

Democratic Services

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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: CABINET
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, WOODGREEN OFFICES, WITNEY
DATE: WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017
TIME: 2.00 PM

Members of the Cabinet

Councillors: J F Mills (Leader); T J Morris (Deputy Leader); Mrs J C Baker;
C G Dingwall J Haine and Mrs C E Reynolds

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A G E N D A

- 1. Notice of Decisions at the meeting held on Wednesday 18 October 2017 (previously circulated)**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Local Code of Conduct, and any from Officers.
- 4. Participation of the Public**

Purpose:
To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.
- 5. Receipt of Announcements**

Purpose:
To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council or Members of the Cabinet.

6. Further Suggested Changes to the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 (Report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing – copy herewith as separate document)

Purpose:

To consider the findings of additional evidence, undertaken to address issues that have arisen during the examination of the draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031, and to consider further suggested changes to the draft Local Plan as a result of this work.

Recommendations:-

- (a) That the Cabinet notes that the Landscape and Heritage Advice, the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Further Addendum Report, Cotswolds AONB Topic Paper and Woodstock Topic Paper will be published for a four week period of public consultation as requested by the Local Plan Inspector in order to help him consider their findings; and
- (b) That the Cabinet agrees that the suggested further changes to the draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 as outlined in Section 5 of this report, and as set out in full at Appendix 1 to the report and subject to any amendments agreed by the Cabinet, are submitted to the Local Plan Inspector for his consideration in relation to the ‘soundness’ of the Local Plan.

7. Comments on the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Local Plans – (Report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the Council’s response to the Local Plan consultations by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils.

Recommendations:-

- (a) That the Cabinet welcomes the positive steps being taken by Vale of White Horse District Council to address the issue of Oxford City’s unmet housing need through Part 2 of its Local Plan
- (b) That the Cabinet raises concerns over the approach of South Oxfordshire District Council in its emerging Local Plan to not follow the Growth Board agreed apportionment for meeting Oxford City’s unmet housing need; and
- (c) That the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing be authorised to prepare and submit representations on the two consultations, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, taking into account the points included in paragraph 5.1 below and subject to any other comments from Cabinet.
- (d) That, for the reasons specified in paragraph 3.38 below, and in accordance with the provisions in the Overview and Scrutiny Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution, the ability to call-in this item for further consideration be waived.

8. Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To update the Cabinet in relation to the above review, and invite it to consider whether it wishes to make representations to the Boundary Commission for England.

Recommendations:-

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the Cabinet considers supporting the proposals insofar as they relate to the Witney Constituency.

9. Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grants (Report of the Group Manager for Revenues and Housing Support – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the inclusion of a discretionary award within the Disabled Facilities Grants scheme.

Recommendation:-

That the Group Manager for Revenues and Housing Support be authorised to award discretionary disabled facilities grants of up to £30,000 on the basis set out in the report.

10. Housing Property Purchase (Report of the Group Manager for Revenues and Housing Support – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider purchase of a property the purpose of which is set out in the report.

Recommendation:

That approval is given to purchase a property for the purposes set out in the report, using funds already approved within the capital programme.

11. Communities Facilities Grants – 2nd Round 2017/2018 (Report of the Head of Leisure and Communities – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider applications for grant aid from the Community Facilities Grant scheme.

Recommendation:

That grants be awarded in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Appendix to the report.

12. 2017/2018 Budget and Performance Monitoring – Quarter 2 (Report of the Group Manager Go Shared Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider performance and risk against financial and operational targets for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017.

Recommendation:

That the Quarter 2 2017/18 financial and operational performance be noted.

13. Policy for Disposal of Amenity Land (Report of the Frank Wilson – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider a co-ordinated approach to requests for release of amenity land for household use.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves a policy that amenity land as described in Section 106 agreements be retained and not sold or transferred to households except where an obvious drafting error has been made in those agreements or in the implementation of them by a developer.

14. Appointment of a Member to Serve on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To appoint a Councillor to serve on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the period until May 2018.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the Cabinet appoints a non-executive member of the Council to serve on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the period until May 2018;
- (b) That should the current Standing Deputy be appointed to the position, Cabinet nominates a non-executive member of the Council to be the replacement deputy; and
- (c) That, for the reasons specified in paragraph 3.5 of the report, and in accordance with the provisions in the Overview and Scrutiny Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution, the decision be implemented immediately.

15. Notice of Intention to Apply for the Closure of a Churchyard – St Michaels and All Angels, Leafield (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the Council's response to the Notice of Intention to apply for the closure of the Churchyard at St Michael and All Angels Church, Leafield.

Recommendation:

That the Council raises no objections to the closure of the churchyard.

16. Treasury Management Advisory Services (Report of the Group Manager, Go Shared Services)

Purpose:

To consider the result of a tendering exercise for the Council's treasury management advisory services to be effective from 1st December 2017.

Recommendation:

That the Council awards the treasury management advisory services contract to Company A for a 3 year period from 1 December 2017, on the terms indicated in the report and with options to extend the contract for a further two years.

17. Exclusion of the Public

Recommendation:

That, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person) the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business.

18. Lease Renewal – The Old Printhouse, Marlborough Lane, Witney (Report of the Group Manager of Land, Legal and Property Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To seek approval for the Council to grant a renewal lease of the Old Printhouse to the West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau Limited.

Recommendation

That the grant of a renewal lease be approved on the terms set out in the report.

19. Land at Talisman Business Centre, Bicester – Compulsory Purchase Order Compensation (Report of the Group Manager of Land, Legal and Property Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To seek approval for the Council to accept the negotiated Compulsory Purchase settlement for the land at the Talisman Business Centre, Bicester.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the compulsory purchase settlement figure set out in the report.

20. Licence to Occupy – Units at Talisman Business Centre, Bicester (Report of the Group Manager of Land, Legal and Property Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To seek approval for the Council to grant a Licence to Occupy units at the Talisman Business Centre, Bicester

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the Licence to Occupy on the terms set out in the report.



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