the implementation of recommendations since the last meeting of Council.

Council is invited to comment on and note the report.

PART 3 - MOTIONS REPRESENTING THE CITY

14 Motions on notice

This item has a time limit of 60 minutes.

Motions received by the Head of Law and Governance in accordance with Council Procedure Rules by the deadline of 1.00pm on Wednesday 8 July 2020 are listed below.

Motions will be taken in turn from the Liberal Democrat, Green, Labour groups in that order.

Substantive amendments to these motions must be sent by councillors to the Head of Law and Governance by no later than 10.00am on Friday 17 July so that they may be circulated with the briefing note.

Minor technical or limited wording amendments may be submitted during the meeting but must be written down and circulated.

Council is asked to consider the following motions:

- 1. Twinning with a locality on the island of Taiwan (proposed by Cllr Goddard, seconded by Cllr Wade)
- 2. Adopting the C40 Mayors COVID-19 Recovery Task Force principles (proposed by Cllr Wolff, seconded by Cllr Simmons)
- Disproportionate deaths from Covid-19 of Health and care workers from Black, Asian and ethnic minorities (proposed by Cllr Bely-Summers)
- 4. Celebrating Oxford's Diversity (proposed by Cllr Gant, seconded by Cllr Altaf Khan)
- 5. Against postponing County Council elections (proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Wolff)
- 6. Fossil fuel divestment (proposed by Cllr Hayes, seconded by Cllr Turner)
- 7. Against postponing County Council elections (proposed by Cllr Roz Smith)
- 8. Liveable Streets initiative (proposed by Cllr Wolff, seconded by Cllr Simmons)

14a Twinning with a locality on the island of Taiwan

Proposed by Cllr Goddard, seconded by Cllr Wade Liberal Democrat motion

Council notes:

1. That Oxford currently has twin towns and cities in Europe, the Middle East and the Americas. However, at present it has no such links with anywhere in East Asia.

- 2. That <u>no town or city in the UK is currently twinned with any town or city on the island of Taiwan.</u>
- 3. That amongst the achievements of the inhabitants of Taiwan are:
 - A. Building what Freedom House describes as a "vibrant and competitive democratic system has allowed three peaceful transfers of power between rival parties since 2000" with "generally robust protections" for civil liberties. The organisation gives Taiwan a higher on their Global Freedom Index than the USA, France or Spain.
 - B. Creating an "economic miracle" by which real GDP per capita on the island has increased more than 30 times since 1950. This make it one of the five fastest growing economies in the whole world during that period.
 - C. Becoming the first jurisdiction in Asia to legalise same-sex marriage.
 - D. A World beating response to Coronavirus. At the time of writing, there have been just seven confirmed fatalities from COVID-19 on the island, despite it having a population of 24 million and being in close proximity to the initial outbreak in Wuhan.
 - E. In April 2020, donating <u>7 million face masks</u> to European countries, including the UK, dealing with a shortage due to COVID-19.
- 4. That <u>Taiwan is the UK's second fastest growing export market</u> and that the UK government is undertaking <u>free trade talks</u> with the Taiwan authorities.
- 5. Cities in numerous countries which take the same diplomatic stance towards Taiwan have 'sister cities' on the island.

Council believes that:

- 1. It should reaffirm the view that: "Twin city links give citizens the chance to engage with other cultures and ways of life, and make these experiences more accessible through established contacts and networks in the linked cities. They also bring benefit to cities through knowledge-sharing activities, where people can learn from how problems are tackled in other countries, exchange ideas and understand different viewpoints."
- 2. That Oxford would have much to gain from twinning with a locality in Taiwan and expanding its international links to encompass East Asia.
- 3. That a municipality-to-municipality relationship is separate from the UK's official diplomatic position of recognising the People's Republic of China and avoiding dealing with the Taiwan authorities on a government to government basis. Oxford is

grateful for the friendship of people from throughout the People's Republic of China and the contribution its citizens make to the city as visitors, students and residents.

Council resolves:

- 1. that Oxford City Council shall ask Cabinet to explore the possibility of] negotiating a twinning agreement with an appropriate municipality on the island of Taiwan.
- 2. to ask the Leader to write to the Taiwan Representative Office in the United Kingdom to formally request their assistance in arranging this.

14b Adopting the C40 Mayors COVID-19 Recovery Task Force principles

Proposed by Cllr Wolff, seconded by Cllr Simmons

Green member motion

This Council welcomes the findings of the C40 Mayors COVID-19 Recovery Task Force that has published a set of principles aimed at rebuilding cities & economies in a way that '*improves public health, reduces inequality and addresses the climate crisis*'.

