



Amendments

Council
Thursday 24 September 2020, 6.30pm

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LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

ITEM 10(3) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

Councillor Cook has given notice of his intention to withdraw the motion to which this amendment refers

“This council awaits, the Government’s white paper on potential Local Government reorganisation in the autumn and maintains an open mind as to the implications for this Council and Gloucester residents.

This Council believes that Local Government reorganisation at this time will deflect attention from the immediate priorities of recovery after the Covid pandemic, and therefore should not be considered further at this stage. Should the status quo not be possible, this Council requests that the reorganisation will include all levels of local representation including Parish/Town Councils and serious consideration is given to the establishment of area committees **and other forms of devolved governance** to ensure equal local representation across all current district areas.

The Council commits to:

- consulting widely with a broad cross-section of Gloucester residents and businesses, and community, faith, sporting and voluntary groups once further information on any local government reorganisation proposals are known
- **Investigate the potential to devolve decision taking to local communities based on the principle of subsidiarity i.e. that decisions are taken at the closest possible level to the community they affect**
- supporting Council staff through any reorganisation process which may occur in the future
- continuing with Group Leaders briefings and working in a cross-party manner
- ensuring that the focus of this Council shall remain on the delivery of services and post Covid-19 recovery
- discussing any local government reorganisation options with leadership, from the other five districts, the county council, and the Gloucester MP Richard Graham
- Preserving the City’s historic and ancient civic offices of Sheriff and Mayor and the traditions which accompany them.”

Proposed by Councillor Stephens

Seconded by Councillor Pullen

ITEM 10(4) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Councillor Hilton has given notice that he intends to move the following revised motion in place of the one set out in the agenda

“This council notes that J Sainsbury PLC has announced the closure of its popular city centre store on Northgate Street.

This council notes that this wonderful supermarket has been serving customers for nearly half a century.

This council agrees that it should do all it can to stop the supermarket’s closure by persuading J Sainsbury PLC to keep it open, **or if not possible, continue to work with Sainsbury’s to secure their presence in the city centre at another location.**”

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

ITEM 10(6) – NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP

“Council recognises that both GL1 – Gloucester Leisure Centre and the Oxstalls Tennis Centre are a vital part of the City’s leisure and sporting infrastructure and make a significant contribution to the health and well-being of many Gloucester residents.

Council further notes that Aspire Trust has experienced ~~serious financial problems~~ **challenges** due to ~~lockdown~~ **the closure of premises** during the Covid-19 pandemic. **The Council has worked with the Chief Executive of Aspire Trust and supported them throughout this period.** The impact of Covid-19 and in particular social distancing measures mean that capacity at both venues has been greatly reduced and it is therefore likely that ~~a comprehensive further support package~~ will need to be put in place ~~to support Aspire~~ over the coming months to ensure ~~its~~ **Aspire’s** survival.

Council resolves:

1. To ~~pledge~~ **continue** its ongoing support to Aspire Trust to ~~ensure that~~ **enable** both GL1 and Oxstalls Tennis Centre **to** remain open and continue to serve the needs of Gloucester people.
2. To continue to have regular dialogue with the Trust and its Board so that we are fully informed as to any problems the Trust may be experiencing.
3. At an appropriate time a report be produced and considered by the Council’s Cabinet setting out the current and forecast financial recovery position and detailing if ~~needed a package of~~ **any further** support measures, ~~including financial support that may be required to ensure Aspire remains a profitable concern.~~”

Proposed by Councillor Morgan
Seconded by Councillor Walford

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP AMENDMENT

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Council further notes that Aspire Trust has experienced serious financial problems due to lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic. The impact of Covid-19 and in particular social distancing measures mean that capacity at both venues has been greatly reduced and it is therefore likely that a comprehensive support package will need to be put in place to support Aspire over the coming months to ensure its survival.

Council resolves:

1. To pledge its ongoing support to Aspire Trust to ensure that both GL1 and Oxstalls Tennis Centre remain open and continue to serve the needs of Gloucester people.
2. To continue to have regular dialogue with the Trust and its Board so that we are fully informed as to any problems the Trust may be experiencing.
3. At an appropriate time a report be produced and considered by the Council’s Cabinet setting out the current and forecast financial recovery position and detailing if needed a package of support measures, including financial support that may be required to ensure Aspire remains a ~~profitable~~ **going** concern.”

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor Hilton