

# Council Agenda



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## Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 7.00 pm  
The Ridgeway, The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Reed', is written in a cursive style.

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 - 14)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the council minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 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 No.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 Judy Roberts to Councillor Matthew Barber, Leader of the council.

Could the Leader please arrange for members who have statutory or trustee appointments to outside bodies to report back to council at least annually? It's important for council to know what decisions and actions are being taken in our name. We could use InFocus (or another suitable means) to update all members.

### B. Question from Councillor Emily Smith to Councillor Charlotte Dickson, Cabinet member for waste.

Recent changes to our recycling policy have brought complaints that the new policy is hard to comply with. Of course council will address each issue as it arises. But one widespread problem is the difficulty in finding a place to buy the suitable clear plastic bags for recycling. Could the Cabinet member advise members and residents which stores in the four main settlement areas currently stock these bags?

## 9. Council tax base 2017/18

(Pages 15 - 18)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 2 December 2016, considered a report on the council tax base for 2017/18.

The report of the head of finance, which Cabinet considered on 2 December, is **attached**.

Recommendation to Council:

1. that the report of the head of finance for the calculation of the council's tax base and the calculation of the tax base for each parish area for 2017/18 be approved;
2. that, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Vale of White Horse District Council as its council tax base for the year 2017/18 be 49,406.0; and
3. that, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Vale of White Horse District Council as the council tax base for the year 2017/18 for each parish be the amount shown against the name of that parish in Appendix 1 of the report of the head of finance to Cabinet on 2 December 2016.

## 10. Blewbury and Faringdon neighbourhood plans

On 5 December 2016 Councillor Roger Cox, Cabinet member for planning, took decisions to recommend Council to make the Blewbury and Faringdon neighbourhood plans part of the Development Plan for Vale of White Horse. The individual Cabinet member decisions were circulated to all councillors on 5 December 2016.

### Recommendations to Council:

1. to make the Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Vale of White Horse;
2. to make the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Vale of White Horse.

## 11. Vale Local Plan Part 1:2031

To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet member for planning on the adoption of Part 1 of the Vale Local Plan: 2031.

At its meeting on 2 December 2016 Cabinet welcomed the receipt of the inspector's letter confirming that the council could proceed to adopt Local Plan Part 1. Cabinet noted that the Cabinet member for planning would take an individual Cabinet member decision in the week commencing 5 December 2016 to recommend full Council to adopt Local Plan Part 1 at its meeting on 14 December 2016. The recommendations will be circulated to all councillors prior to the Council meeting.

Papers relating to this item can be found on the council's website [here](#).

## 12. Review of the council's constitution

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services and monitoring officer on proposed changes to the council's constitution – **to follow**.

## 13. Report of the leader of the council

### (1) Urgent cabinet decisions

In accordance with the scrutiny committee 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 note a change to the leader's scheme of delegation: Councillor Elaine Ware

now has executive has responsibility for grants.

- (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 Matthew Barber, Leader of the council, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Constance:

This Council endorses the work of Oxfordshire's Local Authority Leaders and the Local Enterprise Partnership through the Oxfordshire Growth Board to explore the opportunity for transformational changes in service delivery across a range of areas including, but not exclusively: infrastructure, skills, economic development, strategic spatial planning, public assets, business rates, health and social care.

In order to support the achievement of significant improvement in the provision of local services, this Council confirms its support for a review of the future functions of the Oxfordshire Growth Board, which should include an assessment of the merits of establishing a mayoral combined authority for Oxfordshire.