

Meeting of Council

Tuesday 19 May 2015

Members of Cherwell District Council,

A meeting of Council will be held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 6.30 pm, and you are hereby summoned to attend.



Sue Smith
Chief Executive

Monday 11 May 2015

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 Urgent Business

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

5 Minutes of Council (Pages 3 - 16)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of Council held on 23 February 2015.

6 Election of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2015/16

7 Investiture of Chairman

8 Chairman's Address

9 Vote of Thanks to Immediate Past Chairman

10 Past Chairman's Response

11 Election of Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2015/16

12 Investiture of Vice-Chairman

Council Business Reports

13 Annual Council Business Report (Pages 17 - 22)

** Appendix 1 and 2 to this report will follow as Political Groups are considering appointments to Committees **

Report of Chief Executive

Purpose of report

To note the results of the 7 May 2015 district elections, the constitution of Political Groups, to note the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Executive for the Municipal Year 2015/16 and to consider and agree the suggested constitution of Committees for the Municipal year 2015/2016.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the results of the District elections held on 7 May 2015.

- 1.2 To note the constitution of Political Groups and notification of Group Leaders.
- 1.3 To note the appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council, the membership of the Executive and the Executive Portfolios for 2015/16 (Appendix 1 – to follow).
- 1.4 To agree the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements as set out in Table 1.
- 1.5 To agree the allocation of seats on committees not subject to political balance requirements as set out in Table 2.
- 1.6 To appoint members (and where appropriate, substitute members) to serve on each of the committees and other bodies set out in Tables 1 and 2 in accordance with the nominations to be made by political groups (Appendix 2 - to follow).
- 1.7 To appoint a representative to the County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.8 To appoint a representative to the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel.

14 Joint Councils Employee Engagement Committee (Pages 23 - 30)

Report of Chief Executive

Purpose of report

This report recommends the implementation of the Joint Councils Employee Engagement Committee to undertake consultation and engagement with employees on behalf of Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council as set out in the final business case for joint working agreed by both authorities at their Council Meetings in February 2015.

Recommendations

- 1.1 Following adoption of the final business case for joint working by Council in February 2015 and a period of consultation with the relevant Trade Union Representatives Members are recommended, subject to South Northamptonshire Council resolving in similar terms, to:
 - 1) Establish the Joint Councils Employee Engagement Committee with the terms of reference as set out in the Final Business Case 'Developing the Approach to Joint Working and the Delivery of Local Authority Services' agreed by Council in February 2015 (see appendix 1 for the terms of reference endorsed as part of the final business case)
 - 2) Disband the existing arrangements for employee consultation (the Council and Employee Joint Committee at Cherwell District Council and the Council and Employee Local Joint Committee at South Northamptonshire Council).

15 Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 - Mandatory Standing Orders re Dismissal of Statutory Officers
(Pages 31 - 38)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Purpose of report

To enable the Council to comply with the legal obligation imposed upon it to incorporate new constitutional provisions dealing with the dismissal of statutory officers for alleged misconduct, to approve the composition of the required Panel to be introduced as part of the process and to delegate authority to appropriate officers to appoint the Panel and arrange meetings (if necessary).

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the inclusion of the procedure at Appendix 1 as part of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules in the Council's constitution and note that the Head of Law and Governance has exercised his delegated authority to make consequential amendments to the constitution as necessary to reflect the requirements contained in the Local Authorities (Standing Order) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 ("the 2015 Regulations).
- 1.2 To approve the constitution of the Panel as solely comprising the independent persons appointed by this Council and South Northamptonshire Council pursuant to section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011.
- 1.3 To delegate authority to the Head of Law and Governance (or one of the Deputy Monitoring Officers should the Head of Law and Governance be the subject of the relevant disciplinary action) to appoint the Panel and convene meetings of it in the event that this ever becomes necessary.
- 1.4 To note that the Head of Transformation will automatically amend the Joint Local Discipline and Dismissal Guide for Statutory Officers and that she has already taken steps to amend the contracts of employment of the statutory officers as necessary to reflect the changes introduced by the 2015 Regulations.

FIRST MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

At the conclusion of Council, Committees will meet to appoint their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. The agenda for these first meetings are included at the back of the Council agenda.

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Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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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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