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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.00 PM

at

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
OFFICES, CROWMARSH GIFFORD**

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MARGARET REED
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Note: Please remember to sign the attendance register.

Agenda

1 Apologies

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 7 - 12)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2013.

4 Chairman's announcements

5 Questions from the public and public participation

6 Office accommodation refurbishment

Cabinet at its meeting on 13 February 2014 will consider a report on the outcome of recent negotiations between Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils to make better use of existing council office buildings and to seek the agreement of cabinet to base more shared staff at Crowmarsh offices, with office accommodation costs to be recharged between the councils. The report sets out the financial implications demonstrating that the council will make significant annual financial savings and requests a budget virement in this financial year to cover essential refurbishment works.

The report of the Strategic Director, which Cabinet will consider on 13 February 2014, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 14 February.

7 Medium term financial strategy

Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 February 2014, will consider a report on the approval of the medium term financial strategy.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 13 February 2014, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 14 February.

8 Treasury management mid-year monitoring report 2013/14

Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 February 2014, will consider a monitoring report on the treasury management activities for the first six months of 2013/14.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 13 February 2014, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 14 February.

9 Treasury management strategy 2014/15 to 2016/17

Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 February 2014, will consider a report on the council's treasury management strategy (TMS) for 2014/15 to 2016/17 and set out the expected treasury operations for this period.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 13 February 2014, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 14 February.

10 Revenue budget 2014/15 and capital programme to 2018/19

The Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 February 2014, will consider a report on the council's revenue budget 2014/15 and capital programme to 2018/19.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 13 February 2013, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 14 February.

11 Council tax 2014/15

To consider the report of the Head of Finance regarding the setting of the council tax for the 2014/15 financial year (**report to follow**).

12 Community Governance Reviews (Pages 13 - 140)

To consider the report of the chief executive on behalf of the Community Governance Review Working Group (**report attached**).

13 Pay policy statement 2014/15 (Pages 141 - 145)

To consider the report of the Head of HR, IT and Customer Services on the adoption of a pay policy statement to meet the requirements of the Localism Act (report attached).

14 Questions under Council procedure rule 34

To receive questions from members of the council under Council procedure rule 34.

1. Question from Mrs Eleanor Hards to the Leader of the council, Mrs Ann Ducker, MBE

Can the Leader define for Council members the exact boundaries of Science Vale?

2. Question from Mrs Margaret Davies to the Leader of the council, Mrs Ann Ducker, MBE

Will the Leader please provide the following information:

The projected flows and monies received in each year for New Homes Bonus generated by housing at Didcot.

3. Question from Mr Roger Bell to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Property and Technical Services, Mrs Judith Nimmo-Smith

South Oxfordshire and the Vale are two of the relatively few districts in England and Wales that, since 2005, have not introduced a Civil Enforcement Area, permitted under the Traffic Management Act 2004. This gives local authorities the power to enforce contraventions of parking controls within their designated area. These powers were formerly held by the police and usually operated by designated traffic wardens. In reality access by car to our towns and larger villages is vital for their future prosperity, both for people within the district coming in to use the facilities, and also by encouraging visiting tourists likewise, and enforcement of existing rules such as double yellow lines and time controlled on street parking is essential. This is so even though ideally public transport and other forms such as cycling and walking should be encouraged wherever possible. All residents of the district will benefit from such a scheme as they all make use of the facilities provided in the more built up areas.

Will the Cabinet member therefore confirm that officers at South Oxfordshire are currently investigating and consulting on this issue with the firm intention of introducing such a scheme as soon as possible and that in addition to the four towns the larger villages will also be consulted with a view to being included?

4. Question from Mrs Denise Macdonald to the Leader of the council, Mrs Ann Ducker, MBE

Can the Leader tell me what proportion of the money from pitch fees and commission on sales of mobile homes has been used over the last five years to repair and maintain the council-owned mobile home site at Foxhall Manor Park, Didcot and what is the balance used for?

15 Motions under Council procedure rule 41
None.

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Head of Legal and Democratic Services