

Meeting of Council

Monday 20 October 2014

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Monday 20 October 2014 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Sue Smith
Chief Executive

Friday 10 October 2014

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 - 4)

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 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 21 July 2104.

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 two decisions have been taken by the Executive which were not included in the 28 day notice relating to Graven Hill and South West Bicester Sports Village.

- 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 Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfeld, the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, Sara Thornton, and the Local Area Commander, Kath Lowe, 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 a motion which has been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution.

Female Genital Mutilation

That this Council notes that it is estimated that up to 66,000 women and young girls in the UK have undergone Female Genital Mutilation, of this number 20,000 are under the age of 15.

We further note that these procedures have no health benefits and is a harmful traditional practice and an act of violence against women and girls, constitutes a violation of their fundamental rights, particularly the right to personal security, physical and mental health and of their sexual and reproductive health and is an act of child abuse.

Such violations can under no circumstances be justified by respect for cultural or religious traditions or initiation ceremonies.

To date there has not been a single prosecution for this in 28 years within the UK for those responsible for perpetrating this horrific crime as opposed to a more proactive approach in France.

The Council asks the Leader and Chief Executive to ensure all council staff and members assist health and Social Care professionals in Oxfordshire, including Midwives, Obstetricians, Nurses, Social Workers, Community Workers, Police, Crown Prosecution Service and Policy makers to work together to identify women and young girls who are at risk and to work in partnership to take effective action to bring to an end this barbaric practice.

Proposer: Cllr Kieron Mallon

Council Business Reports

11 Approval of Main Modifications of Cherwell Local Plan (Pages 11 - 578)

****Please note that appendices 8 -10 to this report will follow as they are currently being finalised****

Report of the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy

Purpose of Report

To consider Proposed Modifications to the Submission Cherwell Local Plan and representations received. To approve the Proposed Modifications, Further Proposed Minor Modifications and Sustainability Appraisal Addendum for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Modifications are required to proceed with the public Examination and to ensure that the Local Plan is 'sound', and conforms to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Recommendation

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the Proposed Modifications to the Submission Local Plan, incorporating Further Proposed Minor Modifications and Sustainability Appraisal Addendum, for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government through the Planning Inspectorate.

12 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following report contains 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.”

13 Bicester Community Building Update

** Please note that this report will follow as discussions with the developer are ongoing **

Exempt Report of Commercial Director (Bicester)

14 Questions on Exempt Minutes

Members of Council willask 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 221589 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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