

Democratic Services

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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY
DATE: WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020
TIME: 2.00 PM

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A G E N D A

- 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2020 (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**

Purpose:
To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet in the period between 23 January and 12 February 2020.

Recommendation:
That the recommendations set out in Annex I 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:

- (a) [Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) 23 January 2020
- (b) [Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) 29 January 2020
- (c) [Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) 6 February 2020
- (d) [Audit and General Purposes Committee](#) 6 February 2020
- (e) [Cabinet](#) 12 February 2020

8. Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2020/2021 (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for the allowances to be applicable for the financial year 2020/2021.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the Council considers the report and recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in the Appendix to the report, and specified in paragraph 3.4 of the report;
- (b) That, in the event of Council approving an increase in line with the staff pay award and that award not being in place at the start of the financial year 2020/2021, the increases for Councillors be implemented when the pay award is confirmed, and backdated to 1 April 2020;
- (c) That, in the event of the staff pay award effective 1 April 2020 being an amount other than 2.5%, that amount be applied for Councillors, with the Chief Finance Officer being authorised to round the resulting figures to the nearest £10; and
- (d) That the section 151 officer be authorised to amend the scheme of allowances as formally set out in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution to reflect any changes made as a result of (a) above.

9. Council Tax 2020/2021 (Report of the Cabinet – copy attached)

Purpose:

To calculate and set the Council Tax for 2020/2021.

Recommendation:

That the recommendations as set out in the report be considered and approved.

10. Questions on Notice

In accordance with paragraph 10 (b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, Councillor Julian Cooper has given notice of the following questions for the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing:

Can I ask if the portfolio member for Housing has any update on the closure of Ryegrass older persons unit in Woodstock?

Could I also enquire if the District Council has carried out any research on possible restrictive covenants on the land that was built on in the mid-nineteen sixties?

11. Notice of Motion – Firework Displays

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Toby Morris and Suzi Coul, namely:-

“This Council resolves:

- (a) To ask for all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people*
- (b) To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks*
- (c) To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays*
- (d) To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display”.*

12. Notice of Motion – Policing in West Oxfordshire

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Laetisia Carter and Duncan Enright, namely:-

“Despite remaining a low crime area residents of West Oxfordshire are rightly concerned about the increase in crime, particularly involving vulnerable people/young people and antisocial behaviour across the district. Our Community Safety Plan is reaching its end in 2021. Policing is under increasing financial pressure. West Oxfordshire District Council would like to work in closer partnership with Thames Valley Police to increase capacity to police our towns and villages. As a response to growing complex crime the Council resolves to negotiate with Thames Valley Police to put more police officers on patrol in West Oxfordshire, including the possibility of jointly funded posts.”

13. Notice of Motion – Environmental Awards

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Duncan Enright and Rosa Bolger, namely:-

“In light of the climate emergency, the council will encourage businesses and organisations in the district to adopt more sustainable modes of operation. The council therefore resolves to investigate methods to encourage this by audit and award schemes to recognise good practice. These will include exploring best practice by local authorities, the inclusion of environmental measures in procurement decisions, considering awards similar to environmental health audits for food outlets, and discussion with West Oxfordshire Business Awards (WOBA) about sustainability awards.”

14. Notice of Motion – CCTV in Witney

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Duncan Enright and Laetisia Carter, namely:-

“Witney's CCTV system is nearly two decades old, and despite finances being identified by West Oxfordshire District Council and Witney Town Council, only slow progress is being made in replacing it effectively. The Council therefore resolves to call a meeting with stakeholders at the earliest opportunity, and to seek to expedite the replacement of the system with a target date for completion by the end of Summer 2020.”

15. Notice of Motion – Tenants Forum

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Geoff Saul and Duncan Enright, namely:-

“The Council welcomes the private landlords forum. To better understand and support this sector, the Council resolves to establish a private tenants forum to hear the voice of residents and understand their concerns and perspective.”

16. Sealing of Documents (copy attached)

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.



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