

Council Agenda



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Summons to attend a special meeting of Council

to be held on Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 7.00 pm
The Ridgeway, 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 record apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

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

3. Chairman's announcements

To receive announcements from the Chairman.

4. Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak on the single unitary council for Oxfordshire item.

5. Single unitary council for Oxfordshire

At its meeting on 15 February 2017 Council agreed the following motion:

“This Council supports the principle of a new countywide unitary council for Oxfordshire but recognises that the One Oxfordshire discussion document currently being publicised by Oxfordshire County Council requires strengthening in order to maximise the benefits to, and influence of, local communities and to satisfy the concerns of residents about some aspects of the proposal including the need for more local decision making.

Council authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to work with other partner councils to develop the terms of a proposal for local government change in Oxfordshire and present a detailed report to Council in due course”.

The Scrutiny Committee met on 27 February 2017. Any recommendations will be reported to Cabinet.

At its special meeting on 6 March 2017 Cabinet will consider the report of the Chief Executive on the development of proposals for a single unitary council for Oxfordshire. The report, which Cabinet will consider at its meeting on 6 March 2017, and Cabinet's recommendations, will be circulated to all councillors in advance of the Council meeting.