

Democratic Services

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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY
DATE: WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2016
TIME: 2.00 PM

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.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the meetings held on 29 June 2016 (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 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.

Mr Stuart Brooks has given notice that he wishes to address the meeting on West Oxfordshire District Council's contribution to Planning Inquiries.

6. Recommendations from the Executive and the Council's Committees (Report of the Head of Paid Service – copy attached)

Purpose:

To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees from 30 June to 24 August 2016.

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.

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| (a) | Audit and General Purposes Committee | 30 June 2016 |
| (b) | Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 14 July 2016 |
| (c) | Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 20 July 2016 |
| (d) | Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 21 July 2016 |
| (e) | Cabinet | 27 July 2016 |
| (f) | Cabinet | 24 August 2016 |

8. Notice of Motion – Equality and Tolerance

The following Motion has been received in the names of Mr N A MacRae and Mr A M Graham, namely:

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. We believe that hate crimes have no place in our country, whether they are based on race, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability or gender identity. West Oxfordshire District Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable. We reassure all people living in West Oxfordshire that they are valued members of our community."

9. Notice of Motion – Business Rates (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

At the meeting of the Council held on 21 October, 2015, the following motion was received in the name of Mr G Saul, namely:

'While welcoming the proposal that Councils should set their own business rates and retain 100% of the proceeds, this Council supports the Local Government Association in calling for:

- Measures to ensure that local areas with less ability to generate business rates income do not suffer as a result of these changes; and
- The power for all councils to vary business rates up as well as down in order to raise funds for vital infrastructure projects; and
- Protection of the funding of local services in November's spending review so that the financial pressures now facing local councils are not exacerbated by further spending reductions.

In addition, this Council requests:

- clarification of the "extra responsibilities" that local government will be expected to fund through business rates income; and
- details of existing grants that may be lost.'

At that meeting it was agreed that, in accordance with paragraph 11(e) of the Council Procedure Rules, the Motion stand referred to a future Cabinet meeting for consideration and report back to Council.

The Motion was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 27 July 2016 and the Council is now invited to consider the attached report.

10. Nominations to Attend Royal Garden Parties (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

At the request of the Chairman of the Council, to consider future arrangements for nominations to attend Royal Garden Parties.

Recommendation:

That the Council considers the proposed arrangements as set out in the report.

11. Sealing of Documents (copy attached)

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Wilson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Frank Wilson
Head of Paid Service