

# Council Agenda



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## Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on Wednesday 17 July 2013 at 7.00pm  
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.

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Note: please remember to sign the attendance register.

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### Map and vision

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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

(Pages 7 - 14)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the council minutes of the annual meeting held on 15 May 2013 (attached).

### 3. Declarations of interest

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

### 4. Chairman's announcements

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

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.

## **7. Petitions under standing order No.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:

- (1) Question from Councillor Tony de Vere to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Matthew Barber:

‘Please would the Leader reassure council that under no circumstances will he allow a change in the branding of ‘Science Vale UK’ before bringing the issue back to full council?’

- (2) Question from Councillor Judy Roberts to the Cabinet member for economic development, Councillor Elaine Ware:

‘Please would the Cabinet member update Council on the % Retail Occupancy rates for each of our Market Towns?’

- (3) Question from Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Matthew Barber:

‘Please would the Leader of the Council report to Council on the present state of the Vale Lease of Abbey Fishponds and its future?’

- (4) Question from Councillor Debby Hallett to the Cabinet member for environmental health, Councillor Roger Cox:

‘The Botley Air Quality Management Area was created in 2008. The Air Quality Updating & Screening Assessment report of 2012 concluded that it was necessary to develop an Air Quality Action Plan for Botley. Please would the Cabinet member for environmental health comment on the efficacy of the Vale's current Action Plan for reducing nitrogen dioxide air pollution in the Botley AQMA along the A34 corridor, and point us to where the public can see that Action Plan.’

## **9. 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.

### **Hackney Carriage Tariff in Vale of White Horse District Council area**

At its meeting on 9 July 2013 the General Licensing Committee was due to consider a report on the removal or retention of a council set hackney carriage tariff in Vale of White Horse District council area.

The report of the head of legal and democratic services, which General Licensing Committee considered on 9 July 2013, was circulated to all councillors with the

committee agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

As the committee meeting follows the publication of this agenda, the committee's recommendation to Council will follow.

**Recommendation:** to consider the committee's recommendation (to follow).

## **10. Designating the council's section 151 chief financial officer** (Pages 15 - 17)

To consider the report of the strategic director on the appointment of the shared Head of Finance as the section 151 chief financial officer.

## **11. Abingdon Fitzharris by election - review of political balance**

To consider the report (to follow) of the head of legal and democratic services regarding changes to the make-up and membership of committees following the by election for the Abingdon Fitzharris Ward vacancy.

The election result was:

Halliday, Jeanette	479	Elected
Lovatt, Monica Mary	378	
Ryall, George	96	

## **12. Community Governance Review - Draft Terms of Reference** (Pages 18 - 25)

To consider the report of the chief executive on draft terms of reference for a community governance review – a review of parish arrangements within the district.

**Recommendations:** to

1. approve the draft terms of reference set out in Appendix A for a community governance review of the Vale of White Horse; and
2. establish a working group to oversee the review and determine its make-up.

## **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.

The Leader of Council to report that Councillor Elaine Ware, Cabinet member for economy, leisure and property, took a decision on 30 May 2013 to enter into a

contract for the replacement of the two artificial turf pitches at Tilsley Park, Abingdon and approve the virement of £29,913.18 from the Vale council's contingency budget to the YC16 Tilsley Park-replacement of artificial pitches capital budget. The chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and Chairman of Council agreed that any delay caused by the call-in process would prejudice the council's and public's interest because such a delay would threaten the manufacture of the carpet before the summer factory closure, disrupt the hockey season, risk injury to users and potentially increase the loss of income claims from the council's contractor for loss of business.

(2) **Delegation of cabinet functions**

To receive details of any changes to the leader's 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 notices of motion under standing order 11.

(1) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Sandy Lovatt, seconder to be confirmed:

'This Council instructs officers to review the policy on street trading to consider including as consent streets in Abingdon the following areas of the Town Centre:

- a. The Market Place
- b. The Undercroft of the County Hall Museum
- c. The Abbey Gateway
- d. Bath Street from the High Street to Stratton Way
- e. The Square
- f. The High Street from the Market Place to Ock Street

and to bring a report to the General Licensing Committee for consideration.'

(2) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Robert Sharp, seconder to be confirmed:

'This Council requests the Licensing Acts Committee to consider restricting the use of Chinese lanterns as a condition for licensed events in the Vale.'

(3) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Jerry Patterson, seconder Councillor Richard Webber:

'When considering sharing accommodation with others, it is this council's will that Vale of White Horse District Council should continue to be based at Abbey House, Abingdon.'

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

None