



Lead Member Decision
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Decision: Oxfordshire Growth Board Governance Arrangements

Decision taker: Leader of the Council

Decision Date: 18 May 2018

Is decision subject to Call-in? Yes

Deadline for Call-in: Noon on 23 May 2018

Is decision Exempt? No

Is decision urgent? No

Summary

To agree the council's representation on the Oxfordshire Growth Board Sub groups and Scrutiny Panel.

Decision

Resolved

- (1) That the Assistant Director Law and Governance be delegated to appoint to the Oxfordshire Growth Board sub groups and Scrutiny Panel in consultation with the Conservative and Labour Group Leaders, as set out below:

• Oxfordshire Growth Board sub groups

The advisory sub groups will be made up of elected member representatives from each of the constituent councils appointed by the Leader of that council and other representatives as agreed by members of the Growth Board Joint Committee. The Chair of the sub-groups will be appointed by the Growth Board and normally drawn from the voting membership of the Growth Board acting as an independent Chair.

The Leaders are asked to nominate a member representative and a substitute member representative to each of the three boards.

Sub Group	Representative	Substitute
Infrastructure	Nominated by Leader of	Nominated by Leader of

	the Council	the Council
Housing	Nominated by Leader of the Council	Nominated by Leader of the Council
JSSP	Nominated by Leader of the Council	Nominated by Leader of the Council

- **Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel**

The Terms of Reference also establishes a new Growth Board Scrutiny Panel to enable effective and coordinated scrutiny of Growth Board functions and decisions. The Scrutiny Panel will be non-statutory to enable flexibility for the constituent councils to reflect local scrutiny membership. The ability of the constituent council Scrutiny Committees to scrutinise the Growth Board will remain. The Terms of Reference and working arrangements for the Scrutiny Panel will be developed with input from the Scrutiny Committee Chairs of the individual councils. The Chair will be elected by the members of the Scrutiny Panel.

Leaders of the Conservative and Labour Groups are asked to nominate member representatives to the Scrutiny Panel as set out below

Growth Board Scrutiny Panel Representative
1) Nominated by Leader of the Conservative Group
2) Nominated by Leader of the Conservative Group
3) Nominated by Leader of the Labour Group

Reasons for Decision

Ensuring good governance of the Growth Board is important in delivering the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal, the proposed nominations will ensure that Cherwell District Council is effectively represented.

Options Considered

No alternative options have been identified.

Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service

None

Information about this decision statement

Call-in

Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Chief Executive by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;

Call-in can be requested by any six non-executive members of the Council.

However, if at any point during a municipal year the total number of opposition councillors is six or less the total number of non-executive members required to call-in a decision shall be the total number of opposition councillors less two.

Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).

The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive