

Scrutiny Committee Agenda



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A meeting of the
Scrutiny Committee
will be held on Thursday, 28 June, 2012
at 7.00 pm
Abbey House, Abingdon

Members of the Committee:

Councillors

Jim Halliday (Chairman)
Melinda Tilley (Vice-Chairman)
Eric Batts
Andrew Crawford
Jane Crossley
Tony de Vere

Charlotte Dickson
Jason Fiddaman
Bill Jones
Angela Lawrence
Julie Mayhew-Archer
Fiona Roper

A large print version of this agenda is available. In addition any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement.

Please note that this meeting will be held in a wheelchair accessible venue. If you would like to attend and have any special access requirements, please let the Democratic Services Officers know beforehand and they will do their very best to meet your requirements.

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

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in the code of conduct adopted on 30 September 2007 and standing order 34 regarding the declaration of personal and prejudicial interests.

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Map and vision

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A map showing the location of the venue for this meeting is attached. A link to information about nearby car parking is http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/transport/car_parking/default.asp

The council's vision is to take care of your interests across the Vale with enterprise, energy and efficiency.

1. Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence

To record the attendance of substitute members, if any, who have been authorised to attend in accordance with the provisions of standing order 17(1), with notification having been given to the proper officer before the start of the meeting and to receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

(Pages 6 - 12)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 24 May 2012 (previously published).

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.

4. 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.

5. Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the Scrutiny Committee

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

6. Call in of Cabinet decision: capital community grants scheme

(Pages 13 - 29)

To consider the call-in of the Cabinet's decisions relating to the capital community grants scheme, taken on 1 June 2012. Councillors Jim Halliday, Andrew Crawford, Tony de Vere and Julie Mayhew-Archer have called in the decision as they believe that that they do not comply with the principles set out in Article 13 of the Constitution. The call-in is made on the grounds set out in the appendix (page 13). Also appended are the report to Cabinet (page 15), a briefing paper to Cabinet on the capital community grants scheme (page 24), and the adopted minute from that meeting (page 26).

Options open to the Scrutiny Committee:

1. to refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out its concerns.
2. to not refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration. The decision shall then take effect from the date of this meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

7. Call-in of Cabinet decision: revenue grants policy and procedure

(Pages 30 - 36)

To consider the call-in of the Cabinet's decisions relating to the revenue grants scheme, taken on 15 June 2012. Councillors Jim Halliday, Andrew Crawford, Tony de Vere and Julie Mayhew-Archer have called in the decision as they believe that that they do not comply with the principles set out in Article 13 of the Constitution. The call-in is made on the grounds set out in the appendix (page 30). Also appended are the report to Cabinet (page 31), and the draft minute from that meeting (page 35).

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8. Leisure contract monitoring

(Pages 37 - 54)

To consider the report of the head of economy, leisure, and property.

9. Section 106 audit - follow up report

(Pages 55 - 84)

To consider the head of planning's report.

10. Scrutiny work programme

(Pages 85 - 90)

To review the attached scrutiny work programme.

11. Dates of meetings

To note the dates of the forthcoming committee meetings:

- 26 July 2012
- 23 August
- 20 September

In each case, these are Thursdays at 7pm.

Exempt information under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None