

Scrutiny Committee Agenda



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A meeting of the
Scrutiny Committee
will be held on Thursday 24 October 2013
at 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, The Abbey House, Abingdon

Members of the Committee:

Councillors

Jim Halliday (Chairman)
Charlotte Dickson (Vice-chairman)
Eric Batts
Tony de Vere
Jason Fiddaman
Debby Hallett

Mohinder Kainth
Sandy Lovatt
Julie Mayhew-Archer
Fiona Roper
Alison Thomson
Richard Webber

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

Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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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. Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence

To record the attendance of substitute members, if any, who have been authorised to attend in accordance with the provisions of standing order 17(1), with notification having been given to the proper officer before the start of the meeting and to receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 19 September 2013 (circulated separately).

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 from the public relating to matters affecting the Scrutiny Committee

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

6. Corporate Plan - annual review of performance

(Pages 6 - 21)

To receive the report of the head of Corporate Strategy.

Additional document:
Corporate plan

7. s106 Progress Report

(Pages 22 - 39)

To receive the report of the head of planning.

Additional documents:

- Extract of minutes from Scrutiny meeting on 28 July 2012
- Briefing document presented at the Scrutiny meeting on 25 July 2013

8. Planning Service Delivery

To receive a briefing paper from the head of planning (to follow) and a verbal update at the meeting.

9. Call in of Cabinet decision regarding letting Abbey House and relocating staff

(Pages 40 - 49)

To consider the call-in of the decision of the decision, made by the Cabinet on Friday 4th October 2013, that the Council should let a significant part of Abbey House and relocate a significant number of district council staff to Crowmarsh Gifford. Councillors Jim Halliday, Richard Webber, Debby Hallett, Tony de Vere and Julie Mayhew-Archer have called in the decision as they believe that that it does not comply with the principles set out in Article 13 of the Constitution. The call in is made on the grounds set out in the appendix. Also appended is the Cabinet member decision document.

Options open to the Scrutiny Committee:

1. To refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out its concerns.
2. To not refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration. The decision shall then take effect from the date of this meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

Additional documents:

- Relevant minute from Cabinet
- Cabinet report

10. Action List

To review actions taken since previous meeting and any outstanding actions (circulated separately/ tabled at meeting).

11. Scrutiny work programme

(Pages 50 - 53)

To review the attached scrutiny work programme.

12. Dates of meetings

To note the dates of the forthcoming committee meetings (Thursdays at 7pm unless stated):

- 24 October
- 21 November
- 19 December (provisional)
- 23 January 2014
- Wednesday 12 February
- 20 March
- 17 April

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

None