

Meeting of Council

Wednesday 19 May 2010

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Mary Harpley
Chief Executive

Tuesday 11 May 2010

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 Minutes of Council (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 19 April 2010.

4 Election of Chairman

Council is requested to elect a Chairman for the municipal year 2010/11.

The Chairman, when elected, will be asked to make a declaration of acceptance of office.

5 Election of Vice-Chairman

Council is requested to elect a Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2010/11.

The Vice-Chairman, when elected, will be asked to make a declaration of acceptance of office.

6 Communications

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

7 Annual Business (Pages 7 - 14)

** Appendix 1, Executive Portfolios 2010/11 to follow **

Report of Chief Executive

a) District Election Results

The Chief Executive will report on the results of the District Elections held on 6 May 2010.

Recommendation

(1) To note the results of the District Elections held on 6 May 2010.

b) Constitution of Political Groups

The Chief Executive will report on the notifications of the constitution of Political Groups received prior to the meeting and on the notifications from the Political Groups of the names of their Leaders for 2010/11.

Recommendation

(2) That the constitution of political groups and notification of group leaders be noted.

c) Leader of the Council and Executive 2010/11

The Chief Executive will report on:

- Any change in the political control of the Council
- Any change to the leadership of the controlling Political Group

(In accordance with the Constitution, the Leader of the Council continues to hold office except in the circumstances as set out in the constitution. Otherwise, it will be necessary for the Council to elect a new Leader).

The Leader of the Council will report on:

- The appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council.
- The membership of the Executive and the allocation of portfolios, (including any recommendation to the Council to reallocate the responsibility of functions to Portfolio Holders).

Recommendation

- (3) That the appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council, the membership of the Executive and the Executive Portfolios for 2010/11 be noted.

d) Committee Appointments 2010/11

See Annual Council Business Report pages 8 – 10 of the agenda pack and tabled political group nominations.

Recommendations

- (4) That the allocation of the seats on the Committees that are subject to the political balance requirements be agreed as set out in table 1 of the Annual Council Business Report.
- (5) That the allocation of the seats on the Committees that are not subject to the political balance requirements be agreed as set out in table 2 of the Annual Council Business Report.
- (6) To appoint Members (and, where appropriate, substitute members) to serve on each of the Committees and other bodies set out in table 3 of the report in accordance with the nominations to be made by the Political Groups.

(Political Group nominations will be tabled, and may be updated by Group Leaders at the Council Meeting.)

e) Appointment of Representative

Council is asked to appoint a representative to the County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The 2009/10 representative was Councillor Mrs Rose Stratford.

Recommendation

- (7) To appoint a representative to the County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

f) Committee Meeting Attendance 2009/109

See Annual Council Business Report, Appendix 2, page 13 of the agenda pack.

Recommendation

- (8) That the committee meeting attendance for 2008/09 as set out in Appendix 2 of the Annual Council Business Report be noted

8 Appointment of New Independent Member to Standards Committee
(Pages 15 - 18)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

To confirm the appointment of Derek Bacon as the new Independent Member of the Standards Committee and to confirm the remaining terms of the other three Independent members.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- (9) To approve the appointment of Derek Bacon as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for an initial two year term.
- (10) To approve the continued appointment of Dr Sadie Reynolds for a further two years at the end of which Dr Reynolds will no longer be able to serve having completed eight years.
- (11) To approve the continued appointment of Mr James McBeth for a further four years.
- (12) To confirm the initial two year appointment of Mr Ken Hawtin will end at the end of the 2010/2011 municipal year.

FIRST MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

At the conclusion of Council, Committees will meet to appoint their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. The agenda for these first meetings is included at the back of the agenda.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, a buffet reception will be held in the One Stop Shop.

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or (01295) 221587 prior to the start of the meeting.

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. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

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.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

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