



## COUNCIL

**MEETING** : Monday, 20th May 2013

**PRESENT** : Cllrs. Brown, McLellan, James, Llewellyn, Williams, Organ, Dallimore, Hilton, Haigh, Gravells, Durrant, Tracey, Hobbs, C. Witts, Smith, Lugg, Noakes, Ravenhill, Hanman, Lewis, Wilson, Bhaimia, S. Witts, Field, Dee, Porter, Taylor, Beeley, Hansdot, Wood, Gilson, Mozol, Patel, Randle, Toleman and Chatterton

### **Others in Attendance**

Julian Wain, Chief Executive

Peter Gillett, Corporate Director of Resources

Martin Shields, Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods

Sue Mullins, Group Manager Legal and Democratic Services

### **1. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Haigh, seconded by Councillor Hobbs -

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Chris Chatterton be elected Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2014.

### **2. ELECTION OF SHERIFF AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Lugg, seconded by Councillor Bhaimia -

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Said Hansdot be elected Sheriff and Deputy Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2014.

### **3. OUTGOING MAYOR AND SHERIFF AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Beeley -

**RESOLVED** – That the best thanks of this Council be given to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor David Brown, and the outgoing Sheriff and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Phil McLellan, for the manner in which they discharged the duties of their respective Civic Offices from May 2012 to May 2013 in the 2012-2013 Council year.

**The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea and reconvened at 17.40 p.m.**

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**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 March 2013 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to the correct spelling of *Paju* in paragraphs 92b.23 and 92b.24.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Beeley, Hansdot, Lugg, Randle and Toleman declared personal interests in Agenda item 14, concerning the Housing Options Update, by virtue of their positions as members of Gloucester City Homes Board.

Councillors Hanman, McLellan and Smith declared personal interests in Agenda item 14, concerning the Housing Options Update, by virtue of their positions as members of Gloucester Homes Customer Forum.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reminded the Council, as previously mentioned in his acceptance speech earlier in the afternoon, that the Very Reverend Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester Cathedral, had invited him to be placed in the unique Mayor's stall within the Cathedral. This would take place during Choral Evensong on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 and a cordial invitation was extended to all councillors who may wish to attend.

**7. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Moved by Councillor Llewellyn, seconded by Councillor Dallimore -

**RESOLVED** - (18 Members voting in favour, 9 Members voting against and 9 Members abstaining)

That for the 2013-14 municipal year, Councillor James be elected Leader of the Council.

Following election, the Leader of the Council advised of appointments to the Cabinet and allocations of portfolios as follows:

Councillor Paul James	Regeneration and Culture
Councillor Fred Wood	Performance and Resources
Councillor Sajid Patel	Environment
Councillor Colin Organ	Housing, Health and Leisure
Councillor Jennie Dallimore	Communities and Neighbourhoods

The Leader also advised the Council that he had appointed Councillor Dallimore as Deputy Leader of the Council to act in his absence.

The Leader of Council was currently finalising the names of Champions and these would be notified in the next few days.

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The Leader thanked Councillor Debbie Llewellyn (former Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and Councillor Kathy Williams (former Cabinet Member for Environment) for their previous services as Members of the Cabinet. He presented to them their name plaques in recognition of their services.

**8. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

Moved by Councillor James (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture), seconded by Councillor Dallimore (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods) -

**RESOLVED** - That Council Procedure Rules be suspended to allow the relevant officers to address the Council in respect of agenda items 12 (Treasury Management Strategy 2013-14) and 13 (Pay Policy Statement 2013-14).

**9. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND WORKING PARTIES AND NOMINATION FOR CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND VICE CHAIRS FOR 2013-14**

The Council considered an updated Schedule of Appointments to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups, and nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs for the municipal year 2013-14. The appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs to committees would be made at the first meeting of each committee. A copy of the updated Schedule of Appointments is appended to these minutes.

Moved by Councillor James (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture), seconded by Councillor Dallimore (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods) -

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Schedule of Appointments of Members to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups for 2013-14 be approved (as appended to these minutes).
- (2) That the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of Committees, as set out in the appended Schedule be noted and that each Committee at its first meeting in the new municipal year 2013-14 will confirm and appoint its Chair and Vice Chair.
- (3) That in respect of the Planning Committee, each of the Political Groups be invited to nominate those Members to be named as substitutes and that these be incorporated into the updated Schedule appended to these minutes.

**10. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2013-14**

The Council received a Schedule of Appointments to outside bodies.

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Moved by Councillor James (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture), seconded by Councillor Dallimore (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods) -

**RESOLVED** - That the schedule of appointments to Outside Bodies be approved, subject to the following amendments –

- (1) That Councillor Hobbs be appointed to the Aspire Sports and Cultural Trust.
- (2) That Mr. M. White replaces Mr.R.Ring on the Gloucester Charities Trust.
- (3) That Mr. G. Heath be appointed to the Gloucester Historic Buildings Trust.
- (4) That Councillor Bhamia be appointed to the Gloucester Relief in Sickness Fund.
- (5) That Councillor Field be appointed to the Llanthony Secunda Priory Trust.

(A copy of the updated schedule of appointments reflecting the amendments is attached to these minutes)

**11. ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council considered a report of the Monitoring Officer and Group Manager, Legal and Democratic Services seeking adoption of the Council's Constitution for the municipal year 2013-2014.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Field -

**RESOLVED** - that the Constitution, approved by Council on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013, be adopted for the municipal year 2013-2014.

**12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2013-14**

The Council considered a report by the Corporate Director of Resources formally recommending that the Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy, the Prudential Indicators and to note the treasury activities.

The Corporate Director of Resources addressed the Council emphasising that the report met the Council's legal requirement to review and monitor its Treasury Management Strategy. The strategy also recognised the self financing of housing under the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) self financing regulations. All advice received from the Council's treasury management advisers had been adhered to. The treasury management advisers would also be organising a training event for members of the Audit and Governance Committee and the Cabinet.

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Moved by Councillor Wood (Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), seconded by Councillor James (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture) -

**RESOLVED** - that

- (1) The Treasury Management Strategy, which sets out how the Council's treasury service will manage external borrowing and investments in support of the capital programme, be approved;
- (2) The authorised borrowing limit be approved at:-
  - a. 2013/14 £84m
  - b. 2014/15 £86m
  - c. 2015/16 £87m
- (3) The Housing Revenue Account capital financing requirement be limited to £62.750m in accordance with the debt cap imposed through the HRA self financing regime.
- (4) The prudential indicators in section 2 of the Strategy, which set out the capital plans, financing, minimum revenue provision policy statement and affordability on the Council tax and rents, be approved.

**13. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2013-14**

The Council considered a report by the Corporate Director of Resources seeking approval to the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2013-14 produced in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.

Moved by Councillor Wood (Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), seconded by Councillor James (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture) -

**RESOLVED** - that the Pay Policy Statement for 2013-14 attached as Appendix A to the report be approved.

**14. HOUSING OPTIONS UPDATE**

The Council considered a Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure providing members with an update on progress as a result of meetings held between the Council, Gloucester City Homes and Government Departments about the Council and Community Owned (CoCo) model as the future strategic housing investment option for the Council going forward.

Moved by Councillor Organ (Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure), seconded by Councillor James (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration) -

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**RESOLVED** - that the report be noted.

**Time of commencement: 15:15 hours**

**Time of conclusion: 18:15 hours**

**Chair**