

08 April 2014

Dear Sir or Madam

A Meeting of the **POLICY, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** will be held in Council Chamber 1, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray on **Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 6.30 p.m.** at which your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Aisbett
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

No.	Item
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2.	MINUTES To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2014 and the Ad Hoc meeting held on 11 March 2014.
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
4.	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES
5.	UPDATE ON DECISIONS The Chief Executive to submit an update on decisions from previous meetings of the Committee.
6.	RECORDING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS The Head of Communications to submit a report to provide options for Members to consider with regard to recording, filming and webcasting Council and Committee meetings. The Committee is also asked to approve a policy for public recording of meetings in accordance with the DCLG Guidance.
Exempt Appendix D	
7.	PRIORITIES CONSULTATION The Head of Communications to submit a report to provide initial feedback from the consultation exercise.

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8.	<p>TRANSPORT MODELLING</p> <p>The Head of Regulatory Services to submit a report to request funding to invest in the development of an effective robust and up to date transport modelling solution for Melton.</p>
9.	<p>BUSINESS RATES REOCCUPATION RELIEF SCHEME</p> <p>The Head of Central Services to submit a report to request Members to approve a Reoccupation Relief Scheme following a new discretionary power available to Local Authorities to support retail businesses throughout the whole Borough.</p>
10.	<p>PARKSIDE CIVIC SUITE – OPTIONS APPRAISAL</p> <p>The Head of Central Services to report back to members on the findings from the option appraisal on usage and service operation of the Civic Suite. To agree a budget for promoting the Civic Suite locally under existing arrangements with the aim of increasing paid usage of the facilities as a venue for public sector and local business conferences.</p>
11.	<p>CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROVISIONAL YEAR END POSITION 2013/14</p> <p>The Head of Central Services to update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme.</p>
12.	<p>REVENUE ESTIMATES CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS</p> <p>The Head of Central Services to submit a report to submit for approval requests from budget holders to carry forward under spent budgets from 2013/14 to 2014/15.</p>
13.	<p>ITEMS FOR APPROVAL UNDER FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES</p> <p>The Head of Central Services to submit a report to provide requests for approval of this Committee under Financial Procedure Rules and to provide information on amounts approved under delegated powers and to report the impact of these on the Council's reserves and balances.</p>
14.	<p>ARTISAN CHEESE FAIR</p> <p>The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit a report seeking Members approval to underwrite, on a one off basis, a contribution to boost the Artisan Cheese fair up to £6000.</p>
15.	<p>THE AGILE COUNCIL</p> <p>The Chief Executive to submit a report to provide an update on the Council's position in relation to PWC analysis of the steps a Council may need to take to meet the current financial, social, and technical change, to "create and operate a change ready organisation".</p>
16.	<p>CORPORATE ISSUES</p> <p>The Chief Executive to submit a report advising Members of the progress of certain key corporate issues.</p>
17.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>To consider any other items that the Chairman considers urgent.</p>

	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RECOMMENDED that the Public be excluded during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Access to Information: Exempt Information) under paragraph 3.</p>
18.	<p>DISPOSAL OF LAND The Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods to seek Members' approval for the disposal of two small pieces of land as surplus to requirements.</p>
19. To Follow	<p>DISPOSAL OF LAND - FOYER PROJECT The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit a report to seek member approval for officers to progress the Housing Foyer Project.</p>

To : Councillors M.W. Barnes P.M. Posnett (VC)
 M. Gordon J.B. Rhodes (C)
 E. Hutchison J. Simpson
 G. Bush D.R. Wright
 M. O'Callaghan J. Wyatt

Advice on Members' Interests

COUNCIL MEETINGS - COMMITTEE MINUTES: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Interests need not be declared at Full Council in relation to Committee Minutes which do not become the subject of debate at Full Council (ie. Minutes referred to solely on a page by page basis when working through the Minutes of each Committee.)

An interest must be declared at Full Council as soon as it becomes apparent that a relevant Committee Minute is to be debated – this applies even if an interest has been declared at Committee and is recorded in the Minutes of that Committee.

PERSONAL AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If the issue being discussed affects you, your family or a close associate more than other people in the area, you have a personal and non pecuniary interest. You also have a personal interest if the issue relates to an interest you must register under paragraph 9 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

You must state that you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest and the nature of your interest. You may stay, take part and vote in the meeting.

PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If a member of the public, who knows all the relevant facts, would view your personal interest in the issue being discussed to be so great that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it affects your or the other person or bodies' financial position or relates to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration then **you must state that you have a pecuniary interest, the nature of the interest and you must leave the room***. You must not seek improperly to influence a decision on that matter unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Governance Committee.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

If you are present at any meeting of the Council and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, if the interest is not already registered, you must disclose the interest to the meeting. You must not participate in the discussion or the vote and you must leave the room.

You may not attend a meeting or stay in the room as either an Observer Councillor or *Ward Councillor or as a member of the public if you have a pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest*.

BIAS

If you have been involved in an issue in such a manner or to such an extent that the public are likely to perceive you to be biased in your judgement of the public interest (bias) then you should not take part in the decision-making process; you should leave the room. **You should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part.** You may request permission of the Chair to address the meeting prior to leaving the room. The Chair will need to assess whether you have a useful contribution to make or whether complying with this request would prejudice the proceedings. A personal, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest will take precedence over bias.

In each case above, you should make your declaration at the beginning of the meeting or as soon as you are aware of the issue being discussed.*

*There are some exceptions – please refer to paragraphs 13(2) and 13(3) of the Code of Conduct.