

Council Agenda



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Summons to attend the annual meeting of Council

**to be held on Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 7.00 pm
The Ridgeway Room (main hall first floor), The Beacon,
(formerly Wantage Civic Hall), Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Reed".

Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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Agenda

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Council's vision

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 2014/15.

2. Election of vice-chairman

To appoint a vice-chairman of Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

3. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

4. Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct record the council minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2014 (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. Uncompleted business - motions under standing order 11

In accordance with Standing Order 27(5) regarding the duration of meetings the Council meeting held on 19 February 2014 concluded at 9.30pm following a vote of councillors. 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, these motions are now included on this agenda.

- (1) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Jerry Patterson, seconded by Andrew Skinner

'Council resolves that the Vale's Abbey House building will continue to be branded as the "Vale of White Horse District Council", and that the signs and Vale Coat of

Arms at the front and side entrances since the building's opening in 1992, will remain permanently in place where they are, regardless of any other authority or organisation sharing the accommodation. Furthermore, Council resolves that the official address of the Vale of White Horse District Council will continue to be at Abbey House.'

- (2) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Jenny Hannaby, seconded by Sue Marchant

'Council notes that Network Rail is shortly to start an extensive programme of bridge works within the District, and that these have the potential to cause considerable inconvenience to Vale residents unless carefully planned and scheduled. Council therefore asks its officers to work together with the County Council and Network Rail to ensure the disruption is kept to a minimum and that all the relevant parish and town councils are kept fully informed.'

- (3) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Debby Hallett, seconded by Catherine Webber

'Council resolves to fulfil its legal responsibility to create Air Quality Action Plans for Botley and for Marcham.'

- (4) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Tony de Vere, seconder to be confirmed

'Council requests Cabinet to consider modifying the grants scheme so that applications that have Vale-wide benefits are handled in a more equitable and transparent manner than currently seems to be happening.'

- (5) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer, seconded by Richard Webber

'Council congratulates all the council officers involved and all the flood action groups for their successful work in minimising the worst effects of the recent flooding in the Vale. Council will continue to support flood management and relief efforts and encourages all possible public participation.'

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Petitions under standing order 13

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

11. Questions under standing order 12

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

1. Question from Councillor Debby Hallett to the Leader of the Council, Matthew Barber:

At the top of every Cabinet agenda is the following assertion: "The Council's vision is to take care of your interests across the Vale with enterprise, energy and efficiency."

For the people of Botley, there is one main interest at the moment: to ensure a redevelopment of West Way that's appropriate to the needs of the local community.

At its meeting of 21 Nov 2013, in the public session about the redevelopment of West Way, Scrutiny Committee requested the following:

- Councillor Matthew Barber to clarify the site 1/2 map: when it was drawn up who it was presented to etc;
- Planning officers and planning committee to ensure that there is total separation between the strategic functions of the council, as exercised by Cabinet, and its role as the planning authority;
- Cabinet to inform the public and councillors about significant interaction with Doric;
- Cabinet to keep members properly and fully informed about this development, subject to the usual confidentiality rules;
- Cabinet to keep local members, and the public and the parish council involved where appropriate.

What concrete actions have the Leader, Cabinet and officers taken to satisfy these requests, and what outcomes have been achieved?

2. Question from Councillor Jerry Patterson to Councillor Mike Murray:
Could the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy agree with the SHMA report (page 183, para 9.63) that "The SHMA does not set housing targets"?
3. Question from Councillor Jerry Patterson to Councillor Mike Murray:
Why did the Cabinet expect town and parish councils to be responsible for distributing the Vale's housing delivery update consultation leaflets?
4. Question from Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer to Councillor Reg Waite:
Could the Cabinet member for Waste explain to Council why the recycling rates in the Vale District have recently been below South Oxfordshire?
5. Question from Councillor Jenny Hannaby to Councillor Reg Waite:
Could the Cabinet Member for Waste list the contamination rates for recycling collected in the Vale – either by collection day, or overall?

6. Question from Councillor Angela Lawrence to the Leader of the Council, Matthew Barber:

Given the reorganisation of housing and environmental health following the departure of Paul Staines, what reassurance can the Leader give members that the essential and increasingly challenging management of providing appropriate homes for vulnerable people will not be compromised should someone whose skills may be more biased towards regeneration be appointed?

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

Council will be asked to consider a recommendation from Cabinet, made at its meeting on 8 May 2014, on the financial implications of the award of the joint leisure management contract under item 18 of this agenda as an exempt item. There are no other recommendations.

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 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. Review of the council's constitution

(Pages 32 - 39)

To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on proposed changes to the council's constitution (**attached**)

15. Appointments to committees, panels and joint committees for 2014/15

(Pages 40 - 44)

To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (**attached**).

16. Notices of motion under standing order 11

To receive notices of motion under standing order 11.

Motion to be proposed by Councillor Tony De Vere, seconder to be confirmed

The Vale of White Horse District Council believes that community benefit interests should be taken into account in any disposal agreement for its Old Abbey House property interests. Council therefore asks the relevant Cabinet members to consult both all the Vale's Abingdon councillors, and Abingdon Town Council before any sale agreement is made.

17. Exclusion of the public, including the press

To consider whether to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business under Part 1 of Schedule 12A Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 on the grounds that:

- (i) it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and
- (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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

Cabinet, at its meeting on 8 May 2014, will consider a report on the awarding of the joint leisure management contract.

The report of the Head of Economy, Leisure and Property, which Cabinet will consider on 8 May 2014, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 9 May.