

Tuesday, 19 October 2021

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COUNCIL

You are summoned to a meeting of the Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, Woodgreen, Witney OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 27 October 2021 at 2.00 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

Councillors: Martin McBride (Chairman), Alex Postan (Vice-Chair), Jake Acock, Joy Aitman, Alaa Al-Yousuf, Luci Ashbourne, Andrew Beaney, Rosa Bolger, Jill Bull, Mike Cahill, Laetisia Carter, Nathalie Chapple, Andrew Coles, Owen Collins, Julian Cooper, Derek Cotterill, Suzi Coul, Maxine Crossland, Merylyn Davies, Rupert Dent, Colin Dingwall, Jane Doughty, Harry Eaglestone, Duncan Enright, Ted Fenton, Steve Good, Andy Goodwin, Andy Graham, Jeff Haine, David Harvey, Gill Hill, David Jackson, Mark Johnson, Richard Langridge, Liz Leffman, Nick Leverton, Dan Levy, Norman MacRae MBE, Michele Mead, Lysette Nicholls, Mathew Parkinson, Elizabeth Poskitt, Andrew Prosser, Carl Rylett, Geoff Saul, Harry St John, Dean Temple, Alex Wilson and Ben Woodruff.

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AGENDA

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 7 - 24)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2021.
2. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive any apologies for absence.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee on any items to be considered at the meeting
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 (Pages 25 - 28)**
Purpose:
To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees in the period since 28 July 2021.
Recommendation:
That the recommendations set out in Annex I to the report be adopted.
7. **Amendment to Committee Membership (Pages 29 - 30)**
Purpose
To amend the membership of the Finance and Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
Recommendation
That Councillor Joy Aitman replace Councillor Rosa Bolger on the membership of the Finance & Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect for the remainder of the civic year.
8. **WODC Land Management Plans (Pages 31 - 64)**
Purpose
This paper presents:
 - Information on the development of Land Management Plans across twelve key sites owned and/or managed by WODC.
 - A proposed set of Land Management Plans be released to the public for engagement following Full Council approval, outlining changes to Ubico's management of the sites and longer-term projects that external funding could be sought for externally.
 - A request for approval to allocate funding from the climate budget to deliver projects across the sites that will enhance their biodiversity value.

Recommendation

- a) that the Land Management Plans for public engagement and subsequent implementation from March 2022 be approved; and
- b) a sum of £11,800 be allocated from the climate budget for a variety of projects to enhance biodiversity across key sites under WODC's ownership and management in financial year 2021/22.

9. **Notice of Motion - Violence Against Women Group**

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

“This Council Notes:

Across the UK harassment and violence towards women and girls is endemic. Women and girls suffer harassment and abuse every single day. A 2021 YouGov national survey on behalf of UN Women UK found that among women aged 18-24, 97% said they had been sexually harassed, while 80% of women of all ages said they had experienced sexual harassment in public spaces. Oxfordshire is no exception. In the Thames Valley last year there were almost 20,000 reported cases of stalking and harassment and over 5,000 cases of sexual assault - these are just the ones that were reported.

In the year to March 2020, just 1.4% of rape cases recorded by police resulted in a suspect being charged (or receiving a summons).

Studies have shown that the intersectional nature of discrimination means that women with additional protected characteristics, such as those who are from Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority communities, disabled or LGBT+, are even more likely to experience harassment, discrimination and abuse.

The Council Resolves:

- To ensure that West Oxfordshire District Council does everything in its power to build a District free from harassment violence against women and girls;
- To request the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel - of which WODC is Chair - requires the PCC to report on the performance of Thames Valley Police on tackling street violence against women and what their strategy is moving forward as well as the allocation of resources to support this;
- To recognise that as multiple agencies such as Health, the Police, Fire, and OCC already attend the WODC Community Safety Partnership - and as these agencies will all be crucial in our fight to make our streets safe for women and girls - it is suggested a working group be formed to produce and implement a Rural VAWG Strategy, under the umbrella of the CSP with other relevant parties invited where appropriate; and
- To recognise and promote that this is not a ‘Women’s issues’, men can play a crucial part in culture change in West Oxfordshire.”

10. **Emergency / Urgency Delegations Decisions (Pages 65 - 68)**

Purpose

To advise of the decisions taken under the emergency and urgency delegation arrangements approved by Council on 13 May 2020.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

11. **Sealing of Documents (Pages 69 - 70)**

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted

12. **Report of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees (Pages 71 - 88)**

To receive the reports of the following meetings of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees. Unless otherwise stated, copies are attached:

(a)	Development Control Committee	13 September 2021	
(b)	Cabinet	15 September 2021	
(c)	Economic & Social O&S	16 September 2021	
(d)	Audit & General Purposes	23 September 2021	To follow
(e)	Environment Overview & Scrutiny	30 September 2021	To follow
(f)	Licensing Committee	19 October 2021	To follow
(g)	Cabinet	13 October 2021	To follow