

Democratic Services

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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY

DATE: WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2018

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.

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2018 (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 26 July to 17 October 2018.

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 | 26 July 2018 | |
| (b) | Cabinet | 22 August 2018 | |
| (c) | Urgency Committee | 22 August 2018 | |
| (d) | Cabinet | 19 September 2018 | |
| (e) | Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 20 September 2018 | |
| (f) | Licensing Committee | 2 October 2018 | |
| (g) | Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 3 October 2018 | |
| (h) | Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 11 October 2018 | |
| (i) | Cabinet | 17 October 2018 | To Follow |

8. Notice of Motion – 4G Coverage

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Ted Fenton and Andrew Beaney, namely:

“A recent Oxford Times article stated that more than half of homes and businesses in South and West Oxfordshire do not have full 4G coverage, according to Ofcom. Figures from the communications regulator's Connected Nations report show that in January 2018, 55 per cent of premises in the south of the county, and 59 per cent in the west, did not have reliable 4G coverage from all four mobile phone networks.

We believe that today's economy and way of life relies on access to effective mobile coverage.

Therefore, we call upon the Government to introduce legally-binding targets to force the mobile phone networks to extend 4G coverage.”

9. Notice of Motion – Council Tax Exemption Care Leavers

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

“A 2016 report by The Children's Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. The report showed that care leavers can find this extremely challenging and with no family to support them and insufficient financial education, are falling into debt and financial difficulty.

This council believes that to ensure that the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, they should be exempt from paying council tax until they are aged 25.

This council therefore resolves to exempt care leavers in the West Oxfordshire District from council tax until they reach the age of 25.”

10. Notice of Motion – Water Discharge

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Alex Postan and Michele Mead, namely:

“In the interests of all residents, property owners, businesses and the entire community of West Oxfordshire together with all parties, riverains, banksmen and riparian entities associated with watercourses, sewers and drains passing through and downstream of the District, the expectation of this Council be noted that all new property development, enlargement or extension be asked to restrict and prevent discharge of insoluble solids, fats and manufactured items beyond the curtilage of the property. Such notice be recorded and published to encourage permissive conditions that achieve relief from pollution and to achieve pure uncontaminated watercourses. The expectation is that fat traps and solids screens with settlement sump facility be specified and installed now and in future. A principle of developer borne cost with resident continuing administration be seen as sound responsible stewardship of this nation’s clear and pure water.”

11. Notice of Motion – Modern Slavery

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Merilyn Davies and Michele Mead, namely:

“West Oxfordshire District Council resolves to adopt the Modern Slavery Charter and will:

- Require Publica, Ubico and GLL (its principal partners that deliver services on its behalf) to ensure that their employees are trained to recognise the signs of modern slavery;
- Ensure that appropriate channels are available for partners or contractors staff to report any potential cases of modern slavery such as through the Whistleblowing policy or the Counter Fraud Unit;
- Ensure that the Publica procurement team are appropriately trained to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply on-line course on Ethical Procurement and Supply;
- Require all contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015;
- Require any abnormally low-cost tenders to provide evidence to ensure they do not rely upon contractors practising modern slavery;
- Encourage suppliers to remind contract workers that they are free to join a Trade Union or representative organisation as we recognise this provides added protection against modern slavery.
- Refer cases of suspected modern slavery to the National Crime Agency for investigation;
- Provide an annual summary of any actions taken in its annual performance report”

12. Notice of Motion – People’s Votes Campaign

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

“The People's Vote campaign seeks to ensure that the government's Brexit deal is put before the country in a public vote so that we can decide if a decision that will affect our lives for generations to come makes the country better or worse off. Bearing in mind that West Oxfordshire voted to remain a member of the European Union.

Council therefore RESOLVES to:

- 1) Endorse the cross-party People's Vote campaign and ask for a people's vote;
- 2) Ask Cabinet to provide practical support to the local cross-party People's Vote campaign, such as use of council facilities for public meetings; and
- 3) Ask the Leader of this council to write to our MP, expressing this council's strong desire for a vote on the final deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership"

13. Notice of Motion – Single Use Plastics

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Alaa Al-Yousuf and Alex Postan, namely:

"This Council resolves to work towards elimination of all avoidable plastic waste and calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to bring forward proposals by Spring 2019 to:

- Phase out the use of avoidable Single Use Plastics (SUPs) in all District Council premises
- Work with UBICO, PUBLICA and contracted partners to end purchase and procurement of avoidable SUPs through the Council's supply chain
- Incentivise traders on District Council sites to avoid SUPs as a condition of their event permission"

14. Sealing of Documents (copy attached)

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.



Giles Hughes
Head of Paid Service