

# Ongar

## Town Council



Aimi Middlehurst  
Town Clerk



### TO MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

10th January 2013

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, BANSONS, BANSONS WAY, ONGAR** on **THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013** commencing at **7.30pm** for the transaction of business as set out below. Members of the public and press are invited to attend.

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### AGENDA

**32/12 To elect a Chairman of the Committee**

**33/12 To elect a Vice Chairman of the Committee**

**34/12 Apologies for absence**

**35/12 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Pecuniary Interest and Non Pecuniary Interests under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.**

Members of the Council are subject to paragraphs 6 (DPIs), 7 (Other Pecuniary Interests) and 8 (Non Pecuniary interests) of that Code. Members are also subject to paragraphs 9-11 of that Code as regards declaration of interests and participation in the meeting insofar as any item of business involves such an interest.

**36/12 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda previously notified to the Clerk.** The Council will hear first from Councillors with prejudicial interest who must leave the room immediately after they have made their representations, answered questions or given evidence. Councillors cannot remain in the room to hear representations of others. After the close of the public participation session, any member having left due to Section 12 (2) may rejoin the Council. When the Council starts to discuss any item on the agenda, where a member has an interest, the member with that interest must have regard to the Code of Conduct and make the necessary disclosure and where appropriate leave the meeting. The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes.

**37/12 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**38/12 Clerk's report.**

To note items of interest not on the agenda.

**39/12 Financial reporting**

- To receive the monthly financial report for December
- To review the current method of financial reporting

**40/12 Internal Audit Reports**

- To note the satisfactory Internal Audit Reports for July and November 2012

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### 41/12 Joint Standards Committee

- To note that EFDC require a written statement from the member councils acknowledging that any costs in relation to investigations and associated expenses will be met by the Council concerned

### 42/12 Authorised Cheque Signatories

- To consider increasing the current number of authorised signatories

### 43/12 Councillor Remuneration Scheme

- To consider any changes to the current scheme

### 44/12 The Council is asked to RESOLVE to exclude the press and public for this meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the following item contains confidential information relating to staffing and contractual matters.

### 45/12 Building known as Ongar Social and Sports Club

- To consider a report from the Working Party with regard to the 2014 rent review and to make recommendations to Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January
- To consider action regarding a commercial dispute and recommend a course of action to Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### 46/12 Lorry Park

- To receive the response from Essex County Council regarding the Town Council's recent proposal
- To consider the budget implications on the proposed transfer
- To agree a course of action and make recommendation to Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January

### 47/12 The Council is asked to resolve to permit the press and public to return to the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

### 48/12 Local Council Tax Support Grant

- To note the information from the EALC regarding the Local Council Tax Support Grant

### 49/12 Budget recommendations to Full Council

- To consider and agree to transfer the outstanding Cllr Remuneration balance to a Community Grants budget for 2013/14
- To consider and agree the updated recommendations from the Environment and Open Spaces Committee to the 2013/14 Budget
- To agree the 2013/14 Budget

### 50/12 Precept recommendation to Full Council

- To agree the precept figure for recommendation to Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### 51/12 Unlisted Items

- Unlisted items can be raised by Councillors or members of the public but no discussion will be held at the time of the meeting. **This will be time limited to five minutes.**