

CENTRAL, SOUTH AND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 5.30 pm.

Venue: West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road

Membership of the Committee

City Councillors (Voting Members)

Carfax Ward	Councillor Stephen Brown (Vice-Chair) Councillor Sushila Dhall
Hinksey Park Ward	Councillor Bob Price Councillor Oscar Van Nooijen (Chair)
Holywell Ward	Councillor Mark Mills Councillor Nathan Pyle
Jericho and Osney Ward	Councillor Colin Cook Councillor Susanna Pressel

County Councillors (Non-voting co-opted members)

Isis Division	County Councillor Chip Sherwood County Councillor John Tanner
West Central Oxford Division	County Councillor Alan Armitage County Councillor Susanna Pressel

The quorum for area committees is one half of the total number of voting members on the committee. For this Committee, the quorum, below which the meeting cannot take place or continue, is 4 members of the City Council.

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If you have any special needs, please contact either the Democratic Services Officer or the Area Co-ordinator giving as much notice as possible before the meeting.

DECLARING INTERESTS

What is a personal interest?

You have a personal interest in a matter if that matter affects the well-being or financial position of you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close association more than it would affect the majority of other people in the ward(s) to which the matter relates.

A personal interest can affect you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association positively or negatively. If you or they would stand to gain or lose by the decision, you should declare it.

You also have a personal interest in a matter if it relates to any interest which you must register.

What do I need to do if I have a personal interest?

You must declare it when you get to the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You may speak and vote unless it is a prejudicial interest.

If a matter affects a body to which you have been appointed by the authority, or a body exercising functions of a public nature, you only have to declare the interest if you are going to speak on the matter.

What is a prejudicial interest?

You have a prejudicial interest in a matter if:-

- a) a member of the public who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice judgement of the public interest; and
- b) the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter; and
- c) the interest does not fall within one of the exempt categories at paragraph 10(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct.

What do I need to do if I have a prejudicial interest?

You must withdraw from the meeting. However, under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, if members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about that matter, you may make representations as if you were a member of the public. However, you must withdraw from the meeting once you have made your representations and before debate starts.

DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

9 March	West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road
13 April	Town Hall, St Aldate's Street
11 May	Venue to be confirmed
8 June	Venue to be confirmed

HOW TO OBTAIN AGENDA FOR THE COMMITTEE

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HOW THE PUBLIC CAN BE INVOLVED

The Committee welcomes people attending its meetings and expressing their views.

Members of the public may speak:-

During the Open Session for up to five minutes about any matter affecting the area covered by the Committee;

With the Chair's agreement, for up to five minutes about any agenda item, other than planning applications, for which specific rules and time limits apply.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting should complete a speaker's form, available at the entrance to the meeting room and hand it to a member of staff.

Area Project Funding

We also invite local people and local groups to let us know about local projects that the Committee may be able to support. For more information, including a copy of the funding guidelines or to submit an expression of interest, telephone the Area Coordinator.

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DEALING WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT AREA COMMITTEES AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (SDCC)

Planning controls the development and use of land in the public interest. Applications must be determined in accordance with the Council's development plans unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise. The Committee must be conducted in an orderly, fair and impartial manner.

The following minimum standards of practice will be followed:

