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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017 AT 6.00 PM

at

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

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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 for absence

To record apologies for absence.

2 Minutes (Pages 9 - 28)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Council minutes of the special meetings held on 28 September and 23 November 2017 and the meeting held on 12 October 2017.

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 Petitions

To receive any petitions from the public.

7 Council tax base 2018/19

Cabinet, at its meeting on 7 December 2017, will consider a report on the council tax base for 2018/19.

The report of the head of finance, which Cabinet will consider on 7 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda.

The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to all councillors.

8 Community governance reviews (Pages 29 - 32)

At its meeting on 30 October 2017 the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee considered a report on a suggested timetable and process for future community governance reviews. The report of the head of legal and democratic services is **attached**.

In agreeing to undertake a review every four years with changes agreed for implementation at the next scheduled elections, the committee agreed the following:

“To recommend that Council rescinds its resolution agreed on 17 July 2014 that a significant development proposal that sits adjacent to or straddles a parish boundary should automatically trigger a community governance review, such a review to take place on the inclusion of a site in a document that forms part of the approved Local Plan or when planning permission has been granted for the development of the site”.

Council is invited to consider the committee’s recommendation.

9 Review of the council's constitution (Pages 33 - 40)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on proposed changes to the council’s constitution – **attached**.

10 Report of the leader of the council

To receive any updates from the leader of the council.

11 Questions on notice

To receive the following question in accordance with Council procedure rule 33.

Question from Councillor Mocky Khan to the Leader of the council, Councillor John Cotton:

"Please can the Leader explain the recruitment process for selecting the Chair of the Didcot Garden Town Management Board? Was it flawed given that Elizabeth Paris has decided not to take up the post, and what is going to happen now?"

12 Motions on notice

No motions were submitted in accordance with Council procedure rule 38.

13 Exclusion of the public

To consider whether to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business under Part 1 of Schedule 12A Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 on the grounds that:

(i) it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs

- 1, 2 and 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and
(ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

14 Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct record the confidential Council minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017 and special meeting held on 23 November 2017.

15 Staffing matters

At its meeting on 6 December 2017 the Joint Staff Committee considered the report of the interim head of corporate services on staffing matters.

The recommendations of the committee will be circulated to all councillors.

16 Corporate services contract

At its meeting on 7 December 2017 Cabinet will consider the report of the head of devolution and government and head of legal and democratic services on the corporate services contract – circulated to all councillors electronically.

The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to all councillors.

17 Management restructure

At its meeting on 7 December 2017 Cabinet will consider a report on the management restructure - circulated to all councillors electronically.

The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to all councillors.

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Head of Legal and Democratic Services