

Tuesday, 11 October 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, 19 October 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, Norman MacRae MBE, Michele Mead, Elizabeth Poskitt, Carl Rylett, Geoff Saul, Harry St John, Ben Woodruff, Mathew Parkinson, Colin Dingwall, Andy Goodwin, Mark Johnson, Lysette Nicholls, Dean Temple, Alex Wilson, Lidia Arciszewska, Hugo Ashton, Michael Brooker, David Cooper, Natalie King, Dan Levy, Charlie Maynard, Rosie Pearson, Rizvana Poole, Alaric Smith and Ruth Smith

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# AGENDA

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 10)  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 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**
  - (a) Tribute to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
  - (b) Presentation of past Chairman Badge to Councillor McBride
  - (c) To receive any announcements from The Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.
5. **Appointments to Future Oxfordshire Scrutiny Panel**

Purpose:  
Council is invited to approve the appointment of three non-executive members to the Future Oxfordshire Scrutiny Panel.

Recommendation:  
Following discussions with Group Leaders, nominations have been received for Councillors Julian Cooper, Richard Langridge and Charlie Maynard. Council is invited to approve these appointments.
6. **Participation of the Public**

Anyone who lives in the district or who pays council tax or business rates to the Council is eligible to read a statement or express an opinion at this meeting. You can register to speak by sending your written submission of no more than 750 words to [democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk) by no later than 10.00am on the working day before the meeting.
7. **Members' Questions**

The following question has been submitted by a Member 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. Councillor MacRae for Councillor Enright (Cabinet Member for Economy). As a largely rural area with infrequent transport links, the residents of our District are, in many ways reliant on taxis to enable them to carry out activities such as shopping and visits to medical facilities. The energy situation we are experiencing has resulted in a massive increase in fuel prices and therefore a very marked increase in taxi operating costs, thus potentially putting some operators at risk of going out of business. Does the Leader agree that this Council should seek ways to support the licensed taxi trade and thereby support local residents and can he explain what this Council this Council is doing to support our licensed taxi drivers to mitigate against the near doubling of fuel

prices in the past year?

Question 2. Councillor MacRae for Councillor Arciszewska (Cabinet Member for the Environment). How many times have there been reports of multiple (i.e. involving several or all households in a street) missed bin collections in the last six months?

Question 3. Councillor MacRae and Councillor Fenton for Councillor Arciszewska (Cabinet Member for the Environment). How many of the District's Sewage Treatment Works are due for upgrade within the next two years?

Question 4. Councillor Al-Yousuf for Councillor Graham (Leader) and Councillor Rylett (Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainable Development). Do you agree that this Council is in a planning crisis because it cannot demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply and therefore needs an emergency response?

8. **Recommendations from Cabinet and the Council Committees**

There are no recommendations to this meeting of Council.

9. **Motion - Proposed by Councillor Pearson (Pages 11 - 12)**

The following Motion to support the Climate and Ecology Bill been submitted by Councillor Pearson and seconded by Councillor Goodwin.

'WODC resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Write to Robert Courts, MP letting him know that the motion has been passed, and urging him to sign up to support the Bill.
3. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Bill, expressing its support ([joinus@ceebill.uk](mailto:joinus@ceebill.uk))."

10. **Report of the Constitution Working Party (Pages 13 - 68)**

Purpose:

To consider proposals from the Constitution Working Group for amendments to the West Oxfordshire District Council to adopt new Council Procedure Rules, Officer Employment Procedure Rules and a Protocol on the Conferment of Honorary Titles

Recommendations:

Council is recommended to:

1. establish a Working Group, to report to Council, to be known as the Constitution Working Group, with immediate effect until the Annual Council meeting in May 2023;
2. approve the terms of reference of the Constitution Working Group as set out in Annex A to this report;
3. appoint to the membership of the Constitution Working Group as set out in Annex B to this report and to note that the Group appoint Cllr Fenton as their Chair;
4. approve the Council Procedure Rules at Annex C to this report and formally

adopt them as part of the Council's Constitution from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022;

5. approve the Officer Employment Procedure Rules at Annex D to this report and formally adopt them as part of the Council's Constitution from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022;
6. approve the Protocol on Conferment of Honorary Titles at Annex E to this report and formally adopt it as part of the Council's Constitution from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022;
7. delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make minor and consequential amendments to the Constitution.

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