

Meeting of Council

Monday 16 July 2012

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Monday 16 July 2012 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Sue Smith
Chief Executive

Friday 6 July 2012

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 - 14)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 16 May 2012.

7 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.

8 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).

9 Motions

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

Council Business Reports

10 Chairman's Allowance

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is due to report back on proposals for a Chairman's Allowance following the referral of this matter to them at Annual Council. The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is not due to meet until after the publication of this agenda and their recommendations will be circulated as soon as they are available.

11 Ratification of Standards Arrangements (Pages 15 - 28)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Summary

To enable Council to ensure compliance with the Localism Act 2011 by ratifying the code of conduct previously adopted at the May 2012 Council meeting. Also to take the opportunity to confirm the arrangements for the handling of complaints alleging misconduct by District, Town and Parish Councillors that have been prepared by the Head of Law and Governance pursuant to delegated authority previously granted.

Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the arrangements for dealing with complaints of Councillor misconduct appended to this report.
- (2) Ratify the adoption of the code of conduct at appendix 1 to the arrangements previously resolved at the May 2012 Council meeting.
- (3) Note the intention of the Head of Law and Governance to bring a report to the October meeting of Council to seek approval to the appointment of two independent persons to the Standards Committee and possible revisions to the adopted code of conduct.

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

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