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## **Summons to attend a meeting of Council**

to be held on

**THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2013 AT 6.00 PM**

at

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
OFFICES**

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MARGARET REED  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Note: Please remember to sign the attendance register.

# Agenda

## 1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

## 2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

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

## 3 Minutes of the previous meeting, 18 July 2013

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2013 (previously circulated).

## 4 Chairman's announcements

## 5 Questions from the public and public participation

## 6 Treasury management outturn report 2012/13

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 17 October 2013, will consider a report on the outturn performance of the treasury management function for the financial year 2012/13.

**The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 17 October, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.**

**The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 18 October.**

## 7 Council tax reduction scheme 2014/15 onwards

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 17 October 2013, will consider a report on a council tax reduction scheme for 2014/15.

**The report of the Head of Finance, which Cabinet will consider on 17 October, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.**

**The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 18 October.**

## 8 Gambling Policy

(Cabinet member responsible: Mrs A Ducker, MBE)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 17 October 2013, will consider the recommendations of the Licensing Acts Committee, made at its meeting on 19 September 2013, on the Joint Gambling Policy following the statutory consultation.

**The report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, which Cabinet will consider on 17 October, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.**

The Licensing Acts Committee resolved to recommend Cabinet to recommend Council to:

- (i) adopt the proposed Joint Gambling Policy;
- (ii) authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make minor editorial changes to the Joint Gambling Policy; and
- (ii) authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to publish the Joint Gambling Policy in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement)(England and Wales) Regulations 2006.

**The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 18 October.**

## 9 Long term loan to Soha Housing

(Cabinet member responsible: Mr D Dodds)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 17 October 2013, will consider a report on a long term loan to Soha Housing to provide a long term investment income stream to the council and to fund affordable housing schemes locally.

**The report of the strategic director, which Cabinet will consider on 17 October, was circulated to all councillors with the Cabinet agenda. Please bring this report to the meeting.**

**The recommendations of Cabinet will be circulated to councillors on Friday 18 October.**

## 10 Petition debate - Didcot Wave

A petition has been handed in to *"register opposition to SODC's intention to close the Didcot Wave pool and gym to pay for the new sports facility to the North East and agree that it is essential the Wave stays open to serve the residents of the older established areas of Didcot"*. The petition refers to 1,784 hard copy and e-petition signatures in support, of which 1,650 are from residents.

The council's Petition Scheme states the following regarding petition debates at

Council meetings:

When petitions containing more than 1,500 signatures are submitted, the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and the petition will then be discussed by councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. 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 commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee;
- make recommendations to Cabinet, where the issue is one on which the Cabinet is required to make the final decision.

The Didcot Wave is included in the portfolio of leisure facilities to be managed by the leisure management contractor from 1 September 2014 and no decision has been taken to close this facility. Cabinet will be considering the concept design for the proposed new Didcot leisure facility in early 2014. Council is invited to make any recommendations on these issues to the Cabinet for it to take into account in the future.

## **11 Community Governance Review - Final Terms of Reference** (Pages 5 - 13)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the terms of reference for a community governance review – a review of parish arrangements within the district (**attached**).

## **12 Review of the council's Constitution** (Pages 15 - 48)

To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on proposed changes to the council's constitution (**attached**).

## **13 Questions under Council procedure rule 11**

None.

## **14 Motions under Council procedure rule 41**

None.

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic Services