

Council Agenda



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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 7.00 pm
The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY

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

Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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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. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

(Pages 6 - 24)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the council minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2016 (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 the following questions from councillors under standing order 12.

A. Question from Councillor Emily Smith to Councillor Matthew Barber, Leader of the Council.

The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership strap line says "OxLEP - driving economic growth". Which bodies are responsible for the social and environmental aspects of sustainability?

B. Question from Councillor Catherine Webber to Councillor Roger Cox, Cabinet member for Planning.

Vale planners are reluctant to require a Construction Management Plan to manage the construction traffic on a development site (or any other highways needs) where Oxfordshire County Council Highways, who are the statutory consultees, have raised no objections. Most recently, in response to one planning committee member requesting a Construction Management Plan on a sensitive site, planning officers told members that no Construction Management Plan was possible because county

had raised no objections. The Oxfordshire County Council officers don't appear to consider comments from other respondents. In light of this, should the public and members direct our parking and roads concerns directly to the Oxfordshire County Council officer instead of the Vale officer?

9. Review of the council's constitution

(Pages 25 - 130)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on proposed changes to the council's constitution - attached.

10. Appointment of electoral registration officer and returning officer

(Pages 131 - 134)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the appointment of the council's electoral registration officer and returning officer with effect from 1 September 2016 - attached.

11. Vale of White Horse District Council comments on draft Strategic Economic Plan

(Pages 135 - 138)

To note the response from the Council to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) - attached.

12. Application for voluntary redundancy

The Joint Staff Committee met on 12 July 2016 to consider the confidential report of the chief executive on a request for voluntary redundancy. The report and recommendation of the Joint Staff Committee was circulated to all councillors following the meeting.

Council is invited to consider the recommendation of Joint Staff Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: To agree to the voluntary redundancy of Steve Bishop effective from 31 December 2016.

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. Notices of motion under standing order 11

To receive notices of motion under standing order 11.

- (1) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Mike Badcock, Chairman, seconder to be notified:

We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. We believe that hate crimes have no place in our country, whether they are based on race, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability or gender identity. Vale of White Horse District Council condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We reassure all people living in the Vale that they are valued members of our community.

- (2) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Eric Batts, seconded by Councillor Sandy Lovatt:

Council welcomes the interim findings of the Local Plan Inspector which allows the process to move on to modifications stage ahead of final adoption. Council thanks the officers and councillors involved in directing the Local Plan process for their hard work, professionalism and perseverance and looks forward to the successful adoption of the Local Plan Part 1 in due course.

- (3) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Ben Mabbett, seconded by Councillor Alice Badcock:

Council welcomes the success of the grants scheme set up to honour HM The Queen's 90th birthday. In total more than 40 parishes benefited from grants helping to support a wide range of successful celebrations across the district.

- (4) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Judy Roberts, seconded by Councillor Margaret Crick

During the process of the approval of planning applications, the public sometimes has a mistaken concept of the protection afforded by the conditions attached to planning permission. This council will only attach such conditions as are deemed enforceable.

- (5) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Bob Johnston, seconded by Councillor Debby Hallett

This council resolves to manage our public consultations with openness and transparency, using industry best practice. Our public consultations will use open-ended questions that encourage a range of responses, and officers will produce consultation reports that highlight all major concerns raised and the actions to be taken in response. Where we have control of the consultation, we will ensure openness and transparency. Where we are part of a governing body managing the consultation, we will openly encourage openness and transparency.

- (6) Motion to be proposed by Councillor Debby Hallett, seconded by Councillor Emily Smith

Council notes that the planning permission for West Way development in Botley, which includes 140+ new houses, will not include any provision of affordable housing. Council also notes that the developers have contributed £2,000,000 to affordable housing elsewhere. This council believes in fair play, and that communities who accept new housing developments should benefit from developer contributions; therefore the council asks officers to take the necessary steps to ring fence this donation, and any future overage, for affordable housing in Botley, and to explore options for providing such affordable housing in Botley.

- (7) Motion proposed by Councillor Dudley Hoddinott, seconded by Councillor Helen Pighills

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