

Cabinet Agenda



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A meeting of the

Cabinet

will be held on Friday 7 December 2012 at 1.00 pm
The Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JE

Cabinet Members:

Councillors

Matthew Barber (Chairman)
Roger Cox (Vice-Chairman)
Yvonne Constance
Mike Murray
Reg Waite
Elaine Ware

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.

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

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Open to the public including the press

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. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct record the public minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 October 2012 (previously published).

3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary 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 relating to matters affecting the Cabinet

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

6. Council tax reduction scheme

(Pages 6 - 16)

Purpose: to recommend to Council to adopt and implement a new Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the financial year 2013/14 (**report attached**)

7. Council tax exemptions and discounts

(Pages 17 - 22)

Purpose: to recommend to Council the level of council tax discount to be applied to second

homes, unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings, and dwellings undergoing or requiring structural repair, and to recommend to Council the level of premium to be applied to long-term empty dwellings (**report attached**).

8. Council tax base 2013/14

Purpose: to recommend that Council agrees the council tax base for 2013/14 (**report to follow**).

9. Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone - business rates scheme

(Pages 23 - 31)

Purpose: to agree a business rates discount scheme for the Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone (**report attached**).

10. Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone - Milton Park Local Development Order 2012

(Wards Affected: Harwell; Sutton Courtenay and Appleford;)

(Pages 32 - 101)

Purpose: to recommend Council adopt the Milton Park Local Development Order 2012 subject to confirmation that the Secretary of State does not wish to intervene (**report attached**).

11. High Street Innovation Fund and Town Teams

(Pages 102 - 111)

Purpose: to consider a report on the delivery of high street innovation fund projects for the Vale towns, town teams in Abingdon and Farringdon and the creation of a Vale wide business partnership (**report attached**).

12. Local Development Scheme

Purpose: to consider a report on the Local Development Scheme (**report to follow**).

13. Revenue grant to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau and The Independent Advice Centre, Wantage for 2013/14 to 2016/17

(Pages 112 - 155)

Purpose: to consider a revenue grant application of £427,464 from Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau for four years; 2013/14 of £103,713; 2014/15 of £105,787; 2015/16 of £107,903 and 2016/17 of £110,061 (**report attached**).

14. Exclusion of the public, including the press

The chairman to move that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the remainder of the meeting to prevent the disclosure to them of exempt information, as defined in Section 100(I) and Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, to the Act when the following items are considered:

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Westway, Botley

(Category 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information.)

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

The council hereby gives notice that it intends to hold part of this Cabinet meeting in private to consider the following item for the reasons set out in the 'exclusion of the public, including the press' item above.

The council has received no representations about why the following items should be open to the public. The council believes that the need to consider the following items in private outweighs the public interest.

15. Westway, Botley

(Wards Affected: North Hinksey and Wytham;)

To consider the strategic director's report (**report to follow**).