



Council

Date: 16 December 2013
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber
District Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, on 16 December 2013 at 6.30 pm to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

Ms K Satterford
Chief Executive

Agenda

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	Written questions may be asked of the Leader or any Cabinet Member if submitted by 12 noon on Thursday 12 December 2013. Questions will be submitted in the order in which they are received.	
	Any questioner may put one supplementary question without notice. No question or answer may exceed 3 minutes.	
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	Questions to the Leader or any Cabinet Members must be submitted by 12 noon on Thursday 12 December 2013. Questions will be taken first from Leaders of the political parties in order of number of Members.	
	Other Members will be called upon in the order in which question have been received. Every Member asking an oral question is permitted to ask one supplementary question without notice provided that it introduces no new matter. The appropriate Member will respond to any questions remaining unanswered at the expiry of 30 minutes in writing.	
	Any question remaining unanswered after 30 minutes will be answered within 10 working days in writing after the meeting by the appropriate Member and appended to the minutes of the meeting.	

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WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 16 December 2013

AGENDA ITEM 5

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Mr R Kettle to the Cabinet Member for Planning & Sustainability

From Thames Water documents available on the Planning Portal, it is clear that Thames Water have a duty to deliver mains water with a minimum head of 10 metres and a flow of 9 litres per minute at the property boundary. We are aware that there have been issues with the Little Marlow Sewage Works depositing raw sewage, not only into the Thames but also into neighbouring fields.

Consultation now taking place on the new Local Plan shows in the region of 13,000 additional houses/dwellings and extensive commercial space to be built in the district over the next 13 years.

What practical steps are the District Council, in conjunction with Thames Water and the Environmental Agency, taking to ensure that such developments are delivering water at the standard required and that the additional sewage generated can be removed and treated without the infrastructure being overloaded, or repeats of the issues at Little Marlow Sewage Works?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor N B Marshall (Cabinet Member for Planning & Sustainability)

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AGENDA ITEM 6

Questions from Members

1. Question from Councillor S F Parker to the Cabinet Member for Environment.

Can the cabinet member update the Council on the roll out of the new waste recycling scheme, and reassure us that there is sufficient flexibility in the system to cater for the requirements of all residents of Wycombe District?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J E Teesdale (Cabinet Member for Environment).

2. Question from Councillor A Turner to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration.

The proposed extension to the Risborough Springs fitness centre in Princes Risborough will need to be built on land owned by Princes Risborough Town Council (PRTC) and it now appears to be partly paid for by using 106 developer contributions which had already been claimed by PRTC for another project. However, WDC have chosen not to consult PRTC (who are the owners of the land) about the proposed extension, but simply lodged a planning application, nor did they inform PRTC that they had re-allocated the aforementioned 106 monies to their own project. So much for "Localism"!

Before this debacle descends into a legal confrontation, will this Council agree to withdraw the planning application until proper consultations with PRTC have taken place and mutual agreement reached on these issues?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor A R Green (Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration).

3. Question from Councillor R Colomb to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration.

I am sure you would agree that the unemployment situation in Wycombe District is still unacceptable. In October 2013 the claimant count was 2,026 making us the weakest of the Buckinghamshire Districts. In June 2012 the job density was 0.86 , a marginal improvement on the 0.84 recorded in the January 2012 Task and Finish Group Report on Employment and the Economy, of which you were a Member.

This report made 19 recommendations to improve the situation.

Unfortunately your predecessor and his colleagues in the Collingwood administration agreed only 6, agreed 2 in part, rejected 1 and side-lined 10 for further consideration.

Would you please advise how many of the latter you have resurrected?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor A R Green (Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration).

4. Question from Councillor T Snaith to the Leader of the Council

I reference <http://www.createacouncil.nalc.gov.uk/background/>

A Grant Agreement between NALC and DCLG for the 2013-14 NALC / CALC / DCLG new councils' Programme was signed by both organisations on 30 September 2013. Its aim is to:

- Encourage the creation of more parish councils in England;
- Sustain the work of more new parish councils in England; and
- Ensure that as the process to create parish councils was made easier, more sustainable campaigns to create parish councils in England were created.

Accordingly, funded by DCLG, NALC is making available by 31 March 2014;

- 15 grants of up to £10,000 to support campaigns to create parish councils in England;
- 1 grant of up to £25,000 to support the sustainability of work of a new council created between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014; and
- 42 bursaries of up to £1k each for County Associations of Local Councils with un-parished areas to engage in early out-reach work at an agreed day-rate, to encourage new councils and campaign groups to apply for these grants.

Does the Leader agree that our council should be supporting and promoting this initiative as it will allow High Wycombe Town to develop its own voice and deliver a Town Council for High Wycombe?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor R J Scott (Leader of the Council).

5. Question from Councillor M Hanif to the Cabinet Member for Community.

A lack of affordable homes means that people who are working these days have to apply and live on benefits. Families in such situations can easily fall in the poverty trap. What is WDC currently doing to help such families and to address the affordable homes requirement in this town?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor J M Gibbs (Cabinet Member for Community).

6. Question from Councillor T Snaith to the Leader of the Council.

As community leaders what can the Leader and councillors do to show leadership in improving health and wellbeing of our local communities?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor R J Scott (Leader of the Council).

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