2 February 2018

Chairman and councillors Faringdon Town Council

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT TO COUNCIL - 14 FEBRUARY 2018**

I offer my apologies for absence. I will be at the VoWHDC budget meeting at the Beacon in Wantage.

1. **Tax Base**. In answer to question members posed to me on 10 Jan 18, I sent an email to your chairman explaining how that the tax base had only risen by one property to 3,438.

2. **Chief Executive**. The Joint Staff Committee SODC and VoWHDC agreed on 18 Dec 17 to appoint Mark Stone as CE from 1 Jan 18.

3. **Waste Performance**. The VoWHDC was ranked fifth in the annual 2016-17 performance tables with 62.5%, which is a notable performance as it charges for green waste collection.

4. **Faringdon Leisure Centre – New 3G Sports Pitch.** P17/V2659/FUL. The provision of a 3G football pitch with associated parking and storage was approved, and planning permission granted at the committee on 31 Jan 18. This is a joint £750,000 project between the VoWHDC and its leisure partner GLL.

5. **Faringdon Leisure Centre**. I confirmed to your council by email that plans have been prepared and await final approval to refurbish: the sauna and steam room; the showers and toilets. If sufficient money remains the lockers will also be refurbished.

6. **Building** **Control**. As I explained verbally, building contractors are free to appoint qualified building inspectors of their choice. Only if a complaint was made would the council investigate a breach and none has been reported.

7. **South of Park Road - P16/V0775.** The builder continues discharging conditions under the outline permission e.g. ecology, and there has been no RM to consider.

8. **Conservation Area**. The BGi sign has been passed to enforcement for action; officers agreed to investigate the appropriateness of the Turkish barber glass window display.

Roger Cox

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Faringdon Ward