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Summons to attend a meeting of Council

to be held on

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2012 AT 6:00PM

at

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CROWMARSH GIFFORD

MARGARET REED
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING

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Agenda

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of interest

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

3. Minutes, 18 October 2012

4. Chairman's announcements

5. Questions from the public and public participation

6. Adoption of the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy

(Cabinet member responsible: Rev'd A Paterson)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 6 December 2012, will consider a report on the adoption of the council's core strategy.

The report of the Head of Planning, which Cabinet will consider on 6 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 7 December 2012.

7. Council tax reduction scheme

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 6 December 2012, will consider a report on a council tax reduction scheme for 2013/14.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 6 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 7 December 2012.

8. Council tax discounts and exemptions

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 6 December 2012, will consider a report on new powers to vary council tax discounts and exemptions.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 6 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 7 December 2012.

9. Council tax base 2013/14

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 6 December 2012, will consider a report on the council's council tax base for 2013/14.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 6 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 7 December 2012.

10. Medium term financial strategy 2013/14 to 2017/18

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 6 December 2012, will consider a report on the medium term financial strategy 2013/14 to 2017/18.

The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 6 December, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.

The recommendation of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 7 December 2012.

11. Response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's warding proposals for South Oxfordshire District Council

To consider the council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for South Oxfordshire District Council (report of the chief executive **attached**).

12. Budget and council tax setting 2013/14

Purpose: to consider the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the 2013/14 budget and council tax setting process (report **attached**).

13. Councillors' allowances scheme

The councillors' allowances scheme allows for the allowances payable under the scheme to be increased up to the RPI announced in the preceding September

subject to Council decision. Council is invited to agree the level at which to increase the basic and special responsibility allowances from 1 April 2013.

13. Didcot All Saints by-election – committee appointments

At the by-election held on Thursday 25 October Mrs Denise Macdonald was elected as a councillor for the Didcot All Saints Ward.

Mrs D Macdonald has formally joined the Labour Group. This does not affect the political balance of the council and therefore the seat allocation on committees because the previous ward councillor, Mr T Joslin, was also a member of the Labour Group.

The Labour Group has indicated that it wishes to appoint Mrs D Macdonald as a member of the Planning Committee and Mr B Cooper as a member of the General Licensing Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To appoint Mrs D Macdonald as a member of the Planning Committee;
2. To appoint Mr B Cooper as a member of the General Licensing Committee.

14. Questions under Council procedure rule 11

Mrs E Hards has submitted the following questions to the Leader of Council:

- A. This question is not to be taken as referring to anyone currently employed by the Council.
What is the Leader's view of the proposed changes which would allow councillors meeting in full council to dismiss their chief executive "quick-smart" (in the words of Mr Pickles)?
- B. At the recent Town and Parish Forum we were told that on November 15 one South Oxfordshire polling station had 10 voters over the course of the 15 hours of polling. Could the leader tell us what was the approximate total cost to this council of the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in terms of staff hours, building hire etc and will this cost be reimbursed by central government?

MARGARET REED
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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