

Agenda



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A MEETING OF THE

Council

WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017 AT 6.00 PM

**THE FOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CENTRE, HOWBERY PARK,
CROWMARSH GIFFORD**

Members of the Committee:

Jeannette Matelot (Chairman)

Anna Badcock
Charles Bailey
Joan Bland
Felix Bloomfield
Kevin Bulmer
Nigel Champken-Woods
Steve Connel
John Cotton
Pat Dawe
Anthony Dearlove
David Dodds

Stefan Gawrysiak
Elizabeth Gillespie
Will Hall
Tony Harbour
Paul Harrison
Stephen Harrod
Lorraine Hillier
Elaine Hornsby
Sue Lawson
Lynn Lloyd
Imran Lokhon (Vice-Chairman)

Jane Murphy
Anthony Nash
Toby Newman
David Nimmo-Smith
Richard Pullen
Bill Service
Robert Simister
Alan Thompson
David Turner
John Walsh
Ian White

Substitutes

None

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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 for absence

To record apologies for absence.

2 Minutes (Pages 11 - 22)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Council minutes of the annual meeting held on 18 May 2017 - ***attached***.

3 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

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

4 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chairman determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chairman.

5 Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

6 Review of political balance following Didcot South and Didcot West by elections

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services (*to follow*)

7 Petition - Wallingford Bridge

The council has received the following petition signed by in excess of 1,500 people:

“We believe that closing Wallingford bridge to traffic would cause irreparable damage to businesses in the town and lead to increased rather than reduced atmospheric pollution. A solution which leads to more vehicle miles (as travellers access the town through Winterbrook or down Wantage Road) and to increased idling time because of the congestion on both those roads (both of which are

effectively single-carriageway for much of their length due to residential parking) is unlikely to reduce emissions, merely to displace them. We ask SODC Councillors not to proceed with this scheme but to investigate alternatives such as a one-way system which would reduce vehicle idling times everywhere in the town”.

The council’s Petition Scheme states the following regarding petition debates at Council meetings:

When petitions containing more than 500 signatures are submitted, the petition organiser will be given three minutes to present the petition and the petition will then be discussed by councillors. Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting.

In response to a petition, Council may decide to

- take the action the petition requests;
- not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate;
- to refer the matter to Cabinet or the relevant committee and decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

Any Council recommendation will be reported to the General Licensing Committee as the body responsible for the consultation on the Low Emissions Strategy.

8 Petition - Didcot Garden Town

The council has received the following petition signed by in excess of 2000 people:

“Please promise to protect all of Didcot’s green spaces, paths and amenities on Ladygrove from loss, shrinkage or relocation through future development”.

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Any Council recommendation will be reported to Cabinet as the body responsible for the Didcot Garden Town Proposed Delivery Plan.

9 Report of the leader of the council

To receive any updates from the leader of the council.

10 Questions on notice

No questions have been received by councillors in accordance with Council procedure rule 33.

11 Motions on notice

No motions have been received from councillors in accordance with Council procedure rule 38.

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic Services