

Council Agenda



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Summons to attend the annual meeting of Council

to be held on Wednesday 15 May 2013 at 7.00 pm
Guildhall, Abingdon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Reed".

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.

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 take care of your interests across the Vale with enterprise, energy and efficiency.

1. Election of chairman

To elect a chairman of Council for the municipal year 2013/14.

2. Appointment of vice chairman

To appoint a vice chairman of Council for the municipal year 2013/14.

3. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

4. Minutes

(Pages 6 - 28)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the council minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2013 (attached).

5. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

6. Chairman's announcements

To receive any announcements from the chairman.

7. Urgent business

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.

8. Petitions under standing order 13

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

9. Questions under standing order 12

To receive questions from members of the council under standing order 12.

1. Question from Councillor Jim Halliday to Councillor Yvonne Constance
"What are the Council's deadlines by which it seeks to reply to requests for information, and what action is taken if the deadline is missed ?"
2. Question from Councillor Richard Webber to the Leader of the Council
"What weight do you believe a decision of Full Council carries ?"
3. Question from Councillor Jerry Patterson to Councillor Mike Murray
"Are you are aware of the latest housing projection data recently issued by the Office of National Statistics ?"

10. Recommendations from Cabinet, individual Cabinet members, and committees

To consider the following recommendations from Cabinet, individual Cabinet members, or committees since the last Council meeting.

Funding for Marlborough Gardens play area at Faringdon

On 18 March 2013, the Cabinet member for commercial services made the following decision:

'To recommend the Council to add £15,213 to the capital programme for improvements to the Marlborough Gardens play area at Faringdon. This expenditure to be funded by use of s106 monies held for this purpose.'

Council is asked to adopt this recommendation.

11. Appointments to committees, panels and joint committees (Pages 29 - 32)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the appointment to those committees required to be politically balanced together with the Licensing Acts Committee, area committees and joint committees (**attached**).

12. Virements

In accordance with the virement policy, all virements of £10,000 and over and virements across service areas require prior authorisation of the Cabinet and must be reported to Council. This information will be reported at the meeting (if any).

13. Report of the leader of the council

(1) Urgent cabinet decisions

In accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rules, a cabinet 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 cabinet decisions taken since the last ordinary meeting of the council, (if any).

(2) Delegation of cabinet functions

To receive details of any changes to the leader's appointments and 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).

14. Notices of motion under standing order 11

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

1. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Matthew Barber and seconded by Councillor Yvonne Constance:

"This Council supports the campaign by South Hinksey Parish Council calling for pedestrian ramps to be provided at the replacement railway bridge between South Hinksey and Oxford. This Council requires the Chief Executive to write to Network Rail outlining the concerns of this Authority about the omission of such access."

2. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Sandy Lovatt and seconded by Councillor Charlotte Dickson:

"This Council congratulates the Cabinet on introducing 2 hour free parking and requests the Cabinet to look at other measures to support the local economy."

3. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Jenny Hannaby and seconded by Councillor Richard Webber

"This Council congratulates the officers and contractors on the continued high rate of recycling being achieved within the Vale of White Horse District."