

Tuesday, 12 January 2021

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COUNCIL

You are summoned a meeting of the Council will be held remotely, via Cisco Webex on Wednesday, 20 January 2021 at 12.30 pm.

Giles Hughes Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

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Councillors: Councillor Harry Eaglestone (Chairman), Councillor Jane Doughty (Vice-Chair), Councillor Jake Acock, Councillor Mike Cahill, Councillor Merilyn Davies, Councillor Joy Aitman, Councillor Alaa Al-Yousuf, Councillor Luci Ashbourne, Councillor Andrew Beaney, Councillor Richard Bishop, Councillor Rosa Bolger, Councillor Jill Bull, Councillor Laetisia Carter, Councillor Louise Chapman, Councillor Nathalie Chapple, Councillor Andrew Coles, Councillor Owen Collins, Councillor Nigel Colston, Councillor Julian Cooper, Councillor Derek Cotterill, Councillor Suzi Coul, Councillor Maxine Crossland, Councillor Duncan Enright, Councillor Hilary Fenton, Councillor Ted Fenton, Councillor Steve Good, Councillor Andy Graham, Councillor Jeff Haine, Councillor David Harvey, Councillor Gill Hill, Councillor David Jackson, Councillor Ed James, Councillor Richard Langridge, Councillor Liz Leffman, Councillor Nick Leverton, Councillor Dan Levy, Councillor Norman MacRae MBE, Councillor Martin McBride, Councillor Michele Mead, Councillor James Mills, Councillor Toby Morris, Councillor Kieran Mullins. Councillor Neil Owen, Councillor Elizabeth Poskitt, Councillor Alex Postan, Councillor Carl Rylett, Councillor Geoff Saul,

Councillor Harry St John and Councillor Ben Woodruff

Regulations 2020 – Part 3 – Modification of meetings and public access requirements this meeting will be conducted remotely using Cisco Webex.

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As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Committee Administrator know prior to the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2020

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 9 - 12)

Purpose:

To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees in the period since 28 October 2020.

Recommendation:

That the recommendations set out in Annex 1 to the report be adopted.

7. Report of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees (Pages 13 - 94)

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

8. **Programme of Meetings for 2021/2022** (Pages 95 - 100)

Purpose:

To consider and agree a programme of meetings for the civic year 2021/2022.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the Calendar of Meetings for 2021/2022 set out in the Annex to the report be approved; and
- (b) That the times for the first meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny

Committees after the annual meeting of the Council be as set out in the Annex, but that each Committee be invited to consider the timing of its subsequent meetings during the year.

9. **Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2021/2022** (Pages 101 - 104)

Purpose:

To consider the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for the allowances to be applicable for the financial year 2021/2022.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the Council considers the report and recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in the Appendix to the report, and specified in paragraph 2.3 of the report;
- (b) That, in the event of the Council approving the recommendations from the Panel and of any pay award for staff not being in place at the start of the financial year 2021/2022, the increases for Councillors be backdated to 1 April 2021; and
- (c) That, in the event of any changes arising to the scheme of allowances, the section 151 officer be authorised to amend the scheme as formally set out in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution to reflect those changes.

10. **Motion- Policing in West Oxfordshire** (Pages 105 - 108)

Purpose:

To consider the motion originally proposed and seconded at Council on 26 February 2020, in the context of the discussion at the meeting of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 November 2020.

Recommendation:

That the Council considers and determines the motion in the light of the discussion at the meeting of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

11. **Motion - CCTV in Witney** (Pages 109 - 116)

Purpose:

To consider the motion originally proposed and seconded at Council on 26 February 2020, in the context of its consideration by the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any further comments by the proposer

and seconder.

Recommendation:

That the Council considers the matter in the context of its consideration by the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and any further comments from the proposer and seconder.

12. **Motion - Tenants Forum** (Pages 117 - 126)

Purpose:

To consider the motion originally proposed and seconded at Council on 26 February 2020, in the context of the comments and recommendation of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation:

That the Council considers and determines the motion in the light of the recommendation of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

13. Notice of Motion - 20mph Speed Limits

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Ted Fenton and Jane Doughty, namely:-

"In December 2020 Oxfordshire County Council unanimously resolved to support the premise that 20mph is the optimum speed limit in built-up areas. This Council supports that decision and whilst it is not the highways authority decisions are made which can affect road safety. Layout of new roads, traffic calming in existing roads and the provision of safe space for active travel are all matters on which this Council has an influence. West Oxfordshire District Council therefore resolves to include consideration of appropriate measures to improve road safety in all relevant decisions, especially planning, to ensure that its roads are as safe as possible for all users".

14. Notice of Motion - Find Test Trace Isolate and Support System

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Duncan Enright and Owen Collins, namely:-

"This Council notes that"

1. both the Local Government Association and the National Audit Office have issued reports showing the urgent need for a properly funded local Find Test Trace Isolate and Support System (FTTIS) for Covid-19 and all other pandemics

to follow. They show the urgent need to give (FTTIS) back, properly funded, to local public health professionals under the leadership of Directors of Public Health.

- 2. The international evidence and scientific advice for a local approach has been overwhelming from the outset. It leads to swift, timely responses, good compliance rates, and better control of this disease.
- 3. The local evidence from the 150 LAs which are now undertaking part of the FTTIS system shows that local works better than national.
- 4. It will be many months before sufficient numbers of people are vaccinated to suppress the spread of the virus, so we need a robust system in place now for the sake of the population's health, and to reduce further damage to our economy.

This Council therefore urges the government to redirect funding intended for private sector organisations for FTTIS in the coming months to local authorities and local NHS."

15. Notice of Motion - Transport along the A40 Corridor

The following Motion has been received in the names of Councillors Dan Levy and Carl Rylett, namely:-

"This Council notes that Oxfordshire County Council at its meeting in November 2020 passed a motion, set out below, relating to transport along the A40 corridor:

The decision, last autumn now, by the Oxfordshire LEP to withdraw the funding from the Loop Farm project (Duke's Cut to Loop Farm Roundabout), a long-promised relief road to the A40 round Oxford, undermines sensible solutions to the endless traffic jams on the A40 between Witney and Oxford roundabouts. Given that the use of public money should be productive Council asks Cabinet to review the plans presently being offered and adopt a long-term strategy that will meet the public's needs for the next twenty years at least and as part of this work, Council asks the Cabinet to consider undertaking a feasibility study should funding be confirmed to look at a rail link from Carterton, Witney and Eynsham to Oxford.

West Oxfordshire District Council welcomes this motion from the County Council, and commits to working positively and actively with the County Council when the proposed review is undertaken, and recognises that the residents and businesses of West Oxfordshire are hindered by the inadequate infrastructure for travel along the A40 corridor".

16. **Emergency / Urgency Delegations** (Pages 127 - 140)

Purpose:

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

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

17. **Sealing of Documents** (Pages 141 - 142)

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted

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