

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** to be held on **Monday 19 September 2016**, in the Old Fire Station Community Room, 37 High Street, Brackley immediately following the meeting of the Planning & General Works Committee.

Dated: 14th September 2016

pp Town Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

AGENDA

189/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

190/16 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.

191/16 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.

Please state your name and address before asking your question.

192/16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 18th July 2016.

193/16 MEMBERS REPORTS

194/16 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REVIEW

Further to the consideration, at the last meeting, of the Grounds Maintenance Review, The Town Clerk has been in discussion with South Northamptonshire Council? Cherwell District Council about the possibility of 'adding onto' their Grounds Maintenance Contract with Quadron, which already includes Bicester Town Council and Kidlington Parish Council. Information regarding the size of the areas associated with Brackley and the likely costs have been exchanged and the indicative cost is £73,821.00 Were the Council to go down this route there would be no requirement to put the contract out to tender, as the District Council's have already complied with the requirements. Members are asked to consider this option in relation to budget planning for 2017/18

195/16 BIO DIVERSITY PAYMENT – THE WILDLIFE TRUST

At the Council meeting on 6th June 2016, Council agreed to accept the first stage biodiversity payment from the developers of Radstone Fields (Minute 75/16 refers). The original survey work for the inclusion of this item in the Section 106 Agreement was carried out by officers of The Wildlife Trust, who have indicated a willingness to manage the programme on behalf of the Council by way of a

Service Level Agreement in return for a fee amounting to 20% of the payment. As this management work is not something that the Council staff have the capacity to undertake, and the Wildlife Trust would have access to local conservation volunteers, it is suggested that the Committee approves the arrangement.

196/16 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR INFORMATION