Agenda



Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 6.30 pm Virtual Meeting

From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, the Oxfordshire Growth Board meetings are managed by Vale of White Horse District Council.

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Councillor Sean Woodcock, (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Nick Carter Oxfordshire County Council

Councillor Damian Haywood Councillor Richard Webber

Councillor Peter Dragonetti South Oxfordshire District Council

Councillor David Turner

Councillor Sarah Gray

Councillor Andy Cooke Vale of White Horse District Council

Councillor Hayleigh Gascoigne

Councillor Matt Barber

Councillor Derek Cotterill West Oxfordshire District Council

Councillor Alex Postan Councillor Julian Cooper

The quorum is six members, one from each council. Substitutes are allowed and should be notified to the contact above.

The meeting will be web streamed. Please see the note at: http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=604&Mld=2785 on how to observe the meeting.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record the meeting please let the contact officer know in advance of this meeting.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence, substitutes; declarations of interest and Chair's announcements
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 6 13)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2020

3. Public participation

Members of the public may submit an address or question in writing to the Scrutiny Panel, where notice in writing is given to the secretariat no later than 17:00 on Wednesday 9 September 2020. Questions and addresses should be no longer than one side of A4 paper in Ariel 12 font. The statement or question will be circulated to the Panel and read out by the democratic services officer or Chair on behalf of those who have submitted them. A response may be given at the meeting or a written answer supplied. The Chair will have discretion to manage the public participation procedure as they see appropriate. Public speakers may be invited to speak at the virtual meeting, subject to technical arrangements being in place. Written submissions may also be read out by the Chair or Democratic Services Officer where requested

Questions and notice of addresses must be submitted to democratic.services@oxfordshiregrowthboard.org

4. Growth Board response to scrutiny panel recommendations - 22 July 2020 (Pages 14 - 18)

To consider the Growth Board's response to the recommendations to the Board from the Scrutiny Panel meeting on 22 July 2020

5. Update from Councillor Emily Smith, Chair of the Oxfordshire Growth Board

Councillor Emily Smith, Chair of the Oxfordshire Growth Board and Leader of the Vale of White Horse District Council has been invited to attend this meeting to give an update.

- 6. Items for information due for the Growth Board meeting on 22 September 2020
- (a) OxCam Arc Local Natural Capital Plan (Pages 19 25)

To note a presentation to the Growth Board from the Environment Agency concerning the OxCam Arc Local Natural Capital Plan.

(b) Oxfordshire Economic Recovery Plan (To Follow)

To note that a presentation is to be given to the Growth Board concerning progress in the development of an Economic Recovery Plan, (ERP) for Oxfordshire, which is being developed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Work on the ERP and the presentation is ongoing and may not be available until the date of the Growth Board meeting. Copies will be supplied to the Panel as soon as possible after this.

7. Growth Board Continuous Improvement Programme (Pages 26 - 33)

To consider a report to the Growth Board setting progress and recommendations associated with the longer-term conclusions of the Growth Board review

8. Oxford to Cambridge Arc Update (Pages 34 - 36)

To consider a report to the Growth Board setting out an update on the current work being undertaken relating to the Oxford to Cambridge Arc

9. Consultation on England's Economic Heartland's draft Transport Strategy (Pages 37 - 56)

To review a report to the Growth Board setting out a suggested response on behalf of the Growth Board to England's Economic Heartland's consultation on its draft Transport Strategy.

10. Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal

(a) Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal Progress Report - Quarter 1 2020/2021 (Pages 57 - 71)

To consider a report to the Growth Board setting out the Quarter 1 2020/2021 progress report for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and any amendments to the work programme as necessary.

(b) Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal Financial Outturn - Quarter 1 2020/2021 (Pages 72 - 77)

To consider a report to the Growth Board setting out the Quarter 1 2020/21 financial outturn report for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal

(c) Infrastructure sub-group update (Pages 78 - 81)

To receive summary notes from the meeting held on 24 August 2020.

(d) Oxfordshire Plan 2050 subgroup - update (Pages 82 - 86)

To receive summary notes from the meetings held on 16 July 2020 and 20 August 2020.

11. Work Programme for the Scrutiny Panel and Action Log - September 2020 (Pages 87 - 94)

To discuss the draft work programme for the Panel as submitted by the Panel's Scrutiny Officer and requests for information/actions from previous meetings

12. Dates of next meetings

The dates of future Scrutiny Panel meetings are below.

- Tues 17 Nov 6.30 pm
- Tues 19 Jan 2021 6.30 pm
- Tues 16 Feb 2021 6.30 pm
- Tues 16 Mar 2021 6.30 pm
- Tues 1 June 2021 6.30 pm

Councillors' duties on 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; licences 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.

Member's Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Councillors' 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 of the member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.