

Tuesday, 15 February 2022

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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, 23 February 2022 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, Marilyn 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 - 14)**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2022.
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 15 - 18)**  
Purpose:  
To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees in the period since 26 January 2022.  
Recommendation:  
That the recommendations set out in Annex I to the report be adopted.
7. **Council Tax 2022/2023 (Pages 19 - 34)**  
Purpose:  
To enable Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2022/23.  
Recommendation:  
That the Council passes the resolution set out in Annex A to the report.
8. **Motion - Thames Water**  
The following motion has been received in the names of Councillors Andy Graham and Norman MacRae:  
  
"This Council believes that historical underinvestment in the sewerage infrastructure in West Oxfordshire and further up the catchments of the rivers Windrush, Evenlode and other Thames tributaries in West Oxfordshire has led to a marked deterioration in water quality in these rivers and in the Thames due to excessive spills of untreated or partially treated sewage in both storm and normal conditions.  
  
The Council would like to receive the following details :-
  - Capital improvements by Sewage Treatment Works (STW) over the last ten years ( description and cost) ;

- Operating capacity analysed by STW over each of the last ten years;
- Capital Plans by STW over the next five years (description and estimated cost);
- Number of spills by STW over each of the last ten years together with reason for spill;
- Details, including logs, of failures at pumping stations, and to include downtimes and the use of tankers;
- The level of any fines levied by the regulator or courts for spills over each of the last ten years."

9. **Motion - Healthy Place Shaping**

The following motion has been received in the names of Councillors Merilyn Davies and Lysette Nicholls:

This motion resolves that:

"Each Member commits to being a champion for Healthy Place Shaping utilising the core principles of Healthy Place Shaping (& the tools available to them) to influence and underpin all aspects of their work. To recognise that within their role as Members, their commitment is crucial to the organisation wide adoption of Healthy Place Shaping. Actively encouraging/challenging one another, officers, Parish, and Town Councils to use Healthy Place Shaping approaches, to influence future decisions for council services, ensuring that they have the best possible outcomes for the health and wellbeing of *all* residents of West Oxfordshire."

10. **Motion - Climate Action Working Group**

The following motion has been received in the names of Councillors Andy Goodwin and Carl Rylett:

Motion to continue the running of WODC Climate Action Working Group meetings "as is" with no pause and no disruption. To overturn the announcement made at the Climate Action Working Group meeting on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> that was "with immediate effect, this is the last Climate Action Working Group meeting".

11. **Political Composition of the Council and formation of Political Groups**

(Pages 35 - 38)

Purpose

To advise the Council of the notifications received under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 giving the composition of political groups and note the impact on the proportionality of allocated seats to Committees.

Recommendation

Council is asked to note Annex A and agree the allocation of seats on Committees (Annex B to follow).

12. **Designation of Monitoring Officer (Pages 39 - 42)**

Purpose

To designate the Council's Monitoring Officer.

Recommendations

- a) That Council resolves to designate Susan Sale as the Council's Monitoring Officer on an interim 12 month basis with effect from 1st March 2022; and
- b) The Council notes the intention of the Monitoring Officer to designate Susan Gargett and Amy Bridgewater-Carnall as Deputy Monitoring Officers on an interim 12 month basis with effect from 1st March 2022.

13. **Change of name for South Leigh Parish Council (Pages 43 - 44)**

Purpose

To consider a request from South Leigh Parish Council to South Leigh & High Cogges Parish Council.

Recommendation

The Council agree to change the name of South Leigh Parish Council to South Leigh & High Cogges Parish Council.

14. **Climate Action Bi-Annual Report (Pages 45 - 62)**

Purpose

To present to Council the biannual report on the climate action taken by West Oxfordshire District Council in response to the climate and ecological emergency during the last six months: July 2021 – January 2022.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

15. **Emergency / Urgency Delegations and Decisions (Pages 63 - 64)**

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.

16. **Report 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 & Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee	27 January 2022	To follow
b) Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2022	To follow
c) FMOS	9 February 2022	To follow
d) Economic & Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10 February 2022	To follow
e) Cabinet	16 February 2022	To follow

f) Audit & General Purposes	17 February 2022	To follow
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17. **Sealing of Documents**

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report (to follow).

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.