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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2013 AT 10.00 AM

at

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
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MARGARET REED
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Note: Please remember to sign the attendance register.

Agenda

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2013.

4 Chairman's announcements

5 Questions from the public and public participation

6 Delivering accelerated housing growth in Science Vale

(Cabinet member responsible: Mrs A Badcock)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 5 December 2013, will consider a report seeking the approval of a project that will accelerate housing growth across the Science Vale area of South and Vale and ask that both Councils establish budgets to allow the project to proceed.

The report of the Strategic Director, which Cabinet will consider on 5 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 6 December.

7 Council tax base 2014/15

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 5 December 2013, will consider a report on the council tax base for 2014/15.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 5 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 6 December.

8 Council tax reduction scheme grant for town and parish councils

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 5 December 2013, will consider a report on the total amount of council tax reduction scheme grant that will be passed down to town and parish councils for 2014/15, how the grant amounts for individual town and parish councils will be calculated, and the actual amounts for town and parish councils.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 5 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

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9 Councillors' allowances scheme

The councillors' allowances scheme allows for the allowances payable under the scheme to be increased up to the RPI announced in the preceding September subject to Council decision. Council is invited to agree the level at which to increase the basic and special responsibility allowances from 1 April 2014.

10 Review of the council's constitution (Pages 11 - 24)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on proposed changes to the council's constitution ([attached](#)).

11 Questions under Council procedure rule 11

None.

12 Motions under Council procedure rule 41

None.

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Head of Legal and Democratic Services