

Oxfordshire Growth Board

Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 2.00 pm
Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN

From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, the Oxfordshire Growth Board meetings are managed by South Oxfordshire District Council.

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Voting members 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council (which holds the chairmanship)	Councillor Jane Murphy
Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council (which holds the vice-chairmanship)	Councillor Roger Cox
Leader of Cherwell District Council	Councillor Barry Wood
Leader of Oxford City Council	Councillor Susan Brown
Leader of Oxfordshire County Council	Councillor Ian Hudspeth
Leader of West Oxfordshire District Council	Councillor James Mills

Non-voting members 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Chairman of OxLEP	Jeremy Long
Vice-Chairman and Skills Board representative	Adrian Lockwood
Universities representative	Professor Alistair Fitt
OxLEP business representative - Bicester	Phil Shadbolt
OxLEP business representative – Oxford City	TBC
OxLEP business representative – Science Vale	TBC
Homes England representative	Catherine Turner/Kevin Bourner
Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group representative	Louise Patten
Environment Agency representative	Lesley Tims

Note: Members of the Board may be accompanied at the table by senior officers from their organisation.

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

AGENDA

PART ONE – PUBLIC BUSINESS

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
- 3 **Minutes** (Pages 6 - 12)

To adopt as a correct record the minutes of the Oxfordshire Growth Board meeting held on 31 July 2018.

- 4 **Chairman's announcements**
- 5 **Public participation**

Members of the public may ask questions of the Chairman of the Growth Board, or address the Growth Board on any substantive item at a meeting, subject to the restrictions set out in the public participation scheme.

The total amount of time allowed for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 30 minutes, unless the Chairman consents to extend that time in the interests of the proper conduct of the business of the Growth Board.

A person speaking to the Growth Board may speak for up to three minutes. Board members may ask questions for clarification.

Asking a question

Questions (in full and in writing) must be received **by 5pm on Wednesday 19 September 2018**. A written or verbal answer will be provided by the Chairman at the meeting. The questioner may ask a supplementary question directly related to either the original question or the reply received.

Addressing the Board

Notice of a wish to address the Growth Board by making a statement must be received **by 12 noon on Monday 24 September 2018**.

Petitions

Petitions on matters directly relevant to matters in which the Growth Board has powers and duties must be received **by 5pm on Wednesday 19 September 2018**. The representative of the petitioners may speak. Petitions are referred without discussion to the next meeting.

Questions, petitions and notice of addresses must be submitted to democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk or delivered/posted to Democratic Services, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB.

6 Presentation from the Environment Agency

Presenters: Anna Guy (Thames Environment Planning and Engagement Manager) and Joe Cuthbertson (Thames Flood Risk Manager, Environment Agency)

7 Presentation from Active Oxfordshire

Presenter: Keith Johnson, Chairman of Active Oxfordshire

8 Oxford to Cambridge expressway corridor

To receive an update.

9 Housing and Growth Deal delivery update (Pages 13 - 18)

To update the Board on progress with the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. (Caroline Green)

Recommendation: to note the progress towards the Housing and Growth Deal milestones as set out in the delivery plan.

10 Planning freedoms and flexibilities (Pages 19 - 22)

To receive an update on the planning freedoms and flexibilities agreed as part of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.

11 Feedback from Scrutiny Panel and Advisory Sub-Groups

To receive verbal updates from the chairmen of the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel and the sub-groups the Joint Statutory Spatial Plan, Housing, and Infrastructure.

12 Oxfordshire local plans progress (Pages 23 - 24)

To consider the progress report on the adoption of Oxfordshire's local plans.

13 Local Enterprise Partnership update

To receive a verbal update from the Local Enterprise Partnership.

14 Sub-National Transport Body

To receive a verbal update from Sue Halliwell/Bev Hindle, Oxfordshire County Council.

15 Rail Connectivity Update

To receive a presentation from Sue Halliwell/Bev Hindle, Oxfordshire County Council.

16 Updates on matters relevant to the Growth Board

Growth Board members and officers may verbally update the Board on progress on matters previously before the Board for consideration or relevant to the Board's future decisions.

17 Dates of next meetings

The dates of future Growth Board meetings are below. These will be held on Tuesdays at 2pm in Didcot Civic Hall.

- 27 November 2018
- 29 January 2019
- 26 March
- 4 June

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.