This Council notes the principles:

- The recovery should not be a return to 'business as usual' because that is a world on track for 3°C or more of overheating;
- The recovery, above all, must be guided by an adherence to public health and scientific expertise, in order to assure the safety of those who live in our cities;
- Excellent public services, public investment and increased community resilience will form the most effective basis for the recovery;
- 4. The recovery must address issues of equity that have been laid bare by the impact of the crisis for example, workers who are now recognised as essential should be celebrated and compensated accordingly and policies must support people living in informal settlements;
- The recovery must improve the resilience of our city and communities. Therefore, investments should be made to protect against future threats – including the climate crisis – and to support those people impacted by climate and health risks;
- 6. Climate action can help accelerate economic recovery and enhance social equity, through the use of new technologies and the creation of new industries and new jobs. These will drive wider benefits for our residents, workers, students,

businesses and visitors:

- 7. We commit to doing everything in our power to ensure that the recovery from COVID-19 is healthy, equitable and sustainable;
- 8. We commit to using our collective voices and individual actions to ensure that our national government supports both cities and the investments needed in cities, to deliver an economic recovery that is healthy, equitable and sustainable;
- We commit to using our collective voices and individual actions to ensure that international and regional institutions invest directly in cities to support a healthy, equitable and sustainable recovery

This Council agrees to monitor the on-going work of the Task Force and adopt the C40 Mayors principles in planning its own 'build back better' efforts.

14c Disproportionate deaths from Covid-19 of Health and care workers from Black, Asian and ethnic minorities

Proposed by Cllr Bely-Summers

Labour member motion

People from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds are twice as likely to die of Covid-19 in the UK as white British people. This is the conclusion of the Public Health Report (PHE) Beyond the data: understanding the impact of Covid-19 on BAME groups.

44% of NHS doctors are from ethnic minority backgrounds but they accounted for 90% of the deaths of doctors. Black, Asians and ethnic minority nurses are 20% of the workforce but accounted for 75% of deaths.

Ethnic minority healthcare workers and care workers believe systemic racism and discrimination in the NHS and in the Social Care sector is one of the reasons many of their colleagues died.

The report highlights

- Lack of representation in senior roles
- Being less likely to seek care due to poorer experience with the NHS.
- Being less likely to speak up when they had concerns about PPE and risks
- A higher proportion of healthcare workers from ethnic minority working on Covid wards and care homes.

The Covid-19 pandemic has simply shone a light on a widespread entrenched problem. From the ongoing hostile environment and the Windrush scandal to the health surcharges for migrants. Local health unions have testimonies of ethnic minority healthcare

workers and care workers not protected at work.

Some have left the profession, others have had to make life or death decisions. In modern Britain this is unacceptable.

The first PHE report commissioned by ministers explained why some populations groups are more affected than others but did not publish the recommendations which would have helped to reduce the disparities.

The chapter on community engagement was missing silencing again the voices of those who have been the most affected in spite of a very extensive consultation.

We have clapped for our NHS staff who have risked their lives to save us as well as our care workers. Far too many have made the ultimate sacrifice. Now it is time to address systemic racism, injustice and discriminations in our institutions and communities.

Oxford City Council therefore

- supports calls for extensive research to be funded on the disproportionate number of deaths of ethnic minority workers and care workers with clear recommendations; and
- 2. **asks the Leader** to write to Matt Hancock, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, to request as a priority that PHE and the government implement in full and within a clear timeline all the seven recommendations set out in 'Beyond the data: understanding the impact of Covid-19 on BAME groups':
 - a) comprehensive and quality ethnicity data collection and recording
 - b) support community participatory research
 - c) improve access, experiences and outcomes of NHS
 - d) accelerate the development of culturally competent occupational risk assessment tools
 - e) culturally competent Covid-19 education and prevention campaign
 - f) target culturally competent health promotion and disease prevention programmes
 - g) reduce inequalities caused by the wider determinants of health.

14d Celebrating Oxford's Diversity

Proposed by Cllr Gant, seconded by Cllr Altaf Khan

Liberal Democrat member motion

Council notes that varied communities make a huge contribution to the vitality and integrity of civic life here in Oxford. Council believes that contribution should be acknowledged as much as possible, and that this council should use its own resources of visibility and public leadership to do so.

Council therefore agrees to ask Cabinet to work towards establishing a list of the national days of the principal communities represented here in Oxford, to invite them to supply a flag, in consultation with officers over logistical matters such as size, which they would like to be flown from the Town Hall on their national day, and to instruct officers to undertake the necessary work.

14e Against Postponing County Council Elections

Proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Wolff

Green member motion

This Council opposes the proposal by the Conservative Leader of the County Council to delay the County elections planned for 2021 until 2022.

14f Fossil fuel divestment

Proposed by Cllr Hayes, seconded by Cllr Turner

Labour member motion

Oxford City Council welcomes Oxfordshire Local Government Pension Fund's climate-focused ambitions for its pension investments.

