

Council Agenda



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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 7.00 PM
Abbey House, ABINGDON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Reed', is written in a cursive style.

Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

A large print version of this agenda is available. In addition any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement.

Please note that this meeting will be held in a wheelchair accessible venue. If you would like to attend and have any special access requirements, please let the Democratic Services Officers know beforehand and they will do their very best to meet your requirements.

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in the code of conduct adopted on 30 September 2007 and standing order 34 regarding the declaration of personal and prejudicial interests.

Note: please remember to sign the attendance register.

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Map and vision

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A map showing the location of the venue for this meeting is attached. A link to information about nearby car parking is

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/transport/car_parking/default.asp

The council's vision is to build and safeguard a fair, open and compassionate community.

Prayers

1. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct record the council minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2011 (previously published).

3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of personal or personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

4. Urgent business and chairman's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chairman determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chairman.

5. Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting council

Any statements, petitions and questions from the public under standing order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

6. Urgent business

Any urgent business will be considered at this point in the meeting.

7. Petitions under standing order 13

To receive petitions from members of the council under standing order 13 (if any).

8. Questions under standing order 12

To receive questions from members of the council under standing order 12 as follows:

- (1) Question to the Leader from Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer:

Regarding the Abingdon Partnership: 'Does the Leader agree that, with the current party representation across Abingdon County, District and Town Councillors of 20 Conservatives, 16 Liberal Democrats and 2 Labour, that all six Councillor places are now taken by Conservatives, no longer reflects the spirit of true partnership in which all the opinions of the people of Abingdon are reflected and the spirit in which the partnership was set up – particularly as the meetings continue to be held in private?'

- (2) Question to the Leader from Councillor Richard Webber:

Regarding shared accommodation: 'Does the Leader agree that of the options facing this Council over the unused capacity of its Abbey House offices, a move by SODC to join VWHDC in Abbey House is the best option for the people of Abingdon and the Vale as a whole?'

- (3) Question to the Leader from Councillor Bob Johnston

Regarding environmental challenge: 'Given the increasing emphasis being given at national level to the question of renewable forms of energy, could the Leader of the Council indicate the acceptability to him of each of the following, heat pump technologies, anaerobic digesters, microgeneration by small wind turbines, solar panels, solar arrays, archimedes screws, single wind turbines and wind farms in the Vale?'

- (4) Question to the Leader from Councillor Jim Halliday

Regarding the elections in May 2011: 'Did the Leader approve the Terms of Reference of the enquiry into the conduct of the 2011 elections?'

9. Virements

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In accordance with the virement policy, all virements of £10,000 and over and virements across service areas require prior authorisation of the executive and must be reported to the council.

10. Report of the leader of the council

(1) Urgent executive decisions

In accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rules, an executive decision can be taken as a matter of urgency, if any delay by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the council's or the public's interest. Treating the decision as a matter of urgency must be agreed by the chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and must be reported to the next meeting of the council, together with the reasons for urgency.

To receive any details of urgent executive decisions taken since the last ordinary meeting of the council, (if any).

(2) Delegation of executive functions

To receive details of any changes to the executive scheme of delegation.

(3) Matters affecting the authority arising from meetings of joint committees, partnerships and other meetings

To receive the report of the leader (if any).

11. Notices of motion under standing order 11

To receive the following notice of motion under standing order 11.

Motion to be proposed by Councillor Richard Webber, seconded by Councillor Julia Bricknell:

“This council supports the work of the Youth Forum in stimulating the interest of young people in politics, and in the democratic process, and will do all it can to continue its support in the future.”

At its meeting on 23 February 2011 Council considered the following motion submitted by Councillor Matthew Barber and seconded by Councillor John Morgan:

“This Council instructs the executive to investigate ways in which this Authority can support the Sweatbox youth centre”.

In accordance with Standing Order 27(5) regarding the duration of meetings the Council meeting held on 23 February 2011 concluded at 10.00pm. The debate on this motion was not concluded prior to the close of the meeting. In accordance with Standing Order 27(6), which provides that any business not disposed of by the end of a meeting shall be included on the agenda for the next appropriate meeting, this motion is now included on this agenda.

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

None.