

# Council Agenda



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## Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on **Wednesday 15 October 2014 at 7.00 pm**  
**The Ridgeway (main hall first floor), The Beacon, (formerly**  
**Wantage Civic Hall), Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M Reed'.

Margaret Reed  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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## Open to the public including the press

### Council's vision

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 - 21)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the council minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2014 (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 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 Patrick Lonergan to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Matthew Barber

Could the Leader please give a detailed financial breakdown of the planned upgrade to the Lodge Hill junction – including a) its total cost, b) the hoped-for contribution from the CIL, Section 106 contributions, grants, and any other sources of funding, and also state the number of homes that will be needed to be built to deliver the required CIL and Section 106 contributions?

2. Question from councillor Jenny Hannaby to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Matthew Barber

Could the Leader please give a detailed financial breakdown of the plans to deliver the NE Wantage link road - including a) its total cost, b) the hoped-for contribution from the CIL, Section 106 contributions, grants, and any other sources of funding, and also state the number of homes that will be needed to be built to deliver the required CIL and Section 106 contributions?

3. Question from Councillor Richard Webber to Councillor Mike Murray, Cabinet member for planning policy

Please could he tell the Council how many Vale communities have to date formally embarked on Neighbourhood Planning by submitting an application for designation?

4. Question from Councillor Judy Roberts to Councillor Mike Murray, Cabinet member for planning policy

In its proposed Local Plan, the administration places much hope on the Planning Inspector's acceptance of the Liverpool approach. Does the Cabinet member agree this is a risky policy?

5. Question from Councillor Jerry Patterson to Councillor Mike Murray, Cabinet member for planning policy

Does he agree that the Council should affirm the importance of the Green Belt protection and ensure robust safeguards are not undermined when assessing unmet housing needs?

6. Question from Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer to Councillor Elaine Ware, Cabinet member for economy, leisure and property

Can you provide an update to Council on progress towards a trial of automatic number plate recognition in the Charter multi-storey car park in Abingdon?

7. Question from Councillor Sandy Lovatt to Councillor Jim Halliday, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee

In light of the Inspector's letter at Cherwell District Council's Examination in Public does Councillor Halliday agree that the Council should use the Vale's Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) from the Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) as the District's Housing Target for the Vale Local Plan 2031?

8. Question from Councillor Yvonne Constance to Councillor Jim Halliday, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee

For the benefit of the Council can Councillor Halliday please detail any specific alternative proposals or amendments to the plan which would be acceptable to a Local Plan Inspector which have been proposed via the Scrutiny Committee or from his own political group?

## **9. Recommendations from Cabinet, individual Cabinet members, and committees**

(Pages 22 - 36)

To consider the following recommendation from Cabinet.

### **Treasury management outturn 2013/14**

Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 October 2014, considered a report on the outturn performance of the treasury management function for the financial year 2013/14. The report considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 3 October 2014 is **attached**.

**RECOMMENDATION:** to

- (a) approve the treasury management outturn report 2013/14; and
- (b) approve the actual 2013/14 prudential indicators within the report.

## **10. Draft Local Plan to 2031**

(Pages 37 - 81)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 October 2014, considered the report of the head of planning on the draft Local Plan 2031. The report set out an overview of the main changes to the draft plan and asked Cabinet to recommend the Council to agree the draft Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies for publication for the purposes of pre-submission (Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012) public consultation, and thereafter for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination, together with supporting evidence base studies, topic papers and summaries of the consultation responses received (Regulation 22).

At its meeting Cabinet considered the views aired at the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 25 September 2014 as set out in the draft minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting (available on the council's website). The report considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 3 October 2014 and a schedule of substantive changes circulated at the Cabinet meeting are **attached**.

The following documents, that have informed the plan making process, are available on the council's website with the agenda for this meeting:

- Local Plan 2031 Part 1(Publication Version)
- Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Habitat Regulations Assessment Report
- Consultation Statement and summary report
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan

At its meeting on 3 October 2014 Cabinet authorised the head of planning in consultation with the Cabinet member for planning policy, to make minor changes and corrections to the Local Plan prior to Council on 15 October 2014. Any such changes will be reported to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION** to Council:

1. that the Pre-submission draft Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies, associated documents (submission Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Appropriate Assessment, Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Consultation Statements) and supporting evidence base studies and topic papers, be published for Pre-Submission public consultation for a period of six weeks under Regulations 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012,

and thereafter;

2. to authorise the head of planning in consultation with the Cabinet member for planning policy to submit the Submission Local Plan 2031 and all associated documents together with the summarised Pre-Submission public consultation responses to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012; and
3. to authorise the head of planning in consultation with the Cabinet member for planning policy, to make minor changes and corrections to the Local Plan prior to both the publication for consultation and submission.

## **11. 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).

## **12. Notices of motion under standing order 11**

To receive notices of motion under standing order 11.

- (1) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Bob Johnston, seconded by Councillor Jenny Hannaby

Council calls on officers to report on how the Vale could make and support the business case for a new express train service from Bristol to Bedford, stopping at Wantage/Grove, Didcot, Oxford, Bicester and Milton Keynes.

- (2) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Jerry Patterson, seconded by Councillor Judy Roberts

This Council believes that the Green Belt Review as undertaken in support of the latest iteration of the Local Plan is only a partial review and until the County as a whole undertakes a whole Green Belt Review, the proposed “nibbling at the Green Belt” delivers relatively few houses but sets a dangerous precedent for the future.