

Meeting of Council

Monday 16 December 2013

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Monday 16 December 2013 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Sue Smith
Chief Executive

Friday 6 December
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** (Pages 1 - 2)

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 3 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 21 October 2013.

7 Presentation by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group - Improving the health of Oxfordshire (Pages 11 - 26)

Stephen Richards, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group 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 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.

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 **Community Governance Review Bicester Town Council** (Pages 27 - 36)

Report of Chief Executive

Purpose of report

To request the revocation of a previous Council resolution relating to Bicester Town Council in the light of further submissions received.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To revoke resolution (5) of Minute 30 of Council on 22 July 2013, relating to a proposed increase in the number of Town Councillors for Bicester Town Council.

12 **Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014-15** (Pages 37 - 40)

Report of Interim Head of Finance and Procurement

Purpose of report

To enable the Council to approve the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014-15.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 as indicated in the report.
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Council's section 151 officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management to determine if any further amendments to the CTRS are required by 31 January 2014.

13 Transformation Bid - Policy Framework and Section 113 Arrangements (Pages 41 - 44)

Report of Chief Executive

Summary

To add the principle of shared working with Stratford-on-Avon District Council to the policy framework and to approve entering into a Section 113 agreement with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and South Northamptonshire Council for the purposes of establishing a Joint Transformation team.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 That the principle of shared working with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and South Northamptonshire Council for the purpose of the establishment and working of the proposed Joint Transformation team be added to the adopted policy framework.
- 1.2 That the Council enters an agreement with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and South Northamptonshire Council pursuant to section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other enabling powers so that employees can be placed at the disposal of the other Councils for the purpose of the establishment and workings of the proposed Joint Transformation team and that the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to complete such agreement in negotiation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

14 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following reports contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph 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 items have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them 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 a decision 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 items of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

15 Bicester Community Building (Pages 45 - 54)

Exempt Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing

16 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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