Date: 4 October 2006

- TO: All Members of the Abingdon Area Committee FOR ATTENDANCE
- TO: All Other Members of the Council FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **ABINGDON AREA COMMITTEE** to be held in the **GUILDHALL**, **ABINGDON** on **THURSDAY**, **19TH OCTOBER**, **2006** at **7.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Terry Stock Chief Executive

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct, and Standing Order 34 regarding the declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

AGENDA

Open to the Public including the Press

A large print version of this agenda is available. Any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement. Contact Carole Nicholl, Democratic Services Officer, on telephone number (01235) 547631.

Map and Vision

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A map showing the location of the venue for this meeting, together with a copy the Council Vision are attached.

1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>

To receive apologies for absence.

2. <u>Minutes</u>

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Abingdon Area Committee held on 6 July 2006, (circulated with the Council Summons dated 18 October 2006).

3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

To receive any declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

In accordance with Part 2 of the Local Code of Conduct and the provisions of Standing Order 34, any Member with a personal interest must disclose the existence and nature of that interest to the meeting prior to the matter being debated. Where that personal interest is also a prejudicial interest, then the Member must withdraw from the room in which the meeting is being held and not seek improperly to influence any decision about the matter unless he/she has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee.

4. Urgent Business and Chair's Announcements

To receive notification of any matters, which the Chair determines, should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances, which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the Chair.

5. <u>Statements and Petitions from the Public Under Standing Order 32</u>

Any statements and/or petitions from the public under Standing Order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

6. Questions from the Public Under Standing Order 32

Any questions from members of the public under Standing Order 32 will be asked at the meeting.

7. <u>Community Grants</u>

(Wards Affected: Abingdon Abbey and Barton; Abingdon Caldecott; Abingdon Dunmore; Abingdon Fitzharris; Abingdon Northcourt; Abingdon Ock Meadow; Abingdon Peachcroft; Appleton and Cumnor; Drayton; Sutton Courtenay and Appleford;)

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To receive and consider report 97/06 of the Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer (attached).

Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position for the Abingdon Area Committee in respect of Community Grants, to invite Members to determine whether grants awarded under Service Level Agreements to twinning organisations in the Abingdon area can be paid and to consider and determine one grant application received since the last meeting of the Committee. This report also provides information on grants awarded by the Abingdon Area Committee in the last financial year and in the current year to date.

The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer (Tel: 01235 547626).

Recommendations

- (a) Members are asked to note that a grant of £500 has been awarded under officer delegation since the last meeting and that the Committee's remaining budget for 2006/07 is £16,680.48;
- (b) Members are asked to receive a verbal review of twinning activities in 2005/06 from the Town Clerk of Abingdon Town Council;
- (c) Members are asked to consider requests for payment of the grants under Service Level Agreements from the following two twinning associations in the Abingdon Area and to decide if payment can be made:

Abingdon Town Council, £2,500 Drayton Twinning Society, £500

(d) Members are asked to determine the grant award, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following application: -

APAGE, £4,000, towards cost of producing brochure for Abingdon Arts Festival 2007, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority;

(e) Members are invited to note the grants awarded in 2005/06 and 2006/07 to support projects, services and events in the community.

Exempt Information Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None.