

COUNCIL

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

8 May 2007

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on **Wednesday, 16 May 2007 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Monkton Park, Chippenham**. The items for decision and information at the meeting are as listed on the attached agenda.

Prior to the meeting a group photograph of the Council will be taken and you are requested to be available at the Council Offices at 6.30pm.

At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a Welcome Reception for all Councillors.

Any papers listed as "to follow", urgent items or supplementary papers will be made available as soon as possible and in any event no later than 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

John Watling
Policy and Democratic Services Team Leader

AGENDA

Prayers

1. **Election of Chairman**
2. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman**
3. **Appointment of Vice Chairman**
4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chairman**
5. **Apologies for Absence**
6. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 April 2007, **copy attached**.

7. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any item contained in this Agenda.

8. **Chairman's Announcements**
9. **Appointment of Leader of the Council**

To appoint the Leader of the Council and, if appropriate, invite the newly appointed Leader to outline their plans regarding the Executive.

10. **Appointment of Committees**

(a) Area Committees

The purpose of report no. 11(a), **to follow**, is to explain the changes that are required to the Area Committees following the boundary changes to Wards that are effective from the elections on 3 May 2007.

(b) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Allocation of Seats

The purpose of report 11(b), **to follow**, is to agree the size and nature of the Council's Committees for the forthcoming municipal year and to review the allocation of seats on Committees to political groups.

(c) Appointments to the Council's Standing Committees

To make appointments to serve on the Council's Committees, taking into account the nominations of the Political Groups as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Appointments to be made to the following Committees:

(i) Appeals Committee

(ii) Appointments Committee

(iii) Development Control Committee

(iv) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(v) Personnel Licensing and Administration Committee

(vi) Standards Committee

(vii) Final Accounts & Audit Committee

(viii) Licensing Committee

Note: The Membership of the Area Committees is dealt with at item 10(a) of this Agenda.

11. Representatives on Outside Bodies

The purpose of report no. 11, **copy attached**, is to advise Council of the Outside Bodies for whom representatives are required.

12. Calendar of Meetings

To note that the Calendar of Meetings, **copy attached**, was approved at the last Council meeting held on 24 April 2007.

13. Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places – Proposed Order in Calne

The purpose of report no. 13, **copy attached**, is to consider designating certain streets and public places in Calne as areas in which the drinking of alcohol can be controlled and to authorise the Team Leader Legal Services to make the appropriate Order.

14. Members' Code of Conduct

The purpose of report no. 14 is to formally adopt the revised Model Code of Local Government Conduct. The Standards Committee considered this matter at its meeting on 23 April 2007 and made the following recommendation:

Resolved to recommend the Council:

- (1) To adopt the revised Model Code of Conduct without amendment.
- (2) To adopt the ten General Principles as an Annex to the Code to remind both Members and the public of the principles underlying the Code.

15. Questions from Councillors – Council Procedure Rule 14

To receive any written questions asked by Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.2.

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Note: Following Agenda Item 15, at the conclusion of the Council meeting, the Council's Committees will meet in the same order as Agenda item 10(c), followed by the 5 Area Committees to elect their Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Please note that the Standards Committee and the Appeals Committee will elect a Chairman at their first meetings.