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**SUMMONS TO ATTEND**

**MEETING:** WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
**PLACE:** COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY  
**DATE:** WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2014  
**TIME:** 2.00 PM

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**RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

The law allows the council's public meetings to be recorded, which includes filming as well as audio-recording. Photography is also permitted.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Committee Officer know before the start of the meeting.

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**A G E N D A**

**1. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2014 (previously circulated)**

**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 Chief Executive.

**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 (Report of the Chief Executive – copy attached)**

Purpose:

To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees from 11 September to 15 October 2014.

Recommendation:

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

## 7. Reports of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees (copies attached)

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) | Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee            | 11 September 2014 |                  |
| (b) | Cabinet  | 17 September 2014 |                  |
| (c) | Development Control Committee                        | 18 September 2014 |                  |
| (d) | Economic and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee    | 18 September 2014 |                  |
| (e) | Finance and Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee | 24 September 2014 |                  |
| (f) | Audit and General Purposes Committee                 | 25 September 2014 |                  |
| (g) | Human Resources Committee                            | 2 October 2014    |                  |
| (h) | Development Control Committee                        | 9 October 2014    | <b>To follow</b> |
| (i) | Cabinet  | 15 October 2014   | <b>To follow</b> |

## 8. Question by a Registered Elector

In accordance with Standing Order No. 10(e) a written question has been received from Mr Sharone Parnes, namely:

“Why is West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) pervasively excluding London Oxford Airport from being:

- (a) formally informed by WODC, and
- (b) formally listed as a Consultee

in relation to WODC-administered planning applications or scoping opinions which pertain to Woodstock sites adjacent to the boundary with Cherwell District Council (CDC), and where the outcome of such applications if permission is granted may affect or be affected by not only helicopter circuits but also other airport-related operations, as well safety procedures and environmental considerations in which the Airport has key role as an experienced stakeholder?

I refer by way of current examples, to:

- the application for 58 new dwellings on Land NE of Marlborough School (including its pending construction access arrangements which will necessarily introduce site access traffic onto agricultural land within Cherwell District Council and which is adjacent to or under an active helicopter circuit and subject to aircraft drift);
- the application for 6 new floodlights on the pitch currently used by the Old Woodstock Football Club, of which the site is at an elevation higher than an airport runway in its direction, and should anyway be subject to such Airport considerations as bird nestings or flashing red lights on the masts;

- the WODC 29<sup>th</sup> September scoping opinion response in relation to the so-called 'Woodstock East' proposal for 1500 dwellings and accompanying development. WODC's letter indicated it is "happy to endorse" CDC's Sept 19<sup>th</sup> scoping opinion summary letter, but WODC excluded mention of the fact CDC's Sept 19<sup>th</sup> letter was only a draft document that did not include the Airport's submissions that appear in CDC's final version of Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> (in which CDC drew also attention to fact the Airport's submissions comprise "comments that are perhaps out of the ordinary").

Bearing in mind the significance of London Oxford Airport's comment on planning applications and scoping opinion consultations which may affect its operations and impact its viability as an important employment centre, the Airport's experience in implementing domestic and European safety and environment-related requirements, and the relevance of the Airport's insights as a consultee, is West Oxfordshire District Council willing to undertake that its administration of all future planning processes will keep the Airport adequately informed and invite its comment as a consultee; and is WODC willing to re-administer the proposals listed above afresh, to facilitate inclusion of the Airport's responses?"

[Note: The Standing Order provides that the answer "shall be given in writing and incorporated in the minutes of the meeting, and a copy of the answer, or a statement to the effect that the person to whom the question was addressed declined to answer, shall be sent to the questioner"]

## **9. Notice of Motion – Child Exploitation**

The following motion has been received in the names of Mr H G Davies and Mr M R Booty, namely:

'West Oxfordshire District Council is deeply concerned by the recent cases of child abuse both locally and nationally and resolves to support Thames Valley Police in assiduously investigating any and all reports of child abuse/exploitation and forced prostitution to ensure violators are brought to justice

This Council further confirms its support for the on- going work of Oxfordshire County Council Social Services in prioritising investigations into any and all possible cases of child grooming and abuse now and in the future, to ensure everything possible is done to prevent such abuse of our young people'

## **10. Notice of Motion – Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

The following motion has been received in the names of Mr J C Cooper and Ms E P R Leffman, namely:

"Council recognises the role of political groups in council affairs, and acknowledges the contribution of minority political groups, together with the importance of their role in the scrutiny of the executive and the development of policy.

Accordingly, Council resolves that the following be added to the end of paragraph 14 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in part 4 of the Constitution:

Where the Council has a political group with a majority of the seats on the Council, at least one of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees shall be a member of a political group other than the controlling group".

## **11. Notice of Motion – Shores Green Four Way Junction**

The following motion has been received in the names of Mr R A Langridge and Mr S J Hoare, namely:

“£3,587,289 for a transport scheme in Witney was returned to the developers/original landowner in October 2013. This funding could be used to deliver the much needed Shores Green four way junction. Accordingly, this council instructs the Leader of the council to write to the Leader of the County Council to seek to negotiate with the parties to the S106 agreement for the Madley Park site in Witney to make the funding available for Shores Green.”

## **12. Sealing of Documents (copy attached)**

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

David Neudegg  
Chief Executive