

AGENDA

1. Procedure

(a) Apologies

(b) Minutes

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as correct records, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on the 24 November 2021 (Item 1a) (**Pages 6 to 7**) and the meeting of the Council held on 24 November 2021 (Item 1b) (**Pages 8 to 37**).

(c) Disclosure of Interests

Councillors to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business to be transacted and officers to disclose any interest in contracts to be considered by the Council.

(d) Announcements

To receive announcements, if any.

2. Public Involvement

(a) Petitions

Any petitions received by the deadline of 7:30 pm on Monday 17 January 2022 will be reported at the meeting.

(b) Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions and provide answers to questions received from members of the public by the deadline of 7:30 pm on Monday 17 January 2022 and any urgent questions agreed by the Mayor.

3. Business Remaining from Last Meeting

None

4. Reports from Cabinet and Committees

The referrals are set out in full at (Item 4) (**Pages 38 to 53**).

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(i) Astwood & Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan

(ii) Auditor Appointments 2023

5. Councillors' Matters

(a) Councillors' Questions

Councillors to ask questions of the Leader, a Cabinet Member, the Chair of any Committee, or the Leader of a Political Group on the Council.

(b) Notices of Motions:

The motions are set out in full at (Item 5b) **(Pages 54 to 57)**.

- (i) Councillor Trendall – Asylum Seeker Accommodation in Milton Keynes (20 December 2021)
- (ii) Councillor Taylor – Grid Roads (23 December 2021)
- (iii) Councillor Montague – Youth Mayor (5 January 2022)

6. Scheme of Councillors Allowances for 2022-23

To consider item 6 **(Pages 58 to 101)**.

7. Appointment of Co-optees to the Audit and Standards Committees

To consider item 7 **(Pages 102 to 106)**.

8. Update to Financial Regulations

To consider minor amendments to the Council's Financial Regulations to reflect a number of consequential changes and provide greater clarity for users of the document. Leaders of Political Groups have been consulted on the proposed changes and agreed for them to be considered by Council. A copy of the Briefing Note, detailing the changes is attached at item 8a **(Pages 107 to 108)**. A tracked changes version of the amended Financial Regulations is attached at item 8b **(Pages 109 to 163)**.

Recommendation

That the minor changes proposed to the Council's Financial Regulations (as set out in Annex b), be agreed.

Contact: Steve Richardson (Director for Finance and Resources) - 01908 252756

Background Papers: None

9. Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions

In accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.4, to note that the Provisions for Special Urgency, as set out in Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, which provides for key decisions to be taken within the usual 5-day notice period, subject to the agreement of the Chair/Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Management Committee, was not used during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The Council is also advised that Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(j), which provides for the call-in procedure to not apply with the agreement of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Management Committee, was not used during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Contact: Peter Brown (Head of Democratic Services) - 01908 253671

Background Papers: None

10. Ward Based Budgets 2021/22

All Councillors have a budget of £1,000 to spend on Ward based issues, giving them the ability to make contributions to projects carried out in their local communities by local organisations. In addition to this, in order to support local responses to Covid-19, Councillors have been granted an additional £1,000 grant to dedicate specifically to projects recovering from the impacts of Covid-19 in 2021/22 only.

For the period 1 April 2021 to 5 January 2022, applications totalling £20,316 (Ward Based Budget) and £34,320 (Covid) have been approved. Details of the applications are attached at Item 10a (**Pages 164 to 165**) and Item 10b (**Pages 166 to 172**).

Contact Officer: Siobhan Pitkin (Business Support & Civic Events Manager) - 01908 252426.

Background Papers: None