

Date: 5 July 2005

TO: All Members of the Abingdon Area
Committee
FOR ATTENDANCE

TO: All Other Members of the Council
FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **ABINGDON AREA COMMITTEE** to be held in the **GUILDHALL, ABINGDON** on **Wednesday, 13th July, 2005** at **7.00 pm**.

Yours faithfully

Terry Stock
Chief Executive

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct, and Standing Order 34 regarding the declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

A G E N D A

Open to the Public including the Press

A Large print version of this agenda and any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement with Carole Nicholl, Democratic Services Officer on telephone number (01235) 547631.

Map and Vision

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A map showing the location of the venue for this meeting, together with a copy the Council Vision are attached.

1. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair of the Abingdon Area Committee for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Abingdon Area Committee for the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

4. **Minutes**

(Pages 6 - 11)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Abingdon Area Committee held on 30 March 2005.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

In accordance with Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct and the provisions of Standing Order 34, any Member with a personal interest must disclose the existence and nature of that interest to the meeting prior to the matter being debated. Where that personal interest is also a prejudicial interest, then the Member must withdraw from the room in which the meeting is being held and not seek improperly to influence any decision about the matter unless he/she has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee.

6. **Urgent Business and Chair's Announcements**

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

7. **Statements and Petitions from the Public Under Standing Order 32**

Any statements and/or petitions from the public under Standing Order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

8. **Questions from the Public Under Standing Order 32**

Any questions from members of the public under Standing Order 32 will be asked at the meeting.

9. **Capital Funding**

(Pages 12 - 13)

At the last meeting of the South East Area Committee, Members had requested an update on the availability of capital funding if applicants could show that this would significantly increase their chances of lottery or environmental trust funding. The Strategic Director, Steve Bishop, has produced a briefing note which is being circulated to all Area Committees for information.

Recommendation

that the agenda report be received.

10. **Community Grants**

(Wards Affected: Abingdon Abbey and Barton; Abingdon Caldecott; Abingdon Dunmore; Abingdon Fitzharris; Abingdon Northcourt; Abingdon Ock Meadow; Abingdon Peachcroft; Drayton; Sutton Courtenay and Appleford;)

(Pages 14 - 26)

To receive and consider report 50/05 of the Head of Innovation and Enterprise.

Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position for this Committee in respect of Community Grants for 2005/06 and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received since the last meeting.

The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer (Tel: 01235 547626).

Recommendations

- (a) *Members are asked to note that the Committee's approved budget total for 2005/06 is £38,849.12 (including £8,231.12 carried forward from 2004/05), which is apportioned as follows: -*

<i>Environmental Agenda (35%)</i>	<i>£10,716.30</i>
<i>Social Agenda (35%)</i>	<i>£10,716.30</i>
<i>Economic Agenda (10%)</i>	<i>£3,061.80</i>
<i>Discretionary (20%)</i>	<i>£6,123.60</i>
	<i>plus</i>
	<i>£8,231.12</i>

- (b) *Members are asked to note that grants totalling £3,000 are to be awarded to the following two twinning organisations in the Abingdon Area, as directed by the Executive on 6 August 2004, subject to the completion of a service level agreement: -*

<i>Abingdon Town Council</i>	<i>£2,500</i>
<i>Drayton Twinning Society</i>	<i>£500</i>

- (c) *Members are asked to: -*
- (i) *note the recommendations made by the Executive and the subsequent decision taken by the Council in respect of funding towards the cost of extending the Peachcroft Christian Centre, Abingdon; and*
 - (ii) *to consider the application again in the light of this and determine the grant award, Council agenda and priority.*
- (d) *Members are asked to determine the grant award, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following : -f*
- (i) *Abingdon Child Contact Centre - £1,500, towards running costs for the next five years, Social Agenda, Access priority;*
 - (ii) *Mr Kirby, Sympson Close, Abingdon - £641.60, towards the cost of crown reduction and deadwooding of a large chestnut tree and installation of a cable brace plus routine maintenance to a yew, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority;*
 - (iii) *Abingdon Marathon - £750, towards the cost of organising a marathon, £750, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority;*
 - (iv) *Abbey Sailing Club - £2,000, towards the cost of purchasing two boats to be available to beginners, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority;*

- (v) *Historic Building Grant Scheme: Mr Bax, Pusey Cottage, Drayton - £1,250, towards the cost of re-thatching and restoration of a local historic feature, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority;*
- (vi) *The NET Management Committee - £4,563, towards the cost of increasing holiday activities, Social Agenda, Access priority;*
- (vii) *The Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (Oxford) - £750, towards the cost of installing an electrically operated automatic door for wheelchair users and people with limited mobility, Social Agenda, Access priority.*

(e) *Members are asked to determine the following parish cleansing grant bids for 2005/06: -*

<i>Appleford-on-Thames</i>	<i>£250</i>
<i>Drayton</i>	<i>£402</i>

11. Buildability Scheme of ABITS

(Pages 27 - 31)

Attached is a Briefing Note for consideration, together with a timetable which Councillor Roz Smith, being the Executive Member assigned to the ABITS project will explain.

12. Delivering the Community Strategy

(Pages 32 - 35)

To consider delivering the Community Strategy having regard to the papers attached.

13. Dates of Future Meetings

Members are reminded that future meetings of the Committee have been schedule to take place on the following dates: -

Tuesday 11 October 2005
Wednesday 1 February 2006
Tuesday 28 March 2006

Exempt Information Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None.