

Meeting of Council

Monday 21 October 2013

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Monday 21 October 2013 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Sue Smith
Chief Executive

Friday 11 October 2013

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 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 22 July 2013.

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 Executive Work Programme.

- 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 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.

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 The Draft Submission Local Plan (Pages 9 - 402)

Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy

Purpose of Report

To endorse the draft Submission Local Plan for the Cherwell District for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To endorse the draft Submission Local Plan for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
- 1.2 To note that the Infrastructure tables in the draft Local Plan are to be replaced in due course by a full Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) prior to Examination.
- 1.3 To delegate approval of minor text changes (including updating the thematic maps and final Monitoring Framework) to the draft Submission Local Plan text to the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning Councillor Gibbard and its transfer in its publication format for Submission.

12 Appointments to Labour Group Vacancies on Committees

Following the Banbury Ruscote By-election, the Labour Group Leader to nominate appointments to the following Labour Group Vacancies on Committees:

- Joint Appeals Panel
- Council and Employee Joint Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Standards Committee (Substitute)

13 Graven Hill Policy Framework (Pages 403 - 406)

Report of Director (Bicester)

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to add the potential acquisition and redevelopment of Graven Hill into the Policy Framework and make available the capital sums required as part of the budget.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To add the potential acquisition and redevelopment of Graven Hill into the Policy Framework and make available the capital sums required as part of the budget.
- 1.2 To request a business case be prepared outlining the full implications of the potential acquisition together with a detailed analysis of the capital sums required to be brought to the December Executive to enable the Executive to make an informed decision with regards to the potential acquisition and redevelopment of this site.

14 East West Local Rail Contribution (Pages 407 - 412)

Report of Director of Development

Purpose of Report

For Council to agree the level of local contribution to be made towards the construction of East West Rail.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To agree the recommendation of Executive that this Council approves a local contribution of £4.353m towards the delivery of East West Rail.

15 Revised Scheme of Officer Delegations (Pages 413 - 462)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Purpose of Report

To enable the Council to adopt a revised scheme of officer delegations that reflects the recent revision to various Head of Service responsibilities.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To adopt the revised scheme of officer delegations at Appendix 1 with immediate effect.
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Head of Law and Governance to make any future amendments to the scheme that are consequential on the current allocation of service responsibilities being revised, new service responsibilities being introduced or post titles changing.

16 Calendar of Meetings January to September 2014 (Pages 463 - 482)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Purpose of Report

Council is asked to consider revisions to the calendar of meetings for municipal year 2013/14 for the period January to April 2014 and the municipal year 2014/15 for the period May to September 2014

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the revised calendar of meetings for the municipal years 2013/14 and 2014/15 for the period January to September 2014.

17 Cherwell Boundary Review Council Size Submission and Community Governance Review Update (Pages 483 - 518)

Report of Chief Executive

Purpose of Report

To agree the council size a submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and to resolve an outstanding issue regarding the Community Governance Review.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To agree that Cherwell District Council retain election by thirds.
- 1.2 To agree that the proposed Council size be 48 Members.
- 1.3 To approved the Council Size submission.
- 1.4 To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make any necessary amendments to the Council Size submission prior to submission to the Local

Government Boundary Commission for England in light of the resolutions of Council.

- 1.5 To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Boundary Review Working Group, to respond to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England "minded to" council size if it is 48 members and if it is a different number delegate authority to the Chief Executive to call an extraordinary meeting of Council.
- 1.6 To note the update on the Community Governance Review and delegate authority to the Head of Law and Governance to finalise the Cherwell (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2013 once consultation with Bicester Town Council and Bicester District Councillors has concluded on 13 November 2013.

18 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."

19 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@cherwellandsouthnorthants.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.

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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