1. All Members will have pre-read the officers' report. Members are also encouraged to view any supporting material.
2. At Area Committees applications will either be dealt with as a separate section on the agenda so that it is clear to all present that the nature of the meeting has changed from being participatory, or if necessary at a separate meeting. The Chair will make an announcement to this effect and will clarify for all present which Members are entitled to vote.
3. The sequence for each application shall be as follows:-
 - (a) The Planning Officer will introduce;
 - (b) Parish and County Councillors may speak for up to 5 minutes in total provided that the application lies within their parish or division;
 - (c) Any objectors may speak for up to 5 minutes in total;
 - (d) Any supporters may speak for up to 5 minutes in total;
 - (e) Speaking times may be extended by the Chair provided that equal time is given to both sides
 - (f) Voting members of the Committee may ask questions (which shall be directed via the Chair to the relevant Officer or speaker);
 - (g) Voting members will debate and determine the application.
4. Members of the public wishing to speak must complete a "Planning Speakers" form and hand it to the Area Co-ordinator or Democratic Services Officer or the Chair before the planning part of the meeting commences or alternatively you can e-mail csw@oxford.gov.uk before 10.00 am on the day of the meeting, giving details of the your name, the application/agenda item you wish to speak on and whether you are objecting or supporting the application. No documents may be referred to unless they have been circulated to all parties at least 48 hours before.
5. All representations should be heard in silence and without interruption. The Chair should discourage disruptive behaviour. Members of the public are reminded that if the meeting is not allowed to proceed in an orderly manner then the Chair will withdraw the opportunity to address the Committee. The Committee is a meeting held in public, not a public meeting.
6. Members should not:-
 - (a) Rely on considerations which are not, in law, material;
 - (b) Question the personal integrity or professionalism of officers in public;
 - (c) Proceed to a vote if minded to determine an application against officer's recommendation until the reasons for that determination have been formulated.
 - (d) Seek to re-design, or negotiate amendments to, an application (but the committee may impose appropriate conditions).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors serving on the Committee are asked to declare any personal or personal prejudicial interests they may have in any of the following agenda items. Guidance on this is attached above.

3. OPEN SESSION

Members of the public may speak for up to five minutes on any matter affecting the area covered by the Committee. Please complete a speaker's form, available at the entrance to the meeting room, and hand it to a member of staff.

In addition to matters raised by the public, updates on matters raised at previous meetings may be reported upon by the Chair and the Area Co-ordinator under this item.

4. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The Police fourth quarter 2009/10 report is attached at page 1.

5. STREETSCENE ISSUES

David Huddle will attend to update the Committee on current issues, issues raised at previous meetings and respond on issues raised at the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

Type of function: Council function.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

For determination

(a) 28 Worcester Place: Boundary wall, gate and amendment to conservatory.

- Application number: 10/00083/FUL
- Report – page 7
- Recommendation - To approve the application.

(b)1 Roger Dudman Way: Nursery and 6 flats.

- Application number: 09/02842/FUL
- Report – page 15
- Recommendation - To refuse the application.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR COMMENT

Former Acland Hospital, Banbury Rd (Keble College): Educational and student accommodation (09/02466/FUL), listed building consent for demolitions etc (09/02467/LBD) and various demolitions (09/02468/CAC).

Report is attached at page 25

8. FORTHCOMING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) Lamarsh Road: 07/00421/RES: 8 flats.
- (b) Rear of Playhouse, Gloucester St: 06/02237/FUL: Flats and retail.
- (c) St. Aldate's/Queen Street: 08/02261/FUL & 08/02260/CAC: Retail, student accommodation, offices.
- (d) Former Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road: 09/02535/FUL: Mathematics Institute for University.
- (e) Former Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road: 09/02534/FUL: Humanities Division for University.
- (f) Dawson Place, Jericho: 09/1203/OUT: New community centre.

9. PLANNING APPEALS

The Head of City Development has provided a note and tables which detail those planning appeals received and decided during January 2010 (attached at page 55).

The Area Committee is asked to note the information.

AREA ISSUES

Type of function: Executive Function

10. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Report (attached at page 61) from Head of Community Housing and Development.

11. FISHER ROW POCKET PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Report of the Head of City Development (attached at page 65)

The Committee is asked to note the information.
Larger colour copies of the plan will be available at the meeting.

12. MY LIFE, MY CHOICE - GRANT REPORT

Report of Head of Community Housing and Development (attached at page 67).

The Committee is asked to consider a report advising of a grant application.

13. WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY RENEWABLES - GRANT REPORT

Report of Head of Community Housing and Development (attached at page 83).

The Committee is asked to consider a report advising of a grant application.

14. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held 9 February 2010 (attached at page 97).