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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014 AT 6.00 PM

at

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

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M Reed'.

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 - 14)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the annual meeting held on 15 May 2014 (attached).

4 Chairman's announcements

To receive any announcements from the chairman.

5 Questions from the public and public participation

6 Street Trading Policy

The General Licensing Committee, at its meeting on 8 July 2014, considered a revised street trading policy following public consultation.

RECOMMENDATION to Council: to

1. adopt the proposed street trading policy to come into force on 1 October 2014 and
2. authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the chairman of the General Licensing Committee, to make any further minor editorial changes to the policy.

7 Community Governance Review - final recommendations of the working group (Pages 15 - 122)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive on behalf of the Community Governance Review Working Group (report attached).

8 Questions under Council procedure rule 34

To receive questions from members of the council under Council procedure rule 34. Question from Mr Neville Harris to Rev'd Angie Paterson, Cabinet member for planning.

Making Provision for Housing and its Actual Delivery

The Local Strategic Housing Market Assessment did more than highlight the need for more housing in the District. It also emphasised the vast difference between making provision for housing and its actual delivery.

An example of this is the development earmarked for Didcot (Ladygrove) East where there are many of the elements of provision in place. These include: an identified site for 640 plus houses and associated provision for educational, social and transport infrastructure.

Despite the positive provision made for the housing, outlined above, there has been an unbelievably long and continuing wait for the delivery of this housing. A delay that can now be counted in decades, a Ladygrove resident asked me if the delay could reach half a century. Hence this question, which in the absence of being able to seek guidance from Solomon or Zeus I am asking you.

In addition to the originally identified need for this housing there are other vital measures needed now, such as the completion of the Didcot Northern Perimeter Road, that remain frozen in limbo, seemingly dependent on funding that will be forthcoming on completion of part or all of the housing development in question.

I am aware that SODC has loaned a significant amount of money to the South Oxfordshire Housing Association (SOHA) which in part was aimed at aiding delivery of housing in the District. The challenges posed by the Private Sectors understandably need to take commercial considerations into account you will doubtless cover in your reply.

Could you please outline the reasons for the delay in delivery and detail the options that are available to SODC to influence and achieve the actual delivery of the housing cited in this example (Didcot (Ladygrove) East)? Of these options please give details of those that have been used in furtherance of attempts to speed up its commencement and achieve its long awaited delivery?

9 Appointments to panels

To agree appointments to the NNDR and Housing Appeals panels in the event Council appoints a Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee (agenda item 7).

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Head of Legal and Democratic Services