This Council welcomes the following changes by the Pension Fund as additions to an earlier decision to switch five per cent of its assets into a low carbon fund:

- To switch another six per cent of assets into a new Sustainable Equities Fund being developed by Brunel Pension Partnership, the company owned by Local Government Pension Funds to manage investments on their behalf.
- To introduce the target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from investments by 7.6% p.a. in line with the Paris Agreement and a maximum 1.5°C increase in global temperatures. The world needs more business plans to be in line with or improve on the 2015 Paris Accord agreement over emission paths.
- 1. This Council congratulates the following for their contributions:
 - Oxfordshire Pension Fund has travelled far in its plans to respond to the risks of climate breakdown, and this Council congratulates the Committee.

 the campaign group Fossil Free Oxfordshire and UNISON for co-operation with the Pension Fund and looks forward to seeing further collaboration.

Taking money out of fossil fuels is the right thing to do. It is also the financially prudent thing to do. Keeping fossil fuel companies in a portfolio reduces its total value, fossil fuel investments risk becoming 'stranded assets', and the climate crisis threatens the global economy and the ability of the Oxfordshire Local Government Pension Scheme to meet its liabilities.

In passing fossil fuel divestment motions, this Council has made clear that it makes no sense to invest in companies that undermine our future.

2. Oxfordshire Pension Fund's journey must be completed.

This Council asks the Leader to write to Oxfordshire Pension Fund to:

- ensure the pledges to decarbonise the fund are underpinned by metrics that ensure the target emissions reductions will be met, including those that measure exposure to fossil fuel producers, not just fossil fuel users.
- request confirmation that it will exclude from the portfolio any companies that continue to explore for or develop new fossil fuel reserves.
- the Climate review entire Change Policy Implementation Plan by 2022 at the latest, including 1) the effectiveness engagement stated of as in the implementation plan and; 2) progress on reducing greenhouse gas emissions (rather than waiting until 2025 as suggested in the implementation plan).

However ambitious a pension fund pool member may be, the pace toward emissions reductions of 7.6% p.a. will be limited by the fund offerings provided by Brunel.

Brunel has shown recent climate leadership, but this Council asks the Leader to write to Oxfordshire Pension Fund to urge Brunel to go further by:

- making a formal request to provide a range of funds that enable it to meet its 7.6% p.a. target while spreading risk, including zero carbon passive and managed funds.
- writing an open letter asking Brunel to reduce greenhouse gas emissions of all portfolios by 7.6% p.a. and to reduce the fossil fuel reserves exposure of their existing portfolios.

14g Against Postponing County Council Elections (2)

Proposed By Cllr Roz Smith

Liberal Democrat member motion

At the recent meeting of the County Council on July 14 the Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Hudspeth, tabled a motion [agenda item 15] which, among other things, called on the Leader to "write to the Secretary of State requesting that its 2021 elections are held over until 2022 to allow sufficient time to undertake an open and wide-ranging conversation with our local authority partners, residents and stakeholders to explore all options for a new future for Oxfordshire".

Council

- wholeheartedly opposes any attempt to delay scheduled elections, further reducing democratic accountability, bearing in mind that other elections are also due to be held in May 2021, many of them already delayed by a year, and
- instructs the Leader to write to the Leader of the County Council and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government communicating its view.

14h Liveable Streets initiative

Proposed by Cllr Wolff, Seconded by Cllr Simmons Green member motion

Council notes and supports the County Council's renewed interest in 'liveable streets' as evidenced by the inclusion of some low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) measures in the *Tranche 1 Active Travel* funding application and the inclusion of LTNs in the recently published Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

Council also notes that creating a liveable street requires coordinated action by both City and County Councils as many responsibilities span both authorities (e.g. noise, air quality, planting, community safety and so on). The City is also a potential contributor of funding and a key stakeholder for any infrastructure works within the City.

Council notes that the Greater London Authority has developed specific indicators (along with checklists, guidance and tools) for measuring the degree to which a street is 'healthy' and agrees to use these as part of its approach to designing and delivering liveable streets within the City.

The 10 key Healthy Streets Indicators, backed up by a measurement method, extensive case studies and guidance, are:

- Everyone feels welcome
- Easy to cross
- · Shade and shelter
- Clean air
- People feel relaxed
- People choose to walk and cycle
- Not too noisy
- Places to stop and rest
- People feel safe
- Things to see and do

Source: https://healthystreets.com/home/about/

15 Matters exempt from publication and exclusion of the public

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(The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Section 15 of the Council's Constitution – sets out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings of the Council)

Updates and additional information to supplement this agenda are published in the Council Briefing Note.

Additional information, councillors' questions, public addresses and amendments to motions are published in a supplementary briefing note. The agenda and briefing note should be read together.

The Briefing Note is published as a supplement to the agenda. It is available on the Friday before the meeting and can be accessed along with the agenda on the council's website.

Information for those attending

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- To follow the protocol which can be found on the Council's website
- · Not to disturb or disrupt the meeting
- Not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the
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 ridicule or show a lack of respect towards those being recorded.
- To avoid recording members of the public present, even inadvertently, unless they are addressing the meeting.

Please be aware that you may be recorded during your speech and any follow-up. If you are attending please be aware that recordings may take place and that you may be inadvertently included in these.

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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". 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.