

Democratic Services

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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY

DATE: WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020

TIME: 2.00 PM

RECORDING OF MEETINGS

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2019 (copy attached)

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Local Code of Conduct, and any from Officers.

4. Receipt of Announcements

To receive any announcements from The Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

5. Participation of the Public

To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.

6. Recommendations from the Executive and the Council's Committees

Purpose:

To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees from 7 November 2019 to 15 January 2020.

Recommendation:

That the recommendations set out in the Appendix to the report be adopted.

7. Reports of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees

To receive the reports of the following meetings of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees. Unless otherwise stated, copies are attached:

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| (a) | Audit and General Purposes Committee | 7 November 2019 | |
| (b) | Cabinet | 13 November 2019 | |
| (c) | Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 21 November 2019 | |
| (d) | Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 27 November 2019 | |
| (e) | Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 5 December 2019 | |
| (f) | Cabinet | 18 December 2019 | |
| (g) | Cabinet | 15 January 2020 | To Follow |

8. Council Plan 2020-2024 – (Report of the Chief Executive – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the adoption of the draft Council Plan 2020-2024 in light of the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15 January.

Recommendations:

- That, having considered the recommendation from Cabinet, the Council approves the Council Plan 2020-2024; and
- That the Chief Executive be authorised to make minor textual, typographical and image changes to the Plan prior to its publication, following consultation with the Leader of the Council.

9. Climate Action for West Oxfordshire (Report of the Climate Change Manager – copy attached)

Purpose:

The report sets out:

- A proposed framework and timescales for developing a Carbon Action Plan as the mechanism for delivering West Oxfordshire District Council's commitment to becoming carbon neutral by 2030; and
- A proposed framework and timescales for developing a Climate Change Strategy for West Oxfordshire, influencing change and driving forward Climate Action across the District working with partners and stakeholders including residents and community groups, planners and developers, land owners and businesses.

Recommendations:

- That the contents of the report and proposals to develop and publish: a Carbon Action Plan for the Council by August 2020 and a Climate Change Strategy for West Oxfordshire by February 2021, be noted; and
- That the Council agrees to the proposed structure and way forward for delivering Climate Action for West Oxfordshire, including the continuation of the Climate Change Working Group and the biannual consideration of progress reports and recommendations from the Group, as referenced in paragraph 2.10.1 of the report.

10. Notice of Motion – Tree Planting (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the Motion proposed by Councillor Alex Postan and seconded by Councillor David Harvey at the meeting held on 31 July 2019 and referred to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Development Control Committee.

Recommendation:

That the Council agrees that inclusion of a request for additional tree planting be incorporated within a revitalised sustainability checklist.

11. Notice of Motion – European Union Nationals (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the Motion proposed by Councillor Carl Rylett and seconded by Councillor Andy Graham at the meeting held on 23 October 2019 and referred to the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to its consideration and determination.

Recommendation:

That the Council considers the motion in light of the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 21 November 2019.

12. Notice of Motion – Live Streaming of Council and Committee Meetings (Report of the Executive Director Commissioning – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the Motion proposed by Councillor Jake Acock Carl Rylett and seconded by Councillor Andy Graham at the meeting held on 23 October 2019 and referred to the Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation:

That the Council considers the motion in light of the recommendations made by the Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 27 November 2019.

13. Notice of Motion – Raw Sewage

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Norman MacRae and Steve Good:

“This Council calls on HM Government to ban the dumping of raw sewage into our rivers, with the ultimate aim of restoring our rivers to a state where we can safely swim in them and to protect their environment and biodiversity”.

14. Notice of Motion – Local Electricity Bill

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors David Harvey and Harry St. John:

“West Oxfordshire District Council offers support to the Local Electricity Bill and writes to organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing this support”.

15. Notice of Motion – Tree Cover and on-going Maintenance

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Andy Graham and Nathalie Chapple, namely:-

“West Oxfordshire District Council recognises the benefits trees provide for the climate, air quality, wildlife, people’s well-being and flood management; commits to doubling tree cover within the local authority area by 2030, including through growing more trees and woods on council-owned land; and resolves to write to the appropriate Minister to request more funding for councils to increase tree cover and for ongoing maintenance”.

16. Notice of Motion – Electronic Communications

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Jake Acock and Andy Graham, namely:-

“West Oxfordshire District Council places great importance upon communications with councillors, whether that be sending out agendas for meetings or through regular email updates.

West Oxfordshire District Council also places great importance upon environmental credentials and cost-effective projects.

Therefore, this council resolves that we will no longer send paper copies of communications including agendas for all meetings and will issue every councillor with an iPad for council business.

This will allow the council to:

- a) have stronger greener credentials and help to tackle the climate crisis.*
- b) be more cost and staff efficient.*
- c) be more GDPR friendly.*

This council resolves that this will be added to the 2020 budget and that all councillors will be issued with an iPad by May 2020”.

17. Notice of Motion – Oxford/Cambridge Expressway

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Andy Graham and Dan Levy, namely:-

“West Oxfordshire District Council supports Oxfordshire County Council's decision passed in November that building the Oxford/Cambridge Expressway flies in the face of Oxfordshire’s commitment to reduce the use of the car, an action which is necessary to tackle the climate change emergency, which local government, including Oxfordshire, has signed up to.

West Oxfordshire District Council does not support the building of the Expressway irrespective of which route is chosen.

This decision, if taken, should be communicated to Highways England and the Minister of Housing, Communities & Local Government forthwith.”

18. Notice of Motion – Climate Action Biodiversity Plan

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors David Harvey and Norman MacRae, namely:-

“This Council tasks the Climate Action Working Group to come forward with the Climate Action Biodiversity plan to be presented to full council in due course:”

19. Programme of Meetings for 2020/2021 (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider and agree a programme of meetings for the civic year 2020/2021.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the Calendar of Meetings for 2020/2021 set out in the Annex to the report be approved; and
- (b) That the times for the first meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees after the annual meeting of the Council be as set out in the Annex, but that each Committee be invited to consider the timing of its subsequent meetings during the year.

20. Sealing of Documents (copy attached)

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive