

# Council Agenda



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## Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on Wednesday, 17 May 2017 at 7.00 pm  
The Ridgeway, The Beacon, 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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### 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 a chairman**

To elect a chairman of Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

#### **2. Appointment of a vice-chairman**

To appoint a vice-chairman of Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

#### **3. Apologies for absence**

To record apologies for absence.

#### **4. Minutes**

(Pages 5 - 20)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Council minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017 and 8 March 2017 (*attached*).

#### **5. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. Public participation**

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

## **8. Appointments to committees, panels and joint committees for 2017/18**

(Pages 21 - 26)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the appointment to those committees required to be politically balanced, together with the Area Committees, Licensing Acts Committee and joint committees and to authorise any consequential changes to the constitution (*attached*).

## **9. Councillors' allowances scheme**

(Pages 27 - 43)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services, and the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel, on a revised councillors' allowances scheme to run from 1 April 2017 (*attached*).

## **10. Review of the council's constitution**

(Pages 44 - 47)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services and monitoring officer on proposed amendments to the council's constitution (*attached*).

## **11. Extension of term of offices of independent persons for code of conduct matters**

(Pages 48 - 49)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services, on an extension to the term of offices for the council's independent persons.

## **12. Report of the leader of the council**

### **(1) Urgent cabinet decisions**

In accordance with the 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).