

Agenda



The Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 6.30 pm
Virtual meeting viewable by weblink

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Councillor Theodore Jupp	
Councillor Alex Powell	
Councillor John Broad	Cherwell District Council
Councillor Barry Wood	
Councillor Besmira Brasha	
Vacancy	Oxfordshire County Council
Councillor Charlie Hicks	
Councillor Felix Bloomfield	
Councillor Leigh Rawlins	South Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor David Turner	
Councillor James Barlow	
Councillor Andy Cooke	Vale of White Horse District Council
Councillor Emily Smith	
Councillor Debby Hallett	
Councillor Sandra Simpson	West Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor Julian Cooper	
Councillor Michael Brooker	

1. *The quorum is six members, one from each council. Substitutes are allowed and should be notified to the contact above.*
2. *To watch this meeting, [follow this link to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership's YouTube channel](#)*
3. *[Arrangements are subject to change at short notice so please refer to the agenda page by following this link](#)*

AGENDA

1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Panel for 2024/2025**

To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Panel for 2024/2025.

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

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 6 - 11)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024.

4. **Public participation** (To Follow)

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 Thursday 18 July 2024**. 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 futureoxfordshirepartnership@southandvale.gov.uk

Note: This meeting may be recorded for live broadcast via the Future Oxfordshire Partnership'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.

5. **Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal: Update at the end of Quarter 4 2023/24** (Pages 12 - 19)

To consider a report to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership setting out the end of Quarter 4 2023/24 progress report for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.

6. **Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership (OIEP) Update Report** (Pages 20 - 27)

To consider a report to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership providing an update on the progress of the Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership (OIEP) priorities.

7. **Update on the Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy** (Pages 28 - 31)

To consider a report to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership giving an update on the Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) development and the plan to go out to public consultation.

8. **Advisory Group updates**

(a) **Infrastructure Advisory Group update** (Pages 32 - 42)

To receive for information and awareness the draft summary notes from the Infrastructure Advisory Group meetings held on 12 March 2024 and 6 June 2024.

(b) **Planning Advisory Group update** (Pages 43 - 47)

To receive for information and awareness the draft summary notes from the Planning Advisory Group meeting held on 15 March 2024.

9. **Work programme for the Scrutiny Panel** (Pages 48 - 51)

To discuss the draft work programme for the Panel.

10. **Oxfordshire Local Area Energy Plan - Outline business case** (Pages 52 - 146)

To consider a report to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership and outline business case proposing an increase in the allocation of the Housing and Growth Deal Capacity Fund for the support of Local Area Energy Planning in Oxfordshire.

Exempt information under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership gives notice that it may decide by passing the necessary motion to hold all or part of the discussion of this item in private on the grounds that there would likely be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest on disclosing the information.

11. **Dates of next meetings**

The dates of confirmed future Scrutiny Panel meetings are below. Please refer to [list of meetings](#) for the most up to date information on times and locations.

- Tuesday 23/07/24
- Wednesday 25/09/24
- Tuesday 19/11/24
- Monday 20/01/25
- Wednesday 12/03/25
- Tuesday 17/06/25

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 themselves, 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.

