From: District Councillors Roger Cox, Mohinder Kainth and Alison Thomson

To: Faringdon Residents

**FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 13 APRIL 2015 – DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORT**

1. **Vale Budget 2014/15**. The highlights of the budget included:

1. Council Tax was frozen for the fifth year in a row at just £116.69 for a Band D property.
2. All existing services were protected.
3. Further savings were made of £1.7m this year and every year after by reducing core costs. These savings include reducing senior management and securing savings on the leisure contract.
4. Funded the Faringdon Town Team for a third year.
5. Froze the cost of Brown Garden Waste Bins at just £37.
6. Extensive refurbishment of Southampton Street toilets - contract let.
7. Supported new businesses awards for entrepreneurs - Vale4Business.

2. **Vale Council Work**. We have attended hundreds of different meetings this year, ranging from full council meetings, through to committees and working groups, which have enabled us to perform our work. Our routine case work included helping residents to: find housing, move to more suitable homes, resolve payment of council tax, sort out problems with waste collection, deal with neighbour disputes, mediate in property and planning issues, and refer residents to other agencies according to their needs. We hold monthly surgeries when residents can come and seek our advice and help, and are always available to offer guidance and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Cox, Mohinder Kainth, Alison Thomson