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Wednesday, 19 March 2014

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 Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP on **Thursday, 27th March 2014** at **19:30** hours for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 February 2014.

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 8, 9 and 10 on the agenda.

8. COUNCIL PLAN 2014-2017

To receive the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources which recommends the adoption of a Council Plan for the period 2014-2017.

Please note that this report will be published as a separate supplement to the agenda when it is available.

9. PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2014/15 (Pages 17 - 26)

To receive the report of the Director of Resources which seeks approval of the Council's Annual Pay Policy Statement for 2014/15 in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

10. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION (Pages 27 - 120)

To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer which seeks approval for various amendments to the Council's Constitution.

11. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12) (Pages 121 - 122)**

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

12. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(1) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LUGG

This Council supports the Local Government Association's campaign to ban the advertising of e-cigarettes which are aimed at children. The fear is that, while e-cigarettes help adults to give up smoking, they may draw children into taking up the real thing.

(2) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH

This Council recognises the good work done by Gloucester Food Bank in supporting over 4500 families a year in desperate need. The Food Bank is about to lose its premises and threatens a lifeline for their clients many of whom are vulnerable young people and children. This Council resolves to give help and support to the Food Bank in finding suitable alternative premises as a matter of urgency.

(3) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JAMES

This Council:

- 1) Recognises the importance of Gloucester's market tradition to the City's retail offer;

- 2) Believes that the Eastgate Indoor Market is a vital part of that tradition;
- 3) Notes the proposal by Rockspring for a new indoor market;
- 4) Endorses the Administration's commitment that the market should only relocate with trader support;
- 5) Notes that the Council is currently developing an updated Markets Strategy;
- 6) Agrees to establish an all-party working group to look specifically at the future of the Indoor Market as part of the strategy.

(4) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAVELLS

This Council recognises the considerable value of Public Houses to local communities and welcomes the listing of the Ridge and Furrow Public House in Abbeydale as an Asset of Community Value. Community pubs play an invaluable role in the cultural and social life of local communities, fostering social well-being, companionship, inclusion and a strong sense of community cohesion, belonging and togetherness.

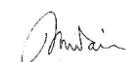
For these reasons, This Council resolves:-

- 1) As a matter of urgency to review its policies and procedures (including those relating to Planning, and the process for nominating community assets for listing under the Localism Act) in order to put in place new, interim, policy measures, following the lead of other councils such as Cambridge, to ensure that valued local community pubs are appropriately protected from unnecessary and avoidable loss.
- 2) To request Central Government to help protect community pubs by ensuring that planning permission and formal community consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted to betting shops, supermarkets, petrol filling stations or other uses, or allowed to be demolished.

(5) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON

This Council agrees to investigate the current provision of WiFi access provided within the city centre, with the view to considering the provision of free public WiFi access across the city centre for all visitors to use, as is being provided in other cities across the UK.

Yours sincerely



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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