

Date: 17 July 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 **WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 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

A large print version of this agenda is available. In addition any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement. Contact Carole Nicholl, Head of Democratic Services, on telephone number (01235) 547631 / carole.nicholl@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

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 Head of Democratic Services know beforehand and she will do her very best to meet your requirements.

Open to the Public including the Press

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. **Election of Chair**

2. **Election of Vice-Chair**

3. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

4. **Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Section I Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee Abingdon Area Committee held on 22 March 2007, (previously circulated with the Council Summons dated 16 May 2007).

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **Grants Criteria**

The Grants Officer will outline the Council's grants criteria at the meeting.

10. **Community Grants**

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To receive and consider report 46/07 of the Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer (attached).

Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position at the beginning of 2007/08 for this Committee in respect of Community Grants and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received.

The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer (Tel: 01235 547626), e-mail address lorna.edwards@whitehorsedc.co.uk.

Recommendations

- (a) *that Members note the budget position for the Abingdon Area Committee at the beginning of the financial year;*
- (b) *that Members agree in principle to the payment of the SLA grant to Abingdon Town Council and the Drayton Twinning Society subject to the required monitoring information having been received;*
- (c) *that Members consider and determine the grant applications, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following: -*
 - (i) *Abingdon Area Archaeological and Historical Society, £500, towards an exhibition about the history of Ock Street, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority;*
 - (ii) *Appleford Parish Council & Village Hall Committee, £6,000, towards the refurbishment and extension of the village hall, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority;*
 - (iii) *The Farmoor Reservoir Pontoon Project, £7,000, towards the construction of a pontoon for sailors with disabilities, Social Agenda, Access priority.*

11. **Progress Report on the Vale Partnership and the Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement**

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To receive and consider report 37/07 of the Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer.

Introduction & Report Summary

Following the publication of the white paper on the future of local government ('Strong & Prosperous Communities') in the autumn of 2007 the Vale Partnership Board (which is made up of the District Council and key agencies which influence quality of life in the Vale) has commenced a review of the Vale Community Strategy 2004-2008. The Oxfordshire Partnership has also commenced a review of the Oxfordshire Community Strategy, in preparation for negotiations with central government on the priorities and targets in the next Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement.

This report provides further information on the reviews of the Vale Community Strategy and the Oxfordshire Community Strategy and provides an opportunity for members to provide information in respect of the social issues and priorities for the Abingdon area of the Vale.

The contact officer for this report is Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy (Tel: 01235 547695; Email toby.warren@whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

Recommendations

- (a) *Members are requested to note the information contained in this report;*
- (b) *Members are invited to comment on the strategic matrix (which is the background paper for this report) in respect of the social issues and priorities for the Abingdon area of the Vale.*

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

None.