

Agenda

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Appointments Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 3 December 2024**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Committee Membership

Councillors: Membership 5: Quorum 3: substitutes are permitted.

Councillor Susan Brown (Chair)

Councillor Chewe Munkonge

Councillor Laurence Fouweather

Councillor Judith Harley

Councillor Kate Robinson

Apologies and notification of substitutes received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those 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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1 Apologies for absence and substitutions (Appointments Committee)	
2 Declarations of Interest	
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Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record.	

Part 2 - Matters Exempt from publication

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(The Access to Information Procedure Rules at Section 15.4 of the Council's Constitution set out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings).

4 Report on Senior Management Arrangements

Exempt: By Virtue of Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Information relating to any individual. The public interest in maintaining the exemption is so that discussions and deliberations of the Committee about candidates are not compromised and so that the confidentiality of information provided by candidates is protected.

The Chief Executive has submitted a report on changes to the Council's senior management arrangements as required by the Council's Constitution which includes the following responsibility at 7.8(f) which

requires the Appointments Committee:

To receive a report from the Chief Executive within six months of any change to the senior management arrangements being implemented by the Chief Executive.

The Committee is recommended to note the contents of the update on senior management arrangements.

Report to follow

Information for those attending

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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". 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.