

Date: 13 March 2007

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, 22ND MARCH, 2007** 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.

A G E N D A

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. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct the Minutes of the Meeting of the Abingdon Area Committee held on 19 October 2006, (previously circulated with the Council Summons dated 13 December 2006).

3. Declarations of Interest

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. Statements and Petitions from the Public Under Standing Order 32

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. Community Grants

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

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To receive and consider report 170/06 of the Strategic Director (attached).

Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise on the new process for delegating the determination of grants, to set out the budget position for this Committee in respect of Community Grants in 2006/07 and in 2007/08, to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received since the last meeting and to invite Members to agree a principle for awarding grants for additional parish cleansing.

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

Recommendations

- (a) *Members are asked to note that the process for delegating the determination of community grants applications (outlined in the report at Appendix A) has been approved by the Executive and that the grant narratives have been amended to reflect this*
- (b) *Members are asked to note that the Committee's remaining budget for 2006/07 is £12,680.48*
- (c) *Members are asked to consider and determine the grant application, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following:*
 - (i) **Abingdon & District Musical Society, up to £677**, to cover potential concert loss, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
 - (ii) **1 Brewers Court, Abingdon**, towards tree maintenance, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
 - (iii) **30 Hillview Road, Abingdon**, towards tree maintenance, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
 - (iv) **67 Abingdon Road, Drayton**, towards tree maintenance, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (d) *Members are asked to note that the Abingdon Area Committee's budget for 2007/08 is £28,388;*
- (e) *Members are invited to request that the Executive approves the carrying forward of any unspent grant budget from 2006/07 into 2007/08;*
- (f) *Members are asked to determine their principle for awarding grants for additional parish cleansing in 2007/08 and invited to determine these grants as set out in Appendix C to the report, to be paid from the 2007/08 budget;*
- (g) *Members are asked to note the range of projects, services and events supported by the Abingdon Area Committee in 2006/07 to date, as shown at Appendix D to this report.*

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

None.