

Date: 14 March 2008

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 **TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2008** at **7.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Terry Stock  
Chief Executive

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.

## **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 Claire Litchfield, Democratic Services Officer, on telephone number (01235) 547631 / [Claire.Litchfield@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Litchfield@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. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Section I Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee Abingdon Area Committee held on 25 October 2007 (previously circulated with the Council Summons dated 4 December 2007).

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.

Any Member with a personal interest or a personal and prejudicial interest in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct, in any matter to be considered at a meeting, must declare the existence and nature of that interest as soon as the interest becomes apparent in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

When a Member declares a personal and prejudicial interest he shall also state if he has a dispensation from the Standards Committee entitling him/her to speak, or speak and vote on the matter concerned.

Where any Member has declared a personal and prejudicial interest he shall withdraw from the room while the matter is under consideration unless

- (a) His/her disability to speak, or speak and vote on the matter has been removed by a dispensation granted by the Standards Committee, or
- (b) members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter by statutory right or otherwise. If that is the case, the Member can also attend the meeting for that purpose. However, the Member must immediately leave the room once he/she has finished; or when the meeting decides he/she has finished whichever is the earlier and in any event the Member must leave the room for the duration of the debate on the item in which he/she has a personal and prejudicial interest.

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. Community Grants

(Pages 6 - 19)

To receive and consider report 176/07 of the Head of Community Strategy and the Monitoring Officer (attached).

Introduction and Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position for this Committee in respect of Community Grants for the remainder of 2007/08 and in 2008/09, to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received since the last meeting, to invite Members to decide on their principle for awarding grants towards additional parish cleansing in 2008/09 and to determine the applications received for this purpose.

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 remaining budget for 2007/08 is £12,271.63*
- (b) *Members are asked to consider and determine the grant application, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following:*
- (i) **Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, £500**, towards the cost of a replacement map for the village, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
  - (ii) **The Church of St Michael & All Angels, Abingdon, £8,000**, towards the cost of essential repairs to a listed building and redevelopment of the Community Room, Environmental and Social Agendas, Town & Village Vitality priority
  - (iii) **Abingdon & District Musical Society, £800**, towards potential losses on a concert, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
  - (iv) **Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club, £470**, towards the purchase of kit for young people on their Youth Development Programme, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
  - (v) **Abingdon Band, £1,000**, towards the purchase of instruments for use by new members, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (c) *Members are asked to note that the Abingdon Area Committee's budget for 2008/09 is £25,997*
- (d) *Members are invited to request that the Executive approves the carrying forward of any unspent grant budget from 2007/08 into 2008/09*
- (e) *Members are asked to determine their principle for awarding grants for Additional parish cleansing in 2008/09 and invited to determine these grants to be paid from the 2008/09 budget.*

8. **Abingdon Area Forum and The Community Strategy**

(Pages 20 - 24)

To receive and consider report number 175/07 of the Head of Community Strategy and the Monitoring Officer (attached).

Introduction and Report Summary

This report provides information about the responses at the Abingdon Area Forum held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and the preparation of the Vale Sustainable Community Strategy.

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

Recommendations

*that members note the information contained in the report*

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

None.