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Summons to attend the annual meeting of Council

to be held on

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015 AT 6.00 PM

at

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

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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 Election of chairman

To elect a chairman of Council for the municipal year 2015/16.

2 Election of vice-chairman

To appoint a vice-chairman of Council for the municipal year 2015/16.

3 Apologies

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2015.

5 Declarations of interest

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

6 Chairman's announcements

7 Election of leader of Council

To elect a leader of Council, in accordance with the council's executive arrangements agreed at the special council meeting on 9 December 2010, for a four year period ending on the day of the next post election annual meeting.

The leader of Council will report on:

- the appointment of the deputy leader of Council
- the membership of the Cabinet and the allocation of portfolios

8 Appointments to committees, panels and joint committees for 2015/16

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the appointment to those committees required to be politically balanced together with the Licensing Acts Committee and joint committees and to agree any consequential changes to the constitution **(to follow)**.

9 Councillors' allowances (Pages 6 - 22)

To consider the head of legal and democratic services' report and the accompanying report from the council's Independent Remuneration Panel (report **attached**).

10 Urgent Cabinet decisions

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.

The leader of the council will report that on 20 February 2015 Rev'd Angie Paterson took a decision to undertake a Regulation 18 issues and scope consultation for the Science Vale Area Action Plan. The chairman of the scrutiny committee agreed to waive call-in to allow the consultation process to begin recognising that the committee had commented on the plan.

On 15 March 2015 Councillor Lynn Lloyd took a decision to transfer £45,000 from the capital contingency budget within the provisional capital programme to the approved capital programme and to create a capital budget for the purchase of new polling booths for the May 2015 elections. The chairman of the scrutiny committee agreed to waive call-in to allow a formal order before the end of the financial year and to ensure delivery in time for the elections.

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic Services