

# Cabinet Agenda



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A meeting of the

## Cabinet

will be held on Friday 6 December 2013 at 2.00 pm  
Council Chamber, The Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JE

### Cabinet Members:

#### Councillors

Matthew Barber (Chairman)  
Roger Cox (Vice-Chairman)  
Mike Murray  
Reg Waite  
Elaine Ware

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M Reed'.

Margaret Reed  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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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](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. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

### 2. Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 October 2013 (previously published).

### 3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary 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 relating to matters affecting the Cabinet

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

### 6. References from Scrutiny Committee

#### (1) Two hours free parking

At its meeting on 19 September 2013, the Scrutiny Committee discussed a paper from the head of economy, leisure and property on the two hours free parking scheme. As a result, the Scrutiny Committee makes the following points to Cabinet for its consideration:

- to develop a strategy to translate increased use of car parks into economic vitality in market towns and the district
- to review a range of fees between car parks and towns \*
- to consider whether level of excess charge notices (fines) is appropriate \*
- to consider extending length of free parking period \*

The items above marked with an asterisk are referred to in the car park fees and charges report on this agenda.

## (2) **West Way, Botley**

At its meeting on 21 November 2013, Scrutiny Committee considered the redevelopment of West Way, Botley and made the following comments. The committee:

- urges Cabinet to keep all councillors, but especially local members, informed of all relevant developments on West Way, Botley, and to take note of the obvious local concerns and feed these back to Doric
- suggests that Cabinet should update councillors and the public about its interactions with Doric on a regular basis
- urges Cabinet to hold confidential briefings for all local members at regular intervals to ensure that they are kept fully updated on this complex matter

## (3) **Community Safety Partnership**

At its meeting on 21 November 2013, Scrutiny Committee considered the annual report of the Community Safety Partnership and made the following comments. The committee:

- notes the positive work of the partnership, and urges that the annual report be more widely distributed, for example, as an attachment to the Vale Information Sheet, via the parish newsletter, and on the council's website
- recommends to the Cabinet Member for Finance that the growth bid being submitted into the council's 2014 budget round to make up part of the expected shortfall in partnership funding from 2014/15 onwards should be supported in full, i.e. £10,000 in 2014/15 and £34,266 in 2015/16 onwards
- asks Councillor Bill Jones, Cabinet's representative on the partnership, to express support to the partnership for the ongoing work on early intervention support and treatment services for people misusing drugs and alcohol, as the Scrutiny Committee believes that drug-related crime has a big impact on society

## **7. Delivering Accelerated Housing Growth in Science Vale, Southern Oxfordshire**

(Pages 6 - 11)

To consider the strategic director's report.

## **8. Science Vale UK accountable body**

(Pages 12 - 14)

To consider the strategic director's report.

## **9. Council tax base**

(Pages 15 - 20)

To consider the head of finance's report.

## **10. Council tax reduction scheme 2014/15**

(Pages 21 - 57)

To consider the head of finance's report.

## **11. Distribution of council tax reduction scheme grant**

(Pages 58 - 63)

To consider the head of finance's report.

## **12. Car parking fees and charges**

(Pages 64 - 82)

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

## **Exempt information under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972**

None