

Tuesday, 12 July 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, 20 July 2022 at 2.00 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

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

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AGENDA

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 16)**
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 27 April 2022 and 18 May 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 Chair, 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. **Members' Questions**
The following questions have been submitted by Members of Council in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules (Constitution Part 5, rule 10). Oral responses will be provided at the meeting. Following receipt of the answer to their question a Member is entitled to ask one supplementary question at the meeting.

Question 1 for Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Cabinet Member for Environment, from Councillor Norman MacRae:

"The 'new' Council have made no secret of their aim to ensure the Water Companies (Thames Water) stop untreated sewage discharge to our rivers. As there is nothing in legislation that allows a District Council to 'enforce' against a water company, by what means will they ensure the manifest pledge is honoured; at what cost to this Council and in what timescale?"

Question 2 for Councillor Joy Aitman, Cabinet Member for Stronger Healthy Communities, from Councillor Norman MacRae:

"The Oxfordshire Playing Field Association have been instructed by this Council to consider what works are required to the play area at Kilkenny Lane Country Park to bring it to a safe and fully usable standard. What progress has there been on this plan; what are the anticipated costs and within what timespan?"

Question 3 for Councillor Carl Rylett, Cabinet Member Planning & Sustainable Development, from Councillor Jeff Haine:

"On housing targets and infrastructure, you have called for more realistic housing targets rather than the "sky-high" ones in the Local Plan and you have also called for infrastructure before development. How are you going to deliver on these?"

Question 4 for Councillor Andrew Prosser, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, from

Councillor Alaa Al-Yousuf:

“Climate Change Working Group: Does the Cabinet member for Climate Change intend to bring back the Climate Change Working Group and chair it?”

Question 5 for Councillor Andrew Prosser, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, from Councillor Alaa Al-Yousuf:

“How is our leisure centres operator, GLL, planning to deal with the energy crisis?”

7. Recommendations from Cabinet and Council Committees (Pages 17 - 20)

Purpose:

To consider the recommendations made by Cabinet and the Council’s Committees since the last ordinary Council meeting on 27 April.

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to:

- 1) allocate £2.15m of funding from the Capital Programme “Investment Strategy for Recovery” line item to facilitate the changes and deliver up to £186,000 of net annual revenue benefits with a return on capital of up to 10% after capital financing costs
- 2) approve the carry forward of Capital Budget of £14,399,348 as detailed in Annex B
- 3) approve the transfers to and between Earmarked Reserves as detailed in the report

8. Report of the Leader (Pages 21 - 50)

Purpose:

The Constitution provides that the Leader of the Council will advise Council in writing of his Cabinet Members, his executive delegations, and the exercise of any executive functions by way of joint arrangements.

Recommendation:

West Oxfordshire District Council is recommended to note the contents of this report, and to delegate authority to the Interim Monitoring Officer to update the Council’s Constitution to reflect the content of this report.

9. Honorary Titles (Pages 51 - 54)

Purpose:

To consider a scheme for conferring honorary titles on former councillors who have, in the opinion of Council, rendered eminent service to the Council.

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to:

- a) Adopt a points system as a guideline for determining eligibility for honorary titles, as set out in the report.
- b) Agree that, if the motion at agenda item 10 is passed, a Special Meeting of the Council be held to bestow the title of Honorary Alderman on the former Councillors identified, on a date to be determined by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Council.

10. Motion - Proposed by the Vice Chair of the Council, Councillor Andrew Coles

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Coles:

“In view of the extraordinary long-service of former members David Harvey and Derek Cotterill to this council and the contribution they made to West Oxfordshire, this council resolves to convene a special meeting of the council to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen on these two worthy recipients.”

11. **Climate Action Biannual Report (Pages 55 - 66)**

Purpose:

This paper presents to Council a 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: February-July 2022.

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to note the contents of the biannual report on climate action for West Oxfordshire.

12. **Sealing of Documents (Pages 67 - 70)**

Purpose:

To note the documents sealed since the last report.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

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