

**Democratic Services**

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**SUMMONS TO ATTEND**

**MEETING:** WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
**PLACE:** COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY  
**DATE:** WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2019  
**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 23 January 2019 (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.

- 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 24 January to 13 February 2019.

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:

- (a) [Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) 24 January 2019
- (b) [Cabinet](#) 30 January 2019
- (c) [Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) 30 January 2019
- (d) [Audit and General Purposes Committee](#) 31 January 2019
- (e) [Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) 7 February 2019
- (f) [Cabinet](#) 13 February 2019

## 8. Budget and Council Tax 2019/2020 (Report of the Cabinet – copy attached)

### Purpose:

To calculate and set the Council Tax for 2019/2020

### Recommendation:

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

## 9. Notice of Motion – REEMA sites at Carterton.

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

“In 2003 this council granted outline planning permission on sites in Carterton for the demolition of existing military housing and its redevelopment for residential purposes – also for military housing. Unusually that permission was given a 10 year ‘life’, recognising the importance of the development and also the time it might take for the development to come to fruition.

Reserved matters approval for the part of the site known as REEMA North was granted in 2013 and the development was partially commenced, thus ensuring that the planning permission would not expire.

Government funding for the development of the site has been put back on more than one occasion, with priority being given to other military requirements rather than the provision of decent housing for military personnel. These delays have had a range of impacts – on the economy of Carterton town centre; on the education system whereby schools have suffered as a consequence of the delay in receiving the anticipated pupil numbers; and by contributing to delays in the progress of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan.

Following the most recent announcement of a delay in the funding which would allow this development to go ahead, in early 2017 this council offered to provide funding itself. Whilst discussions and negotiations have continued during the intervening period, the most recent update we have received is that whilst a financial model has been developed, it is likely to be many months before that is signed off by the Treasury, and even then the proposition will have to be put to the market.

In the meantime there is continuing pressure on the private market, both sale and rental, in Carterton and the surrounding area, from military personnel who cannot

secure military housing on or close to RAF Brize Norton. This situation will be further exacerbated with the return of the US Air Force to RAF Fairford in 2022 if this urgently required housing is not provided in time.

Given all of the above, it is proposed that:-

This Council calls on the Leader to write to HM Treasury and ask that funds are released without further delay in order to facilitate the commencement of the immediate construction of Military Houses at the REEMA sites at Carterton”.

**10. 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