

Agenda



Climate and Environment Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Thursday 9 March 2023**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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Membership

Councillor Jemima Hunt (Chair)

Councillor Paula Dunne

Councillor Emily Kerr

Councillor Katherine Miles

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1 Apologies	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's announcements	
4 Public addresses	
<p>All public addresses will be directed through the Chair. Public addresses will be limited to five minutes each.</p>	
5 Development of a Biodiversity Strategy for Oxford	9 - 14
<p>Cabinet will, at its meeting on 15 March 2023, consider a report on the Development of a Biodiversity Strategy for Oxford. Cllr Anna Railton, Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice, Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy, and Mai Jarvis, Environmental Sustainability Lead, have been invited to present the report and to answer questions.</p> <p>The Panel is asked to consider the report and to agree any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.</p>	
6 Net Zero Master Plan	15 - 28
<p>The Head of Corporate Strategy has submitted a copy of the Net Zero Master Plan 2023-2025 which sets out Oxford City Council's actions over the next two years to achieve its two carbon targets: a Net Zero Estate and Operations by 2030 and a Net Zero City by 2040.</p> <p>Cllr Anna Railton, Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice, Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy, and Rose Dickinson, Carbon Reduction Team Manager, have been invited to present the Master Plan and to answer questions.</p> <p>The Panel is asked to note the Master Plan and to agree any recommendations it might wish to make to Cabinet.</p>	
7 Zero Carbon Oxford Partnership	29 - 40
<p>The Head of Corporate Strategy has submitted a report on the work of</p>	

Zero Carbon Oxford Partnership ('ZCOP').

Cllr Anna Railton, Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice, Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy, and Rose Dickinson, Carbon Reduction Team Manager, have been invited to present the report and to answer questions.

The Panel is asked to note the report and to consider any recommendations it might wish to make to Cabinet.

8 Fleet Decarbonisation

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The Head of Corporate Strategy has submitted a report updating the Panel on fleet decarbonisation.

Cllr Anna Railton, Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice, and Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy, have been invited to present the report and to answer questions.

The Panel is asked to note the report and to consider any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.

9 Work Plan

The Panel is asked to identify items it wishes to place on its work plan.

10 Date of next meeting

The Panel is asked to identify a suitable date for its next meeting before the close of the municipal year.

Notes and Information for those attending

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.

Members Code – Other Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing** of one of your Other Registerable Interests*** then you must declare an interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members Code – Non Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests, then you must declare the interest.

You must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room, if you answer in the affirmative to this test:

“Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;

b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.”

Otherwise, you may stay in the room, take part in the discussion and vote.

*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.

** Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person’s quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

*** Other Registrable Interests: a) any unpaid directorships b) any Body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority c) any Body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.