

Tuesday, 10 May 2022

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ANNUAL COUNCIL

You are summoned to a meeting of Annual Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, Woodgreen, Witney, OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 18 May 2022 at 2.00 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

Councillors: Martin McBride (Chairman), Joy Aitman, Alaa Al-Yousuf, Lidia Arciszewska, Luci Ashbourne, Hugo Ashton, Andrew Beaney, Michael Brooker, Jill Bull, Mike Cahill, Nathalie Chapple, Andrew Coles, Owen Collins, David Cooper, Julian Cooper, Suzi Coul, Colin Dingwall, Jane Doughty, Harry Eaglestone, Duncan Enright, Ted Fenton, Andy Goodwin, Andy Graham, Jeff Haine, Gill Hill, David Jackson, Mark Johnson, Natalie King, Richard Langridge, Liz Leffman, Nick Leverton, Dan Levy, Norman MacRae MBE, Charlie Maynard, Michele Mead, Lysette Nicholls, Mathew Parkinson, Rosie Pearson, Rizvana Poole, Elizabeth Poskitt, Andrew Prosser, Carl Rylett, Geoff Saul, Harry St John, Alaric Smith, Ruth Smith, Dean Temple, Alex Wilson and Ben Woodruff.

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

AGENDA

1. **Election of Chair of the Council for the year 22/23**

To appoint the Chair of the Council for the 2022-23 civic year.

Following the election, the Chair will make the Declarations of Acceptance of Office and address the Council.

2. **Appointment of Vice-Chair of the Council for the year 22/23**

To appoint the Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2022-23 civic year.

Following the election, the Vice-Chair will make the Declarations of Acceptance of Office and address the Council

3. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee on any items to be considered at the meeting.

5. **Announcements by the Chair and / Chief Executive**

To receive any announcements from The Chair, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

6. **Motion - Leader of West Oxfordshire District Council**

The following motion has been received in the name of Councillor Andy Graham. A seconder will be sought at the meeting.

“That the Council resolves to remove Councillor Mead as Leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, and give further consideration to the appointment of the Leader at the 2022 Annual Council meeting”.

7. **Election of Council Leader**

If the motion at Item 8 is passed, the Council will need to move to appoint a new Leader.

8. **Announcement of the Leader on Cabinet appointments**

In accordance with the Constitution, to receive the appointments made by the Leader of the Council in respect of Cabinet Members for 2022-23.

9. **Returning Officer's Report on Elections held 5 May 2022 (Pages 5 - 6)**

Purpose

To consider the returning Officer's report on the results of the election held on 5 May 2022.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

10. **Political Composition of the Council and Formation of Political Groups (Pages 7 - 16)**

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.

Recommendations

- a) Note Annex A: Political Composition of West Oxfordshire District Council May 2022;
- b) Approve the structure and number of seats of the Council committees, as defined within the Council's constitution and as set out in Annex B: Committee structure 2022/23, and delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect this resolution ; and
- c) Approve the methods, calculations and conventions used in determining political representation on committees as outlined in the report and shown in Annex C: Political proportionalities on Council committees 2022/23 and agree the representation on those committees.

11. **Appointment to Council Committees**

To consider the report and allocate committee seats to political groups and determine appointments to committees.

12. **Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees**

Purpose:

To appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair to each of the Council's Committees. Each Committee will be invited to stand, a proposal sought and agreed before moving on.

Recommendation:

That a Chair and Vice-Chair be agreed for each of the Council's Committees.