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Wednesday, 10 July 2013

## **TO EACH MEMBER OF GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** of the **CITY OF GLOUCESTER** to be held at the Council Chamber, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester on **Thursday, 18th July 2013** at **19:00** hours for the purpose of transacting the following business:

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### **2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 20)**

To approve as correct records the minutes of the following Council Meetings:

- (a) Special Council Meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- (b) Annual Council Meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive from Members, declarations of the existence of any disclosable pecuniary, or non-pecuniary, interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. Please see Agenda Notes.

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)**

The opportunity is given to members of the public to put questions to Cabinet Members or Committee Chairs provided that a question does not relate to:

- Matters which are the subject of current or pending legal proceedings or

- Matters relating to employees or former employees of the Council or comments in respect of individual Council Officers.

**5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)**

A period not exceeding three minutes is allowed for the presentation of a petition or deputation provided that no such petition is in relation to:

- Matters relating to individual Council Officers, or
- Matters relating to current or pending legal proceedings

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 2(VII))**

To receive announcements from:

- a) The Mayor
- b) Leader of the Council
- c) Members of the Cabinet
- d) Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- e) Chief Executive

**ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL**

**7. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

To waive Council Procedure Rules to allow the relevant officers to address the Council in respect of Items 10 and 12 on the agenda.

**8. CHANGES TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOMESEAKER (CHOICE BASED LETTINGS SCHEME) POLICY - FOLLOWING CONSULTATION (Pages 21 - 82)**

Report by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

**9. THE FUTURE OF MARKETING GLOUCESTER (Pages 83 - 92)**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture

**10. RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015 (Pages 93 - 98)**

Joint report of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive

**11. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID (ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE) - PROPOSED PROCEDURE (Pages 99 - 122)**

Joint Report by Cabinet Member of Regeneration and Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods

12. **REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ICT (Pages 123 - 132)**

Report of the Corporate Director of Resources

13. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13 (Pages 133 - 148)**

Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2012/13 be noted.

14. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12) (Pages 149 - 162)**

a) Written questions to Cabinet Members

Written questions and answers. Only one supplementary question is allowed per question.

b) Leader and Cabinet Members' Question Time (45 minutes)

Any member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or any Cabinet Member any question without prior notice, upon:

- Any matter relating to the Council's administration
- Any matter relating to any report of the Cabinet appearing on the Council's summons
- A matter coming within their portfolio of responsibilities

Only one supplementary question is allowed per question.

c) Questions to Chairs of Meetings (15 Minutes)

**MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

15. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(1) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH**

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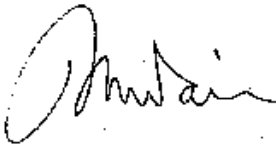
- That by the end of this Parliament, Local Government will have been cut by 33%. In comparison, Whitehall departments will have faced reductions of 12%.
- That the Government Spending review will mean further cuts of 10% to Local Government
- That the Council Tax freeze, due to be lifted next April, is now to be

extended over the next two years.

- That the Local Government Association Chair, Sir Merrick Cockell, and over 150 Council Leaders have written to George Osborne to make the case that Local Government can no longer bear the brunt of these cuts.
- That devolving money from Whitehall to local areas to increase co-operation between public agencies, saves money and improves services

This Council supports the Local Government's case made in Rewiring Public Services for Local Government finance to be put on a sustainable and independent footing in the future and will work with the Local Government Association to achieve that.

Yours sincerely



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**Julian Wain**  
**Chief Executive**

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

The duties to register, disclose and not to participate in respect of any matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 as follows –

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Prescribed description</u>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the previous 12 months (up to and including the date of notification of the interest) in respect of any expenses incurred by you carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (or a body in which you or they have a beneficial interest) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the Council's area.  For this purpose "land" includes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you, your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Council's area for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) – (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you, your spouse or civil partner or a person you are living with as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where – (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Council's area and

(b) either –

- i. The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
- ii. If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

For this purpose, “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

NOTE: the requirements in respect of the registration and disclosure of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and withdrawing from participating in respect of any matter where you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest apply to your interests and those of your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner where you are aware of their interest.

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