

Meeting of Council

Tuesday 16 May 2017

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Ian Davies
Interim Head of Paid Service

Monday 8 May 2017

AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3 **Communications** (Pages 1 - 4)

To receive communications from the Chairman and/or the Leader of the Council.

4 **Urgent Business**

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

5 **Minutes of Council** (Pages 5 - 28)

To confirm as correct records the Minutes of Council held on 20 February 2017 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 22 March 2017.

6 **Election of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2017/2018**

7 **Investiture of Chairman**

8 **Chairman's Address**

9 **Vote of Thanks to the Immediate Past Chairman**

10 **Past Chairman's Response**

11 **Election of Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2017/2018**

12 **Investiture of Vice-Chairman**

Council Business Reports

13 **Annual Council Business Report** (Pages 29 - 36)

** Appendix 1 and 2 to this report will follow as Political Groups are considering appointments to Committees **

Report of Interim Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service

Purpose of report

To note the constitution of Political Groups, note the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Executive for the Municipal Year 2017/18, consider and agree the suggested constitution of Committees for the Municipal year 2017/2018 and consider an amendment to the Constitution whereby training will be mandatory for members of the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee.

Recommendations

** The recommendations are also included in the relevant section of the report**

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the constitution of Political Groups and notification of Group Leaders.

- 1.2 To note the appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council, the membership of the Executive and the Executive Portfolios for 2017/18 (Appendix 1 – to follow).
- 1.3 To agree the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements as set out in Table 1.
- 1.4 To agree the allocation of seats on committees not subject to political balance requirements as set out in Table 2.
- 1.5 To appoint members (and where appropriate, substitute members) to serve on each of the committees and other bodies set out in Tables 1 and 2 in accordance with the nominations to be made by political groups (Appendix 2 - to follow).
- 1.6 To appoint a representative to the Oxfordshire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.7 To appoint a representative to the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel.
- 1.8 To agree that the Constitution be amended so that it is mandatory for members of the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee to have received training before they can sit on the Committee.
- 1.9 To agree that authority be delegated to the Head of Law and Governance to update the Constitution to reflect recommendation 1.8.

14 Appointment of Monitoring Officer (Pages 37 - 40)

Report of Interim Head of Paid Service

Purpose of report

To appoint a monitoring officer in place of Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance, who leaves his employment with South Northamptonshire Council on 30 June 2017.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to appoint James Doble as the Council's monitoring officer with effect from 1 July 2017.

15 Community Governance Review Update (Pages 41 - 52)

Report of Interim Chief Executive

Purpose of report

To provide an update on the Community Governance Review (CGR), including the results of the first consultation with Upper Heyford, and to ask Council to approve amendments to the timetable.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the update;
- 1.2 Approve a change in the timetable regarding the second consultation stage of the review;
- 1.3 Delegate authority to the Assistant Director – Transformational Governance to make any further amendments to the timetable if required.

16 High Speed Rail - HS2 Determination of Schedule 17 Applications for Approval of Details (Pages 53 - 58)

Report of Head of Development Management

Purpose of report

To seek the agreement of the Council to the proposed revision to the Scheme of Delegation to the Head of Development Management to ensure the expedient determination of applications submitted pursuant to Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (London to West Midlands) Act 2017.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To amend the Scheme of Delegation to the Head of Development Management, as set out in the Council's Constitution, to insert the following application type within the list of delegated application types set out in part A of the Scheme.

“Applications pursuant to Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017”.

17 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following item contains exempt information as defined in the following paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following item has been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider it in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should Members decide not to make decisions in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

18 Award of Contract for the Construction of the Eco Business Centre at NW Bicester (Pages 59 - 64)

Exempt Report of Commercial Director

FIRST MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

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Information about this Agenda

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Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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