

Agenda

Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 6.30 pm
Virtual meeting viewable by weblink

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Councillor Jabu Nala-Hartley	Oxford City Council
Councillor Katherine Miles	
Councillor Lucy Pegg	
Councillor Adam Nell	Cherwell District Council
Councillor David Hughes	
Councillor Sean Woodcock,	
TBC	Oxfordshire County Council
TBC	
Councillor Andrew Gant	
Councillor Peter Dragonetti	South Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor David Turner	
Councillor Victoria Haval	
Councillor Andy Cooke	Vale of White Horse District Council
Councillor Jenny Hannaby	
Councillor Matt Barber	
TBC	West Oxfordshire District Council
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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?CIId=604&MIId=2789> 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. **Election of Chair of the Scrutiny Panel for 2021/2022**

To elect a Chair of the Scrutiny Panel for 2021/2022

2. **Election of Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Panel for 2021/2022**

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3. **Apologies for absence, substitutes; declarations of interest, Chair's announcements**

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 6 - 14)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021

5. **Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel Terms of Reference** (Pages 15 - 18)

To note the Terms of Reference of the Panel attached for information

6. **Public participation**

Members of the public may submit an address or question in writing to the Scrutiny Panel, where full notice of the question or address is given to the secretariat no later than **17:00 on Tuesday 25 May 2021**. Questions and addresses submitted should be no longer than one side of A4 paper in Arial 12 font. The address or question will be circulated to the Panel and public speakers will be invited to speak at the virtual meeting. Written submissions may also be read out by the Chair or Democratic Services Officer where requested or if the person making the request for public speaking is not able to attend the meeting. A response may be given at the meeting or a written answer supplied. Questions and notice of addresses must be submitted to democratic.services@oxfordshiregrowthboard.org

Note: This meeting may be recorded for live broadcast via the Growth Board's [YouTube Channel](#) - at the start of the meeting the Chair will confirm the meeting is being filmed. By registering to speak you are consenting to being recorded and to the use of those video and audio recordings for webcasting.

7. **Growth Board response to Scrutiny Panel recommendations**

(a) **Growth Board response to Scrutiny Panel recommendations 16 March 2021** (Pages 19 - 22)

To consider the Growth Board's response to the recommendations from the Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 16 March 2021.

(b) Growth Board response to Task and Finish Group recommendations (Pages 23 - 26)

To consider the Growth Board's response to the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Private Investment in Public Infrastructure Projects

8. Powering Up for the Green Recovery (Pages 27 - 65)

To consider Advanced Oxford's report Powering Up for the Green Recovery, which will be presented to the Growth Board.

9. Overview of skills landscape (Pages 66 - 86)

To consider an update to the Growth Board on the emerging national skills landscape and the implications for Oxfordshire's skills priorities. The report also provides an overview of the skills required to support the transition to Net Zero.

10. Housing and Growth Deal Advisory Group Updates

(a) Infrastructure Advisory Group update

To receive an update from the Infrastructure Sub-Group

(b) Housing Advisory Group update (Pages 87 - 89)

To receive the summary notes from the Housing Advisory Sub-Group. Summary notes from the meeting held on 27 April 2021 are attached.

(c) Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Advisory Group Update (Pages 90 - 94)

To receive the summary notes from the meetings of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Sub-Group held on 18 March 2021 and 27 April 2021.

11. Oxford to Cambridge Arc Update (Verbal Report)

To receive any relevant updates from the Growth Board Director concerning developments within the Oxford to Cambridge Arc. (verbal update)

12. Work programme for the Scrutiny Panel - June 2021 (Pages 95 - 96)

To discuss the draft work programme for the Panel as submitted by the Panel's Scrutiny Officer.

13. Dates of next meetings

The dates of confirmed future Scrutiny Panel meetings are below, all meetings at 6.30 pm. Please refer to <https://www.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org/meetings/> for the most up to date information.

- Monday 12 July 2021
- Monday 13 September 2021
- Monday 15 November 2021

- Monday 17 January 2022
- Tuesday 15 March 2022
- Tuesday 31 May 2022
- Tuesday 19 July 2022

Continuation of virtual Scrutiny Panel meetings

As the Scrutiny Panel is not constituted as a statutory committee under the relevant local government legislation, it is possible to continue holding all future meetings in a virtual setting, which also enables the meeting to be livestreamed via the Growth Board's YouTube Channel and virtual public participation. The Panel was broadly supportive of a virtual approach at its March 2021 meeting and a decision is now sought for 2021/2022 meetings.

Recommendation: That the Scrutiny Panel considers whether it wishes to continue with holding virtual meetings during the 2021/2022 year.

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.

