

# Agenda

## Council

### Special

### Summons

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

Date: **Wednesday 14 January 2026**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber - Oxford Town Hall**



Proper Officer

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## **Membership of Council**

Councillors: Membership 48: Quorum 12.

**Lord Mayor** Councillor Louise Upton

**Deputy Lord Mayor** Councillor Mike Rowley

**Sheriff** Councillor Andrew Gant

<b>Members</b>	Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan Councillor Lubna Arshad Councillor Mohammed Azad Councillor Susan Brown Councillor Nigel Chapman Councillor Mary Clarkson Councillor Tiago Corais Councillor Lizzy Diggins Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini Councillor Laurence Fouweather Councillor James Fry Councillor Stephen Goddard Councillor Judith Harley Councillor David Henwood Councillor Alex Hollingsworth Councillor Jemima Hunt Councillor Chris Jarvis Councillor Theodore Jupp Councillor Emily Kerr Councillor Dr Amar Latif Councillor Mark Lygo Councillor Sajjad Malik Councillor Katherine Miles	Councillor Dr Max Morris Councillor Lois Muddiman Councillor Edward Mundy Councillor Chewe Munkonge Councillor Simon Ottino Councillor Alex Powell Councillor Susanna Pressel Councillor Asima Qayyum Councillor Anna Railton Councillor Rosie Rawle Councillor Dr Dianne Regisford Councillor Ajaz Rehman Councillor Kate Robinson Councillor Jo Sandelson Councillor Anne Stares Councillor Linda Smith Councillor Roz Smith Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton Councillor James Taylor Councillor Ed Turner Councillor Naomi Waite Councillor Ian Yeatman
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Apologies will be reported at the meeting.

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**The business to be transacted is set out below**

	Pages
<b>1 Apologies for absence</b>	
<b>2 Declarations of interest</b>	
<b>3 Public addresses that relate to matters for decision at this meeting</b>	
	<p>Public addresses and questions to the Leader or other Cabinet member received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution relating to matters for decision in Part 1 of this agenda.</p> <p>Up to five minutes is available for each public address.</p>
	<p><b>The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address must be received by the <u>Director of Law, Governance and Strategy</u> by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 8 January 2026.</b></p> <p>The briefing note will contain the text of addresses submitted by the deadline, and written responses where available.</p> <p><i>A total of 45 minutes is available for both public speaking items. Responses are included in this time.</i></p>
<b>4 Oxford City Council Local Elections 2026</b>	
	<p>The Chief Executive has submitted a report regarding a recent letter from the Government.</p> <p>Council is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That Members consider and express views in relation to the City Council 2026 local elections following a letter from Minister McGovern to the Leader of the Council seeking her views on the postponement of the elections and if this could release essential capacity to deliver local government reorganisation.</li></ol>
	<p><i>The report will be published as a supplement to the agenda.</i></p>

## **Information for those attending**

### **Recording and reporting on meetings held in public**

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The Council asks Councillors and members of the press and public recording the meeting:

- 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 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 recordings 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.

### **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.