

Date: 26 June 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, 6TH JULY, 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 Abingdon Area Committee held on 28 March 2006, (previously circulated with the Council Summons dated 17 May 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. Presentation - Neighbourhood Action Groups

To receive a presentation from Chief Inspector David Purnell, Thames Valley Police on Neighbourhood Action Groups.

8. Presentation - Extended Schools

To receive a presentation from Liz Morgan, Extended Schools Co-ordinator, Abingdon on Extended Schools.

9. Community Leadership

(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 33/06 of the Strategic Director (attached)

Introduction & Report Summary

At its meeting on 28th March the Abingdon Area Committee resolved that an item be included on the agenda for the next meeting asking the Committee to consider community leadership.

This report provides information about community leadership. Information for this report has primarily come from 'The neighbourhood agenda and the role of the elected member' by Jane Foot and Ines Newman (available from the Improvement & Development Agency website www.idea-knowledge.gov.uk) and 'Community Leadership - Learning from Comprehensive Performance Assessment' (available from the Audit Commission website www.audit-commission.gov.uk)

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

Recommendation

Members are requested to note the information in this report.

10. Community Grants / Budget Position

(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 32/06 of the Strategic Director (attached)

Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position for the Abingdon Area Committee for Community Grants in 2006/07 and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant application received.

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 budget for 2006/07 is £35,975.48 (£28,220+ £7,755.48 carried forward from 2005/06), apportioned as follows:*

o <i>Environmental Agenda (35%)</i>	<i>£9,877</i>
o <i>Social Agenda (35%)</i>	<i>£9,877</i>
o <i>Economic Agenda (10%)</i>	<i>£2,822</i>
o <i>Discretionary (20%)</i>	<i>£5,644 + 7,755.48</i>

but that grants totaling £915 have already been allocated and grants of £3,000 are earmarked for twinning, leaving a budget of £32,060.48 for the rest of 2006/07

(b) *Following the resolution by the Executive on 21 April, Members are asked to consider the following application and are encouraged to fund the amount requested:*

(i) *Abingdon and District Citizens Advice Bureau, £2,565, to cover the remainder of the shortfall in core funding, Social Agenda, Access priority*

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

(ii) *Preston Road Community Centre Association, £6,385, to include £1,650 as third*

party funding for WREN application and the remainder to cover the shortfall in funding from other sources, Social Agenda, Access and Town & Village Vitality priorities.

- (iii) *Abingdon Museum, £3,850, towards a development plan for the museum, Social Agenda, Access and Town & Village Vitality priorities.*
- (iv) (iv) *Peachcroft Christian Centre, £25,000, towards the shortfall in funding for the extension of the Centre, Social Agenda, Access and Town & Village Vitality priorities.*

11. Prospectus to Target Grants for the Benefit of Abingdon and Area

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To receive and consider report 34/06 of the Strategic Director (attached).

Introduction & Report Summary

At its meeting on 28th March the Abingdon Area Committee resolved that the Head of Innovation & Enterprise should be delegated to revise the draft prospectus based on the comments made at that meeting. The overall aim being to make the prospectus more 'user friendly'

This report provides information about the revised draft. The appendix consists of a copy of the revised draft prospectus. This information will assist the Committee in finalising 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.*

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

None.