


URGENT BUSINESS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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Agenda Item Number	Page	Title	Officer Responsible	Reason Not Included with Original Agenda
4.	(Pages 3 - 4)	Thames Valley Police - Address by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Member questions submitted in advance of the meeting	N/A	Deadline for Members to submit questions in advance of the meeting was after agenda publication
5.	(Pages 5 - 6)	Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting	N/A	Deadline to register was after agenda publication
9.	(Pages 7 - 8)	Questions Response to written question		The Constitution requires the written question response to be published on the working day before the meeting
10.	N/A	Motions No amendments to any of the three motions have been submitted	N/A	N/A

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Agenda Item 3, Thames Valley Police - Address by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable

Members were asked to submit questions in advance of the meeting. The following questions were submitted.

Councillor	Ward	Question
Cllr James Macnamara	Fringford & Heyfords	<p>“Parish Councils value having a direct link with a known and trusted Police Officer, or at least a PCSO, who can attend meetings when necessary and is immediately contactable when issues arise. Can the Chief Constable please ensure these links are supported by the Police and that local officers have the means to attend Zoom/Teams meetings?”</p> <p><i>I'd like the answer to reassure us that local officers strive to contact Parish Clerks so the effort is not all from the PC end and that, now we are into remote meetings, officers have the IT resources to attend online.</i></p>
Cllr Carmen Griffiths	Kidlington East	I would like to know the figures for sex offences & rape in 18/ 19 and now 2020. Last year they had increased quite substantially so I would like to see what the 3 year trend is
Cllr Surinder Dhesi	Banbury Cross & Neithrop	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There have been ongoing complaints in recent years from residents about the non-emergency police number, 101. When calling, they have had difficulties to get through. What progress has been made to rectify problems with the 101 number. 2. In my ward, Banbury Cross & Neithrop, 10 businesses have been burgled in the past 2 weeks and there have been 2 cases of arson. What are the police doing to address these matters? 3. Drugs is a big problem in Banbury with exchanges done in public, what are the police doing about the problem?
Cllr John Broad	Bicester West	<p>Motorcycle theft in the UK is worse in some areas of the UK than others and with the increase in the sales of electric motorcycles from electrically assisted pedal cycles up to large touring motorcycles, knowing the statistics for each area is important for the police to be able to determine any focus on action.</p> <p>The Motorcycle Action Group requested motorcycle theft data from</p>

		<p>each police area under an FOI back in June 2020 and most responded but the Thames Valley Police suggested that they would not be able to separate this data from the general theft of motor vehicles without spending considerable time going through the lists and so refused under the grounds of cost. Slightly odd as most other Police areas did provide the data requested.</p> <p>As the theft of motorcycles, or more correctly Powered Two Wheel (PTW) vehicles, is completely different to the theft of motor cars, vans, etc it is important to be able to identify the numbers to fully understand the problem, especially in one of the largest Police areas. In an answer to my request to the PCC by email on the 30th August 2020, Sierra Reid responded with the following:-</p> <p>"I understand your views that motorcycle crime needs to be recorded separately to other four-wheeled vehicles however it has been confirmed to me by TVP that changing the vehicle classification to mandatory could currently impact their ability to capture other offences on the system. They have informed me however, that as this is now a known issue, they are looking to see if they can improve on the situation in their next system update."</p> <p>My question is that "as this is now a known issue", they suggested this might be accomplished "in their next system update"; has this occurred yet? If not, why not as PTW theft is completely different to four wheel theft and without the data the Police cannot address the issue correctly?</p>
Cllr Ian Middleton	Kidlington East	<p>"After the revelations about the behaviour of the hunting community in a recent virtual meeting of hunt leaders, which included some retired senior police officers, will TVP now be paying closer attention to the behaviour of the hunts themselves, rather than those groups seeking to ensure that the hunting act is being properly adhered to?"</p>
Cllr Mark Cherry	Banbury Ruscote	<p>As a local councillor who also works in building industry there still a lot of building vans being broken into in Banbury . As a consequence the damage caused to the vans let alone if tools are stolen that can cost trades people thousands of pounds due to cost of replacing the tools and in some cases major lost income .</p> <p>What is the long term plans to tackle this type of crime by Thames valley police, this also includes catalectic the converter thefts?</p>



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Agenda Item 5, Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

There have been no petitions.

There have been 4 requests to address Council as set out below.

Agenda Item 10: Motion on Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill

- Jane Rogers, Local resident
- Berenice Westwood, Local resident
- Michael Taylor, Local resident

Agenda Item 10: Motion on Hunting

- Linda Newbery, Local resident

The speakers will be admitted to the virtual meeting by the Governance and Elections Manager at the start of the relevant motion. The Chairman will then invite each speaker to address the meeting prior to the motion being presented to Council by the proposer.

The speakers will each be able to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes and will leave the virtual meeting after their address. There is no question and answer of speakers.

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Agenda Item 9 (a), Written Questions

Question From: Councillor Ian Middleton

Question To: Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Wood

Topic: Castle Quay Shopping Centre

Question

“ In your response to Councillor Copeland's written question about financial risks associated with the Castle Quay Shopping Centre posed during the full council meeting of July, you said :

"Commercially sensitive risk assessments on the vulnerabilities both financially and market sectors of tenants are reviewed on a regular basis and reported back to the cross-party Castle Quay Advisory Group"

I can find no reference to this group anywhere other than in your reply. No reference to it ever having met. No minutes of any such meetings and no reports on vulnerabilities. After doing a word search for the group on the website I can find no reference to it at all.

Furthermore, If it's a cross party group, the Progressive Oxfordshire group does not appear to be represented.

Could you confirm that this group actually exists and provide a list of members involved, their terms of reference, and records of past meetings.

In particular I would be grateful for sight of the risk assessments you said in July had been carried out on market sectors and tenants of the centre.

Given the recent collapse of two major retailers with stores in the centre, this information is now even more important to show that the interests of the council and council tax payers are being protected.”

Response

The Advisory Group was set up in May 2018 and is made up of Councillors from across the political spectrum, as was at the time.



In total there are 5 members and these are split as follows: 3 Conservative Councillors (with the Lead Member Financial Management and Governance to be chair of the group); · 2 Labour Councillors

The Cross-Party Advisory Group Members are Councillor Tony Illott (Chairman); Councillor Lynn Pratt (Portfolio Head for Property); Councillor Colin Clark; Councillor Cassi Perry; Councillor Barry Richards.

This is supported by the Corporate Director for Commercial Development, Assets and Investment; Assistant Director for Property, Investment and Contract Management; Assistant Director for Finance.

The political balance rules do not, however, apply to informal or consultative bodies that are not council committees or sub-committees of the council (i.e., to any that do not exercise a delegated function).

The Group meets every month.

Purpose: The policy advisory group provide advice and guidance to Officers responsible for delivery on all aspects of the project.

They provide feedback on options and recommendations presented to the group and provide challenge.

The Advisory Group is not a decision-making body and any resourcing or other implications that require a formal decision are still considered via the Executive. It should be noted that delivery of this scheme is to provide broader benefits for the town of Banbury and to be a long-term financial investment.

Officers and the Advisory Group are briefed regularly on the financial performance of tenants and performance of the Centre. Monthly financial reporting to the Advisory Group and the Council's Finance Team is undertaken, much of which is commercially sensitive.

I am happy to arrange for Steve Jorden, Corporate Director for Commercial Development, Assets and Investments to arrange a Member briefing for any Members who are interested.