



Additional Supplement for:

COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2024

Agenda No. Item

6. **Questions by Members.**

Written responses to questions raised by Members are included within the supplement.

Members are entitled to ask a supplementary question at the meeting if desired, which must arise directly out of the original question, or the response to it.

7. **Recommendations from the Executive**

The supplement contains the finalised Annex B – ‘Appointments to Outside Bodies’ considered by the Executive at its meeting on 22 July 2024.

NOTE TO MEMBERS:

The Executive agreed the resolutions as set out within the supplement at its meeting on 22 July 2024.

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Members Questions & Responses for Council – 24 July 2024

Question	Raised By	Executive Member	Response
Question 1 – How many hirings have we received for the new Council Chamber yet?	Councillor Thomas Ashby – Conservative, Witney West.	Councillor Tim Sumner – Executive Member for Leisure and Major Projects.	We are currently working on the marketing plan to ensure we will be in the best position to maximise the use of the facility.
Question 2 – When will the plans be released for the new 3G Pitch in Witney?	Councillor Thomas Ashby – Conservative, Witney West.	Councillor Tim Sumner – Executive Member for Leisure and Major Projects.	A report regarding the new 3G pitch will be presented to the Executive on 11 September 2024.
Question 3 – What are the plans to fill the shops in Marriotts Walk?	Councillor Jane Doughty – Conservative, Witney West.	Councillor Alaric Smith – Executive Member for Finance.	The Council has appointed letting agents to market the available units who have live discussions with interested parties for all of the vacant units. The interest is from a mix of Local and National retail/ leisure operators’ and announcements will be able to be made when the legal commitments with the tenants have been secured.
Question 4 – Will a structural survey be undertaken at Marriotts Walk to ensure the long-term viability of storing electric vehicles?	Councillor Adrian Walsh – Conservative, Ducklington.	Councillor Alaric Smith – Executive Member for Finance.	No immediate concern was raised regarding this on the Council’s acquisition. Such a survey will be part of the Council’s Asset Management strategy actions.
Question 5 – Our grass verges are in a desperate state, making West Oxfordshire look untidy and dangerous in visibility splays. What plans does the Council have in place	Councillor Thomas Ashby – Conservative, Witney West.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska – Executive Member for Environment.	The maintenance of highway grass verges is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council who are the Highway Authority.

to coordinate, Towns/Parishes, District and County?			The council works in partnership and pro-actively with a number of town and parish councils in the district to maintain the land that they are responsible for.
Question 6 – Since taking over Marriotts Walk, what has the return on investment been to the District Council?	Councillor Ed James – Conservative, Alvescot and Filkins.	Councillor Alaric Smith – Executive Member for Finance.	The return on investment was positive when compared with the forecasted level for the 1 st Year post acquisition.
Question 7 – Does the Leader support the new MPs view that Witney North’s housing plans are moved to the land at Ducklington Farm?	Councillor Adrian Walsh – Conservative, Ducklington.	Councillor Andy Graham – Leader of the Council.	I will be seeing the new MP for Witney next week and I will ask for his view.
Question 8 – How much money has the Council spent on planning appeals?	Councillor Nick Leverton – Conservative, Carterton South.	Councillor Andy Graham – Leader of the Council.	£91,575 in 2022/23 £273,653 in 2023/24
Question 9 – Can the Leader confirm that WODC will continue with bi-weekly bin collections?	Councillor Alex Wilson – Conservative, Kingham, Rollright and Enstone.	Councillor Andy Graham – Leader of the Council / Councillor Lidia Arciszewska – Executive Member for Environment.	There are no plans to not continue with the bi-weekly bin collections.

Annex B: Outside Body Appointments 2024/2025

	Outside Body	No of Reps	Representatives 2024/2025
1	Burford School Foundation	1	Andrew Beaney
2	Burford Traffic Advisory Committee	2	Hugo Ashton 1 x vacancy
3	Charlbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee	2	Andy Graham Liz Leffman
4	Chipping Norton Theatre - Council of Management	1	Rizvana Poole
5	Chipping Norton Traffic Advisory Committee	2	Geoff Saul Rizvana Poole
6	Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire Management Committee	1	Paul Marsh
7	Community First (Oxfordshire)	1	Julian Cooper
8	Cotswold National Landscape	1	Rosie Pearson
9	LGA General Assembly (Appointment by Office)	1	Andy Graham Substitute Duncan Enright
10	Oxford Airport Consultative Committee	1	Tim Sumner
11	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	1	Joy Aitman
12	Oxfordshire Buildings Trust	1	Elizabeth Poskitt
13	Oxfordshire Community Foundation: Adviser to Grants Panel	1	Joy Aitman
14	Oxfordshire Environment Partnership	1	Lidia Arciszewska
15	Oxfordshire Food Network	1	Rizvana Poole
16	Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board	1	Rizvana Poole
17	Oxfordshire Health Improvement Board	1	Rizvana Poole

18	Oxfordshire Leaders Group (Appointment by Office)	1	Andy Graham Substitute Duncan Enright
19	Oxfordshire Partnership Board (Appointments by Office)	1	Andy Graham
20	Oxfordshire Play Association	Unrestricted	Natalie King Elizabeth Poskitt
21	Oxfordshire Playing Fields Assoc	2	Phil Godfrey 1 x vacancy
22	Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership	1	Mike Brooker
23	South East England Councils (SEEC)	1	Andy Graham Substitute Duncan Enright
24	South West Audit Partnership Board - Member Representative	1	Carl Rylett
25	Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel	1	Geoff Saul
26	Traffic Penalty Tribunal Joint Committee	1	Alaric Smith
27	Volunteer Link-Up	1	David Melvin
28	West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership	2	Sandra Simpson Geoff Saul
29	West Oxfordshire Local Advisory Board (GLL Better)	1	Tim Sumner
30	Witney Educational Foundation (4 year term of office as Trustee)	1	Duncan Enright
31	Witney Traffic Advisory Committee	2	Michael Brooker Ruth Smith
32	Woodstock Traffic Advisory Committee	2	Julian Cooper Elizabeth Poskitt
33	World Heritage UK	1	Steve Cosier