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## Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

**THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2020 AT 6.00 PM**

at

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MARGARET REED  
Head of Legal and Democratic

# Agenda

## 1 Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence.

## 2 Minutes (Pages 7 - 26)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Council minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2020 - 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 Petitions

To receive any petitions from the public.

## 7 South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 adoption (Pages 27 - 35)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 8 December 2020, will consider the report of the head of planning on the adoption of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035.

The report of the head of planning, which Cabinet will consider on 8 December, is **attached**. The six appendices to the report are available with the Cabinet agenda [here](#).

The Scrutiny Committee will consider the report at its meeting on 7 December 2020. Any recommendations will be reported to Cabinet.

Cabinet's recommendations will be circulated to all councillors.

## 8 Council Tax Base 2021/22 (Pages 36 - 39)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 December 2020, will consider a report on the council tax base for 2021/22.

The report of the interim head of finance, which Cabinet will consider on 3 December, is **attached**.

Cabinet's recommendations will be circulated to all councillors.

## **9 Civil parking enforcement** (Pages 40 - 204)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 December 2020, will consider a report on the formal application to the Department for Transport to implement civil parking enforcement in the district.

The report of the head of housing and environment, which Cabinet will consider on 3 December, is **attached**.

Cabinet's recommendations will be circulated to all councillors.

## **10 Treasury management mid-year monitoring report 2020/21** (Pages 205 - 220)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 December 2020, will consider a monitoring report on the treasury management activities for the first six months of 2020/21 and an update on the current economic conditions with a view to the remainder of the year.

The Joint Audit and Governance Committee considered the report at its meeting on 26 November 2020. The committee resolved to note the treasury management mid-year monitoring report 2020/21 and was satisfied that the treasury activities are carried out in accordance with the treasury management strategy and policy.

The report of the interim head of finance, which Cabinet will consider on 3 December 2020, is **attached**.

Cabinet's recommendations will be circulated to all councillors.

## **11 Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

At its meeting on 18 July 2019, Council appointed Councillor Bretherton as the council's representative on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Simpson as substitute. Councillor Bretherton has resigned from the position and Councillor Simpson is no longer eligible to be a substitute since her appointment to Cabinet.

Council is invited to appoint a representative and a named substitute to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:** to appoint a representative and a named substitute to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **12 Report of the leader of the council**

1. To receive the report of the leader of the council.

## 2. Urgent cabinet decisions

In accordance with the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules, a Cabinet or Cabinet member 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 or that the decision cannot reasonably be deferred. Treating the decision as a matter of urgency must be agreed by the chair of the Scrutiny Committee and must be reported to Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

Council is requested to note the details of the following urgent decision.

### **Additional Restrictions Grant**

On 16 November 2020, Councillor Leigh Rawlins, Cabinet member for finance, took a decision to approve South Oxfordshire District Council's Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme attached in appendix A to the decision notice and authorise the interim head of development and regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet member for community engagement, to determine the use of remaining funding.

The chair of the Scrutiny Committee agreed to waive call in due to the Government requirement for the grant fund to open and weekly update reports to be provided by mid November 2020.

## 13 Questions on notice

To receive questions from councillors in accordance with Council procedure rule 33.

Question from Councillor David Bartholomew to Councillor Sue Cooper, Leader of the council.

"Residents quite rightly expect us to spend their Council Tax and use our time during Council meetings on matters relating to South Oxfordshire; would you therefore agree that:

1. Motions and debates should be confined to matters over which the Council has control or influence, or which directly impact upon the Council and its responsibilities.
2. Matters of national or international interest that Members may have strong views about but fail the test in 1 above are not part of Council's business and should not form part of motions.
3. Motions should not be essays or reports and should not exceed 250 words.
4. Motions should contain a call to action which can be measured or monitored, and the results should be reported back to Council.

If you do not agree with any of these points, I would be grateful if you could explain why?"

## 14 Motions on notice

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

Motions:

- A. Motion to be proposed by Councillor George Levy, seconded by Councillor Peter Dragonetti

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government report entitled *The Future Homes Standard 2019 Consultation on changes to Part L (conservation of fuel and power) and Part F (ventilation) of the Building Regulations for new dwellings* states that:

*We propose introducing in 2020 a meaningful but achievable uplift to energy efficiency standards as a stepping-stone to the Future Homes Standard. The intention is to make new homes more energy efficient and to future-proof them in readiness for low carbon heating systems.*

*The consultation sets out two options to uplift energy efficiency standards and requirements:*

- *Option 1: 20% reduction in carbon emissions compared to the current standard for an average home. We anticipate this could be delivered by very high fabric standards (typically with triple glazing and minimal heat loss from walls, ceilings and roofs).*
- *Option 2: 31% reduction in carbon emissions compared to the current standard. We anticipate this could be delivered based on the installation of carbon-saving technology such as photovoltaic (solar) panels and better fabric standards, though not as high as in option 1 (typically double not triple glazing)*

This Council asks that the Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State requesting clarity on when local authorities will be able to use either option or stronger measures to ensure developers create better homes.

- B. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Alexandrine Kantor, seconded by Councillor David Rouane

Council notes that Trans people face significant disadvantage in society.

Council believes that:

- a. Trans men are men, Trans women are women, and that non-binary genders are just as valid.
- b. Trans people deserve respect and autonomy.
- c. Transphobia has a hugely detrimental impact on the mental health and well-being of trans individuals.
- d. It is our duty as community leaders who seek to create an open and tolerant

society to speak out against transphobia and make clear it will not be tolerated.

Council therefore resolves to:

- a. Ensure that all Council services, both directly provided and through partners, are fully accessible to all, regardless of their sexuality or gender identity.
  - b. Work to provide at least one gender neutral toilet where possible in every public building owned or operated by the Council, and encourage partners to do likewise.
  - c. Ensure that the Council's constitution, policies, forms, and all internal and external communications are gender neutral.
  - d. Encourage and support a network of informal LGBTQ+ allies across officers and councillors to support all members of the LGBTQ+ communities.
- C. Motion to be proposed by Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak, seconded by Councillor Jo Robb

Council supports the application for a 7.5T Environmental weight limit for Henley-on-Thames and a five-mile radius to include villages along the B481. This Environmental Traffic Regulation Order aims to protect historic buildings, enhance safety for people on narrow pavements, improve air quality in Henley and reduce pollution. It will also protect the surrounding villages by ensuring HGVs stay on the strategic road network.

## **15 Exclusion of the public**

To consider whether to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for an 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 1-7 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.

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