

Date: 23 January 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 **WEDNESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 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.

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 record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 October 2005, (previously circulated with the Council Summons dated 14 December 2005).

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. **Targeting Grants for the Benefit of Abingdon Area**

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

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Introduction & Report Summary

At its meetings on 13th July and 11th October the Abingdon Area Committee resolved that it should further consider the idea of a prospectus setting out the Committee's priorities in giving support to the local community.

This report provides further information which will assist the Committee in developing the prospectus.

The contact officer for this report is Toby Warren, Head of Innovation & Enterprise (Tel: 01235 547695).

Recommendations

(a) *Members are requested to determine the final content of the prospectus.*

- (b) *Members are requested to determine the need to convene an Abingdon Area Forum meeting in order to facilitate public consultation on the content of the prospectus.*

8. 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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Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the current budget position for this Committee in respect of Community Grants and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received since the last meeting.

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

Recommendations

- (a) *Members are asked to note that the Committee's current budget is £13,850.12*
- (b) *Members are asked to determine the grant award, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following:*
- (i) *Abingdon Jazz Club, £500, towards the cost of monthly jazz events, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
 - (ii) *Abingdon Decorative & Fine Arts, £500, towards an exhibition of children's art as part of the Charter celebrations, Social Agenda, Town & Village vitality priority*
 - (iii) *Abbey Brass, £500, towards the cost of repairs to the band-room portacabins, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
 - (iv) *Abingdon Musical Festival Association, £400, towards the cost of a concerto class, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
 - (v) *Abingdon Concert Band, £2,400, towards the cost of buying timpanis and putting on a play day to attract new members, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
 - (vi) *7 Dorchester Crescent, a grant towards the cost of tree maintenance, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
- (c) *Members are asked to reconsider the application for tree maintenance considered at the meeting on 11 October to determine whether, in the light of further information, the award of an additional grant is appropriate.*
- (d) *Members are asked to note that supplementary guidance for grants supporting historic buildings, work on trees, countryside conservation and parish cleansing has been agreed and will be available to them in the near future*
- (e) *Members are asked to receive the report from Abingdon Town Council on their twinning activities and determine whether the grant of £2,500 agreed under the Service Level Agreement can be paid.*

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

None.