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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM I, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY

DATE: TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018

TIME: 6.30pm

Members of the Committee:

Councillors: P J Handley (Chairman), Mrs E H N Fenton (Vice-Chairman), M A Barrett, A C Beaney, Mrs L C Carter, J C Cooper, Mrs J M Doughty, H B Eaglestone, P D Kelland, Mrs L E C Little, T N Owen, G Saul, C J A Virgin and B J Woodruff

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AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2018 (copy attached)
- 2. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

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. Participation of the Public

Purpose:

To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.

5. Proposed Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and Developer Contributions (Report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the Government's proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its approach to developer contributions for affordable housing and infrastructure, and make comments/recommendations to Cabinet as the Committee sees fit.

Recommendation:

That the Committee makes comments/recommendations to Cabinet on the suggested consultation responses attached at Appendices I and 2 to the report.

6. Commissioning Services for Welfare Benefit, Housing, Debt & Money Management and Employment Advice (Report of the Group Manager for Revenues and Housing Support – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the proposed commissioning specification for services currently supported by the Grant to Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet be recommended to approve:-

- (a) the proposals for the future commissioning of Welfare Benefit Advice; Housing Advice; Debt/Money Management; and Employment Advice;
- (b) the process for commissioning these services by means of a competitive tendering exercise;
- (c) the period of any contract award to be for a period of 18 months;
- (d) the value of commissioning for each Lot and that any surplus budget be transferred back to the Grants Fund for organisations to bid for grant funding in respect of specific projects which enhance the commissioning contracts awarded as referred to in paragraph 3.12 of the report.

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