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## Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

**THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019 AT 6.00 PM**

at

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

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MARGARET REED  
Head of Legal and Democratic

Note: Please remember to sign the attendance register.

# Agenda

## 1 Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence.

## 2 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

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

## 3 Minutes (Pages 6 - 15)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Council minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019 attached.

## 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 Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 16 - 19)

At its meeting held on 9 April 2019, Cabinet will consider the head of planning's report on the Cholsey Neighbourhood Development Plan.

A copy of the report is attached. Cabinet's recommendations will be circulated to all councillors on Wednesday 10 April 2019.

## 7 East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 20 - 24)

At its meeting held on 9 April 2019, Cabinet will consider the head of planning's report on the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan.

A copy of the report is attached. Cabinet's recommendations will be circulated to all councillors on Wednesday 10 April 2019.

## 8 Pyrton Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 25 - 29)

At its meeting held on 9 April 2019, Cabinet will consider the head of planning's report on the Pyrton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

A copy of the report is attached. Cabinet's recommendations will be circulated to all councillors on Wednesday 10 April 2019.

## **9 OVO Energy Women's Tour** (Pages 30 - 33)

On 19 March 2019 Councillor Lynn Lloyd, Cabinet member for community services, took a decision to support Oxfordshire being a host venue for the OVO Energy Women's Tour in 2019, 2020 and 2021 and to agree the funding arrangements for the council's share of the hosting fee for 2019.

A copy of the Individual Cabinet Member Decision is attached.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** To agree to fund the council's share of the hosting fee a sum of £26,666 for years two and three (2020 and 2021).

Additional recommendation(s) from the Cabinet member or Cabinet on this issue to follow.

## **10 Report of the leader of the council**

To receive the report of the leader of the council.

## **11 Motions on notice**

To consider motions from councillors in accordance with Council procedure rule 38.

### **1. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Ian White, seconded by Councillor Lynn Lloyd**

Council asks that the Leader of Council write to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire MP, and the Minister for Housing, Kit Malthouse MP, confirming this council's support for the Chancellor's announcement in the Spring Statement that ' following consultation, the government will use the forthcoming Environment Bill to mandate biodiversity net gain for development in England ensuring that the delivery of much-needed infrastructure and housing is not at the expense of vital biodiversity.'

### **2. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Bill Service, seconded by Councillor Jane Murphy**

Council notes and welcomes the significant funding announced for infrastructure and economic activity across Science Vale in the Chancellor's recent Spring Statement.

The Housing and Infrastructure Fund funding for the Science Bridge in Didcot, the enhanced link between Didcot and the Milton interchange, a new Thames crossing to better link Didcot to Culham and beyond and the Clifton Hampden bypass will deliver once in a generation improvements to our transport infrastructure. The Housing Infrastructure Funding of £218million is not just about motorised transport though, it will also support enhanced cycle and foot travel as an integral part of these developments and this approach is fully supported by Council.

The combined funding announcements, totalling over £350million, are a strong

and clear statement of support for the needs of South Oxfordshire residents by Government and the Leader is asked to write to Government confirming our support.

### **3. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Felix Bloomfield, seconder to be notified**

#### **Council notes that:**

a) the recent 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report states that we have just 12 years to act on climate change if global temperature rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius;

b) all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts on climate breakdown, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. UK county, district and city councils need to commit to aggressive reduction targets and carbon neutrality as quickly as possible;

c) districts are well placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions, as their responsibility for planning policies opens up a range of sustainable transport, buildings and energy opportunities;

d) Council has already shown foresight when it comes to addressing the issue of Climate Change, having signed the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change in 2007. Between 2008 and 2013, this council collaborated with the Carbon Trust, to produce a Carbon Management Plan which set out how the council planned to reduce energy and fuel use in its own buildings and vehicles. All of this has led to a 28% drop in greenhouse gas emissions up to 2018;

e) notes that work has commenced on a review of the council's Carbon Management Plan in collaboration with the Oxfordshire Energy Strategy, with the aim of bringing a report to Cabinet as soon as possible, and no later than Autumn 2019, the review to come forward to include the feasibility of adopting an early carbon neutral target for South Oxfordshire.

#### **In light of the above, the Council therefore agrees to:**

1. Join other councils in declaring a Climate Emergency.
2. Ask the leader to write to the Secretary of State to seek confirmation of the Government's intention to work with local government on climate change strategies.
3. Ask that as officers, as per the council's policies, are currently reviewing policy and strategies, that specific consideration be given to how policies, and our related decisions and actions, affect our contribution to climate change, and where necessary, update these policies to reduce our impact wherever possible. As far as possible, the reporting templates for Council, Cabinet and committees to be amended to include an 'Environmental Impact' section.
4. Ask officers to provide the cost and availability of the most appropriate training options for members and officers about how to promote carbon neutral policies for future consideration by Cabinet.
5. Request the Cabinet member for environment to bring to council a report on the activities of the Oxfordshire Environmental Partnership, of which South

Oxfordshire is a member.

6. Continues the positive collaborative work with partners across the district, county and wider region to deliver widespread carbon reductions.

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic Services