

Meeting of Council

Thursday 8 December 2011

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Thursday 8 December 2011 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Sue Smith
Chief Executive

Wednesday 30
November 2011

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**

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

4 Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

5 Urgent Business

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

6 Minutes of Council (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 1 November 2011.

7 Thames Valley Police - Address by Chief Constable

The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, Sara Thornton and her supporting officers will be invited to address Council, following which Members will be able to ask questions.

8 Minutes

- a) Minutes of Executive, Lead Member Decisions and Executive Decisions not included in the Forward Plan

The Leader of the Council to formally propose that the minutes of the meetings of the Executive and Lead Member Decisions as set out in the Minute Book (circulated separately) be received and to report that since the last meeting no decisions have been taken by the Executive which were not included in the Forward Plan.

- b) Minutes of Committees

The Leader of the Council to formally propose that the minutes of committees as set out in the Minute Book (circulated separately) be received.

9 Questions

- a) Written Questions

To receive any written questions and answers which have been submitted with advance notice in accordance with the constitution. A written response to the question will be circulated at the meeting.

b) Questions to the Leader of the Council

The Chairman to invite questions to the Leader of the Council (including any matters arising from the minutes).

Following a response to their question being provided members will be entitled to a follow up or supplementary question.

c) Questions to Committee Chairmen on the minutes

The Chairman to invite questions to Chairmen of Committees on any matter arising from the minutes of their committee (if any).

10 Motions

To debate any motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution.

Council Business Reports

11 Standards Committee Independent Member - Extension of Term of Office
(Pages 7 - 10)

Report of Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer

Summary

To seek approval of the extension of the term of office of Kenneth Hawtin, Independent Member of the Standards Committee.

Recommendations

Council is recommended:

- (1) To approve the continued appointment of Kenneth Hawtin as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee until the Council makes a decision on the future of the Standards Committee in light of the Localism Act 2011.

12 A Shared Information Services/Information Technology (IS/IT) service (Pages 11 - 14)

Report of Head of Finance and Procurement

Summary

To propose that the principle of a shared IS/IT service be adopted as part of the Cherwell District Council policy framework.

Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- (1) Adopt the principle of establishing a shared IS/IT service with South Northamptonshire Council as part of the Council's policy framework.

13 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Chairman, will if necessary, move the exclusion of the press and public if members have indicated (under the relevant agenda item) they wish to ask a question on any matter arising from an exempt minute.

In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their decision members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should members decide not to discuss the issue in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs of Schedule 12A of that Act, as set out in the Minute Book.”

14 Questions on Exempt Minutes

Members of Council will ask questions on exempt minutes, if any.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

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.

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