

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee to be held on 19 August 2013, in the Upper Hall, Town Hall, Brackley at 7.00pm

Dated: 14 August 2013



Council Executive Officer

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declaration of Interest

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and Brackley Town Council's Code of Conduct.

3. Public Participation

This section of the meeting gives members of the public who are present an opportunity to speak. You may speak on any item which appears on the agenda for this evening's meeting for a maximum of three minutes. Please state your name and address before asking your question

4. Members Reports

None received

5. St James Lake Working Party

Members are asked to receive the minutes of the meeting of the St James Lake Working Party held on Wednesday 17th July 2013 and consider any recommendations contained therein. (attached).

6. Allotments Working Party

Members are asked to receive the minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Working Party held on Tuesday 30th July 2013 and consider the recommendations contained therein. (attached).

7. Christmas Lights

A quotation has been received from the company, who provided the solar powered Christmas lights last year, to continue, or extend, the scheme into a larger area. Last year 38 trees were provided at a cost of £105.00 per tree. The company are willing to maintain that cost but will provide a further discount if the Council extends to 50 trees. (Quotation attached)

Members are asked to confirm if they wish to extend the scheme this year

8. Officers Reports

a) Cemetery

Following introduction at the meeting on 20th May 2013, and subsequent discussions with the Allotment Association, an amended report is returned to members for consideration of the remaining items.

b) Survey and Mapping of Trees

The officer's report on the results of the request for quotations is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Committee awards the contract for the tree survey and mapping to AGU Treecraft in the sum of £6275.00 + VAT

9. Tree policy

As mentioned in the Officers Report in relation to the Tree survey, it would be advisable for the Council to have in place a policy regarding the way in which it responds to management issue in relation to its trees. The attached Draft policy is submitted for members' consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council be asked to adopt the tree policy.

10. Urgent Business