

Agenda

Cabinet

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 26 January 2022**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **The Old Library - Oxford Town Hall**

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Cabinet Members

Councillor Susan Brown	Leader of the Council
Councillor Ed Turner	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management
Councillor Tom Hayes	Deputy Leader - Green Transport and Zero Carbon Oxford
Councillor Lubna Arshad	Cabinet Member for Parks and Waste Reduction
Councillor Shaista Aziz	Cabinet Member for Inclusive Communities
Councillor Diko Walcott	Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing, Housing Security, and Housing the Homeless
Councillor Mary Clarkson	Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism
Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery
Councillor Mike Rowley	Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services
Councillor Louise Upton	Cabinet Member for a Safer, Healthier Oxford

Apologies received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those sent after publication will be reported at the meeting.

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Items to be considered at this meeting in open session (part 1) and in confidential session (part 2).

Future items to be discussed by the Cabinet can be found on the Forward Plan which is available on the Council's [website](#)

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<p>Scrutiny Committee meets on 18 January. Any recommendations from that meeting will be published as a supplement to this agenda.</p>	
8 Exploring future options for Council owned land in the City centre	9 - 12
<p>Lead Member: Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Finance and Asset Management (Councillor Ed Turner)</p> <p>The Executive Director (Development) has submitted a report to seek approval to delegate to officers the process and selection of a preferred commercial partner for the potential redevelopment of Council owned land in the city centre. This will enable the Council to make an informed choice about its next moves.</p> <p>Cabinet is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Delegate authority to the Executive Director Development, in consultation with the Council's Section 151 Officer, the Head of Law and Governance, and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management, to agree the terms, route to market, and then select a	

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preferred commercial partner for the potential redevelopment of council owned land in the city centre; and

2. **Note** that any decision to enter into contract with the preferred commercial partner for the redevelopment of the land would require a separate Cabinet decision. This would be taken in the round with consideration of other options, including the potential to renew the lease with existing lease holder.

9 Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23

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Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Inclusive Communities (Councillor Shaista Aziz)

The Head of Financial Services has submitted a report to consider the feedback from the recent consultation on the proposed changes to the 2022/23 Council Tax Reduction Scheme and to agree the principles of the new scheme to be drawn up for approval by Council.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Note** the outcome of the consultation on the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme; and
2. **Delegate authority** to the Head of Financial Services to draft the details of the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23 in accordance with paragraphs 8 to 11 of this report which sets out the proposed implementation and changes to the Scheme; and
3. **Recommend** to Council to resolve to adopt the new Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23 taking into account the following:
 - To increase the Income Bands in line with paragraph 8 Table 1 using CPI for the Benefit Cap uprating;
 - To continue to support a 100% CTR entitlement;
 - To continue with a Banded Scheme based on Income rather than family composition;
 - To leave non dependant deductions as they are currently.

10 Proposal to remove and sell car parking decking from Oxpens car park

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Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery (Councillor Alex Hollingsworth)

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The Executive Director for Development has submitted a report to seek approval to remove and dispose of car park decking at Oxpens Car Park.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Grant** project approval for the removal of the car park decking located at Oxpens car park and sold for recoverable steel rather than stored for potential reuse; and
2. **Delegate** to the Director of Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery and the Head of Law and Governance and Head of Financial Services the authority to procure, and enter into all appropriate contracts to implement the recommended option.

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Recommendation: That Cabinet resolves to **approve** the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2021 as a true and accurate record.

12 Decisions taken under Part 9.3(b) of the Constitution

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The Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) has submitted a report asking Cabinet to note a decision taken by the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) using the urgency powers delegated in Part 9.3(b) of the Constitution.

Recommendation: That Cabinet resolves to **note** the decision taken as set out in the report and **recommend** to Council to note the decision.

13 Dates of Future Meetings

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

9 February 2022

16 March 2022

13 April 2022

15 June 2022

13 July 2022

All meetings start at 6.00

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Matters Exempt from Publication

If Cabinet 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, it will be necessary for Cabinet to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cabinet 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.

Part Two – matters exempt from publication

- 14 Exploring future options for Council owned land in the City centre - Appendices 1 and 2**

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Information for those attending

Recording and reporting on meetings held in public

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- Not to disturb or disrupt the meeting
- Not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes not editing an image or views expressed in a way that may 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 recording may take place and that you may be inadvertently included in these.

The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to suspend or terminate any activities that in his or her opinion are disruptive.

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.

How Oxford City Councillors and members of the public can engage at Cabinet

Addresses and questions by members of the public (15 minutes in total)

Members of the public can submit questions in writing about any item for decision at the meeting. Questions, stating the relevant agenda item, must be received by the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am two working days before the meeting (eg for a Tuesday meeting, the deadline would be 9.30am on the Friday before). Questions can be submitted either by letter or by email (to cabinet@oxford.gov.uk).

Answers to the questions will be provided in writing at the meeting; supplementary questions will not be allowed. If it is not possible to provide an answer at the meeting it will be included in the minutes that are published on the Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

The Chair has discretion in exceptional circumstances to agree that a submitted question or related statement (dealing with matters that appear on the agenda) can be asked verbally at the meeting. In these cases, the question and/or address is limited to 3 minutes, and will be answered verbally by the Chair or another Cabinet member or an officer of the Council. The text of any proposed address must be submitted within the same timescale as questions.

For this agenda item the Chair's decision is final.

Councillors speaking at meetings

Oxford City councillors may, when the chair agrees, address the Cabinet on an item for decision on the agenda (other than on the minutes). The member seeking to make an address must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am at least one working day before the meeting, stating the relevant agenda items. An address may last for no more than three minutes. If an address is made, the Cabinet member who has political responsibility for the item for decision may respond or the Cabinet will have regard to the points raised in reaching its decision.

Councillors speaking on Neighbourhood issues (10 minutes in total)

Any City Councillor can raise local issues on behalf of communities directly with the Cabinet. The member seeking to make an address must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am at least one working day before the meeting, giving outline details of the issue. Priority will be given to those members who have not already addressed the Cabinet within the year and in the order received. Issues can only be raised once unless otherwise agreed by the Cabinet. The Cabinet's responsibility will be to hear the issue and respond at the meeting, if possible, or arrange a written response within 10 working days.

Items raised by Cabinet members

Such items must be submitted within the same timescale as questions and will be for discussion only and not for a Cabinet decision. Any item which requires a decision of the Cabinet will be the subject of a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet.