

Agenda

Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 19 September 2019 at 6.30 pm
Old Library, Oxford Town Hall, OX1 1BX

From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020, the Oxfordshire Growth Board meetings are managed by South Oxfordshire District Council.

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Councillor Tom Wallis	Cherwell District Council
Councillor Lucinda Wing	
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 Anne-Marie Simpson	
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 Ted Fenton	
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 is open to the press and public.

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 and Substitutes; Declarations of Interest; Chair's Announcements**

(Note: Councillor Emily Smith, Vice-Chair of the Growth Board will attend the meeting as a guest from approximately 19:30).

2 **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 7 - 17)

Recommendation: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2019.

3 **Public Participation**

The terms of reference of the Panel state:

Members of the public may address meetings of the Scrutiny Panel, where notice is given to the secretariat no later than 4.00pm on the last working day before the day of the meeting.

The Chair will have discretion to manage the public participation procedure as they see appropriate, including rejecting frivolous, defamatory or offensive questions and managing the time afforded to public addresses.

Notice of a wish to address the meeting, including the subject of the address or the full question to be asked, must be sent to democratic.services@oxfordshiregrowthboard.org by 4.00pm on Wednesday 18 September 2019.

The Chair's decision will be final.

4 **Growth Board response to Growth Board Scrutiny Panel recommendations - May 2019 meeting** (Pages 18 - 20)

Purpose: To consider the Growth Board's response to the recommendations to the Board from the Scrutiny Panel meeting on 30 May 2019.

Information: response attached

Recommendation: To discuss and note the response.

5 **Oxfordshire Growth Board Papers 24 September 2019 for Discussion**

Purpose: To consider reports and matters on the agenda for the Oxfordshire Growth Board meeting on 24 September 2019. Reports are set out under the sub-headings below:

Recommendation: To make any recommendations to the Growth Board.

a England's Economic Heartland (EEH) Outline Transport Strategy: Framework for Engagement (Pages 21 - 33)

This report sets out an update from England's Economic Heartland on progress towards establishing a Transport Strategy for the region and requests support for the principle of a joint consultation response.

b Oxfordshire Rail Connectivity Study Update (Pages 34 - 39)

This report summarise progress on the Oxfordshire Rail Connectivity Study.

c Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal Progress Report Q1 (Pages 40 - 49)

This reports sets out the Quarter 1 progress report for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal to the Growth Board.

d Growth Board Review Scope (Pages 50 - 57)

This report sets out the proposed scope of Growth Board review.

e Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Revised Programme (Pages 58 - 62)

This report sets out the context of a proposal to seek the Growth Board's endorsement of a revised work programme and timetable for the Oxfordshire Plan 2050.

f Oxfordshire Local Plans Update (Pages 63 - 65)

This reports sets out progress in adopting Local Plans for each of the five districts.

6 Work Programme for the Scrutiny Panel and Action Log-September 2019 (Pages 66 - 69)

Purpose: To discuss the draft work programme for the Panel submitted for consideration by the Panel's Scrutiny Officer and record of request for information and actions.

Information: Work programme (attached)

Recommendation: To agree the draft work programme and actions as set out and to note that other relevant items may be added to agendas.

7 Growth Board Forward Programme (Pages 70 - 72)

To consider the Growth Board Forward Programme.

8 Dates of meetings

Purpose: To note the dates for meetings of this Panel:

Scrutiny Panel	Growth Board
Thurs 19 Sept 6.30pm	Tues 24 Sept 2pm
Thurs 21 Nov 6.30pm	Tues 26 Nov 2pm
Thurs 23 Jan 6.30pm	Tues 28 Jan 2pm
*Thurs 2 April 6.30pm	Tues 7 April 2pm
Thurs 28 May 6.30pm	Tues 2 June 2pm

Meetings of the scrutiny panel to be held in Oxford Town Hall.

* amended date

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.

