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

to be held on

**THURSDAY 11 JULY 2024 AT 6.00 PM**

at

**DIDCOT CIVIC HALL, BRITWELL ROAD, DIDCOT, OX11 7JN**

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Vivien Williams  
Head of Legal and Democratic (Interim)

Note: Please remember to sign the attendance register.

# Agenda

## 1 Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence.

## 2 Minutes (Pages 3 - 11)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Council minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2024.

## 3 Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests or any conflicts of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

## 4 Urgent business and chair's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chair determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chair.

## 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 Local Authority Housing Fund 3 (Pages 12 - 55)

Cabinet, at its meeting on 27 June 2024, considered a report on the additional grant funding made available under Local Authority Housing Fund 3 (LAHF 3) to support the provision of housing for the council's refugee accommodation programme and for accommodation for general homelessness use.

The Cabinet report is attached.

Cabinet resolved to accept the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' grant of £840,500 (indicative Local Authority Housing Fund 3 allocation) to deliver four homes that meet the eligibility criteria outlined within the Local Authority Housing Fund 3 prospectus, and to authorise the deputy chief executive – transformation and operations to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which sets out the understanding between both parties for the use of funding.

## **CABINET RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

To add £1.864 million to the approved capital programme, part funded by Local Authority Housing Fund 3 funding of £840,500 to purchase four homes under this scheme.

### **8 Report of the leader of the council**

To receive the report of the leader of the council.

### **9 Questions on notice**

No questions submitted from councillors in accordance with Council procedure rule 35.

### **10 Motions on notice**

No motions submitted from councillors in accordance with Council procedure rule 39.

### **11 Exclusion of the public**

To consider whether to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that:

- (i) It is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A, and
- (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **12 Application for Grant Funding by Soha Housing Ltd – Windmill Road, Thame (Pages 56 - 90)**

Cabinet, at its meeting on 27 June 2024, considered the confidential report of the head of environment and housing on the provision of grant funding using commuted sums held by the council, towards an affordable housing project being delivered by a registered provider of affordable housing on a site in Thame.

Cabinet's recommendations are attached.

### **13 End of Capita contract in September 2025 and options for the services still within the contract (Pages 91 - 100)**

To consider the report of the Deputy Chief Executive: Partnerships – report attached.