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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 6.00 PM

at

**THE FOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CENTRE, HOWBERY PARK,
CROWMARSH GIFFORD, WALLINGFORD OX10 8BA**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Reed'.

MARGARET REED
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Note: Please remember to sign the attendance register.

Agenda

Map

A map showing the location of Howbery Park is attached, as is a plan showing the location of the Fountain Conference Centre on the Howbery Park site.

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 8 - 9)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Special Council meeting (**attached**) and Council meeting held on 11 December 2014.

4 Chairman's announcements

To receive any announcements from the chairman.

5 Questions from the public and public participation

Any statements or questions from members of the public will be made at the meeting.

6 Questions under Council procedure rule 34

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

Question from Eleanor Hards to Angie Paterson, Cabinet Member for Planning Policy

"At the end of last year the government revised to ten units the threshold below which local planning authorities would not be able to require a proportion of new housing to be affordable.

However, for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty local planning authorities may reduce this threshold to five to recognise the fact that development sites here tend to be smaller.

Is the Council intending to adopt such a policy?"

7 Community infrastructure levy - draft charging schedule

Cabinet, at its meeting on 12 February 2015, will consider a report on the

consultation comments received on the Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and recommend changes to the Draft Charging Schedule for public consultation and to submit to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

The report of the head of planning, which Cabinet will consider on 12 February 2015, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 13 February 2015.

8 Treasury management mid-year report 2014/15

Cabinet, at its meeting on 12 February 2015, will consider a monitoring report on the treasury management activities for the first six months of 2014/15.

The report of the head of finance, which Cabinet will consider on 12 February 2015, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 13 February.

9 Treasury management strategy 2015/16 to 2017/18

Cabinet, at its meeting on 12 February 2015, will consider a report on the council's treasury management strategy (TMS) for 2015/16 to 2017/18 and set out the expected treasury operations for this period.

The report of the head of finance, which Cabinet will consider on 12 February 2015, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 13 February 2015.

10 Medium term financial strategy 2015/16 - 2019/20

Cabinet, at its meeting on 12 February 2015, will consider a report on the medium term financial strategy for 2015/16 to 2019/20.

The report of the head of finance, which Cabinet will consider on 12 February 2015, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 13 February 2015.

11 Budget 2015/16

The Cabinet, at its meeting on 12 February 2015, will consider a report on the council's revenue budget 2015/16 and capital programme to 2019/20.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 12 February 2015, was circulated to all councillors. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 13 February 2015.

12 Council tax 2015/16

To consider the report of the head of finance on the setting of the council tax for the 2015/16 financial year (report to follow).

13 Pay policy statement (Pages 10 - 13)

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

14 Urgent Cabinet decision

In accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rules, a cabinet decision can be taken as a matter of urgency, if any delay by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the council's or the public's interest. Treating the decision as a matter of urgency must be agreed by the chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and must be reported to the next meeting of the council, together with the reasons for urgency.

Mr J Cotton, Leader of the council will report that on 20 December 2014 he took a decision to transfer £1,000,000 from the provisional capital programme to the approved capital programme to deliver the extension of the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme for South Oxfordshire and approve a virement of £90,000 from contingency in 2014/15 to provide additional funding for the delivery of the broadband project. The chairman of the scrutiny committee agreed to waive call-in because any delay could impact on the timetable for the delivery of the project and prejudice both the council's and the public's interests.

15 Motions under Council procedure rule 41

To receive the following motion under Council procedure rule 41.

Motion to be proposed by Angie Paterson, seconder to be notified.

Council places on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to its emergency team in particular, and all officers, for their efforts and resilience in ensuring the restoration of services following the devastating fire at the Crowmarsh offices. Council also thanks John Cotton, Leader of the council, for his additional commitment and support during this time. Council would also like pay tribute to the fire service and police for their tremendous work and support.

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic Services