



**WYCOMBE**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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High Wycombe  
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## Council

Date: 26 February 2015  
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, District Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe on 26 February 2015 at 6.30 pm to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

Ms K Satterford  
Chief Executive

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## Agenda

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1	<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive apologies for absence	
2	<b>MINUTES</b> To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of Council held on 15 December 2014.	1 - 20
3	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any disclosure of disclosable pecuniary interests by Members relating to items on the agenda. If any member is uncertain as to whether an interest should be disclosed, he or she is asked if possible to contact the District Solicitor prior to the meeting.	

Members are reminded that if they are declaring an interest they

should state the nature of that interest whether or not they are required to withdraw from the meeting.

#### **4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive such communication as the Chairman of the Council may wish to make.

#### **5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Written questions may be asked of the Leader or any Cabinet Member, if submitted by 12 noon on Friday 20 February 2015. Questions will be submitted in the order in which they are received.

A questioner will have a maximum of 1 minute to ask a question, and the answer shall not exceed 3 minutes. Any questioner may put one supplementary question without notice within a maximum time of 1 minute and the answer may not exceed 2 minutes.

#### **6 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

Questions to the Leader or any Cabinet Members must be submitted by Friday 20 February 2015. 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 questions have been received. Every member asking an oral question is permitted to ask one supplementary question without notice provided that it does not introduce any 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.

#### **7 PETITIONS**

- (i) Council to receive any petition from a member of the public or form a Councillor on behalf of a Member or a member of the public as notified by the deadline of 5pm on Thursday 19 February 2015.
- (ii) Council to consider any petition already received that meets the required number of signatures to qualify for a debate by Full Council. (The petition organiser will have 5 minutes to present the petition and then Council will debate the matter for a maximum of 15 minutes and decide how to respond to the petition).

#### **8 CABINET**

To receive the minutes of and consider any recommendations from the following meeting:

Cabinet 9 February 2015

**9 COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2015/16 AND PRESENTATION FROM LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (TO FOLLOW)**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 9 February 2015 recommend revenue estimates and the District and parish elements of Council Tax levels for 2015/16.

Full Council is required to consider the Revenue Estimates and the District and Parish elements of Council Tax levels for 2015/16 and then to set out the full Council Tax.

Details relating to the precept from Bucks County Council, the Thames Valley Police Authority and Bucks and Milton Keynes Fire Authority are awaited. The full report containing these details together with the Full Council Tax details across the District is therefore to follow.

Members are reminded that they must have regard to the Chief Financial Officer's report when setting the Council Tax.

In accordance with Standing Order 16.5, a recorded vote shall take place on decisions relating to the setting of the Budget and Council Tax.

**10 STANDARDS COMMITTEE 39 - 42**

To receive the minutes and consider any recommendations from the following meeting:

Standards Committee 6 January 2015

**11 IMPROVEMENT AND REVIEW COMMISSION 43 - 52**

To receive the minutes of and consider any recommendations from the following meeting:

Improvement & Review Commission 14 January 2015

**12 AUDIT COMMITTEE 53 - 56**

To receive the minutes of and consider any recommendations from the following meeting:

Audit Committee 15 January 2015

**13 HIGH WYCOMBE TOWN COMMITTEE 57 - 60**

To receive the minutes of and consider any recommendations from the following meeting:

High Wycombe Town Committee 20 January 2015

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<p><b>17 NOTICE OF MOTION</b></p> <p>To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by the deadline of noon on Friday 13 February 2015.</p> <p>The following Notice of Motion is submitted by Councillor A Turner and seconded by Councillor G Hall:</p> <p>“Given the recommendations of the recent Ernst &amp; Young report, commissioned by Bucks Business First, on the potential savings through the creation of a Unitary Authority for Buckinghamshire, I believe that further delay in this matter is no longer justified. The report concludes that potential annual savings in excess of £20M can be achieved by merging the County and four District Councils in to a single Unitary Authority, with varying savings if two or more Unitary Authorities are formed. With Government funding of local government continuing to decline rapidly both County and District Councils are having to make / consider cuts to service provision and future council tax increases in a desperate attempt to balance the books. Under these circumstances it cannot be right to ignore such huge savings that the creation of a Unitary Authority might bring. Therefore, I move that with immediate effect this Council, in conjunction with Bucks County Council and the three other District Councils in Bucks, commissions an independent review into the practicalities, costs and potential savings of forming a Unitary Authority.”</p>							
<p><b>18 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 11.2</b></p>							

To receive details of any written questions submitted before the deadline of 12 noon on Friday 20 February 2015.

**19 URGENT ACTION TAKEN BY CABINET OR INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER**

The following individual decisions have been published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2014.

- 1) Allocation of Community Support Grants 2015/16 (Community Services)
- 2) Allocation of Community Support Grants 2015/16 (Homes and Homelessness)
- 3) Community Support Grants 2015/16 (Planning & Sustainability)
- 4) Release of Facilities for Young People Capital Funding for the supply and installation of a new toddler multi unity at Desborough Recreation Ground and upgrade of play area at Rennie Close Downley.
- 5) Release of funds not exceeding £50 000 from the Contingency Fund to fund planning and design work on the council owned Reserved Sites.
- 6) Community Support Grants 2015/16 Planning & Sustainability – Provision of Dial A Ride Services.
- 7) Rent Deposit Scheme and Homeless Prevention Fund

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