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Date: **Wednesday 19 February 2014**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall**

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Councillor Dee Sinclair

Deputy Lord Mayor

Councillor Tony Brett

Sheriff

Councillor Mohammed Abbasi

Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan

Councillor Laurence Baxter

Councillor Elise Benjamin

Councillor Susan Brown

Councillor Jim Campbell

Councillor Anne-Marie Canning

Councillor Bev Clack

Councillor Mary Clarkson

Councillor Colin Cook

Councillor Van Coulter

Councillor Steven Curran

Councillor Roy Darke

Councillor Jean Fooks

Councillor James Fry

Councillor John Goddard

Councillor Michael Gotch

Councillor Mick Haines

Councillor Sam Hollick

Councillor Rae Humberstone

Councillor Graham Jones

Councillor Pat Kennedy

Councillor Shah Khan

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Councillor Mark Lygo

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Councillor Mark Mills

Councillor Helen O'Hara

Councillor Michele Paule

Councillor Susanna Pressel

Councillor Bob Price

Councillor Mike Rowley

Councillor Gwynneth Royce

Councillor David Rundle

Councillor Gill Sanders

Councillor Scott Seamons

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SUMMONS

A meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Wednesday 19 February 2014 at 5.00 pm to transact the business set out below.

Peter Sloman

Proper Officer

AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 PUBLIC ADDRESSES AND QUESTIONS THAT RELATE TO MATTERS FOR DECISION AT THIS MEETING

Public addresses and questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.10 and 11.11. The full text of any address or question must be received by the Head of Law and Governance by 5.00pm on Thursday 13th February 2014.

Full details of addresses and questions submitted by the deadline will be provided separately prior to the meeting.

4 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER ON THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE 2014/15 BUDGET

The Head of Finance will submit a report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 which requires him to report to the Council on:

- (a) The robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations of the budget, and
- (b) The adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

Council will be asked to note the report when setting its budget for 2014/15

and the indicative budgets for 2015/16 – 2017/18.

This report will be circulated separately prior to the meeting.

5 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014-15 TO 2017-18 AND 2014-15 BUDGET FOR CONSULTATION: A FAIR FUTURE FOR OXFORD 7 - 140

The Head of Finance has submitted two reports which will be submitted to the City Executive Board on 12th February 2014 as follows:

- (1) The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2014/15 to 2017/18 and the Council's 2014/15 Budget;
- (2) Supplementary Report - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014-15 to 2017-18 and 2014-15 Budget: A Fair Future for Oxford

An extract from the minutes of the City Executive Board held on 12th February 2014 will be circulated prior to this meeting of Council.

6 CORPORATE PLAN 2014-18 141 - 206

The Head of Policy, Culture and Communications has submitted a report, on the consultation on the Corporate Plan 2014-2018

This report was submitted to the City Executive Board on 12th February 2014. An extract from the minutes of this meeting will be circulated separately prior to this meeting of Council.

Council is asked to:

- (a) To approve the Corporate Plan 2014-2018;
- (b) To delegate authority to the Head of Policy, Culture and Communications to make minor textual amendments where necessary in preparation for formal publication of the Corporate Plan 2014-18.

7 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2014/15 207 - 234

The Head of Finance has submitted a report which presents the Treasury Management Strategy for 2014/15 with the Prudential Indicators for 2014/15 – 2017/18.

This report was submitted to the City Executive Board on 12th February 2014. An extract from the minutes of this meeting will be circulated separately prior to the meeting of Council.

Council is asked to:

- (1) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15, and the

treasury prudential indicators at paragraphs 13 – 28.

- (2) Approve the Investment Strategy for 2014/15 and the detailed investment criteria as set out in paragraphs 29 – 48 and appendix 1, including the changes highlighted in paragraph 9.
- (3) Adopt and approve the Prudential Indicators and limits for 2014/15 to 2017/18 as set out in paragraphs 50-51 and Appendix 2 below.
- (4) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement at paragraphs 18 – 28 which sets out the Council's policy on repayment of debt.

8 COUNCIL TAX 2014/15

The Head of Finance will submit a report on the Council Tax for 2014/15.

This report will be circulated separately prior to the meeting.

9 MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

If Council wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any aspects of the preceding agenda items it will be necessary for Council to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 specifying the grounds on which their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Section 15 of the Council's Constitution – sets out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings of the Council.

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licences for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

¹Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those of the member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.