



## COUNCIL

**MEETING** : Wednesday, 18th March 2015

**PRESENT** : Cllrs. Llewellyn (Mayor), Noakes (Sheriff & Deputy Mayor), James, Dallimore, Norman, Organ, Haigh, Gravells, Tracey, Smith, Hobbs, Lugg, C. Witts, Hanman, Lewis, Wilson, Ravenhill, S. Witts, Field, Williams, Brown, Dee, Taylor, Beeley, Hansdot, Gilson, Mozol, Randle, Toleman, Chatterton and Pullen

### **Others in Attendance**

Martin Shields, Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods

Ross Cook, Corporate Director

Sue Mullins, Head of Legal and Policy Development

Andrew Cummings, Management Accountant

Anthony Wilson, Head of Planning

Philip Ardley, Asset Management Consultant

Tanya Davies, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager

**APOLOGIES** : Cllrs. Porter, Hilton, McLellan, Bhaimia and Patel

## **91. MINUTES**

91.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 February 2015 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

## **92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

92.1 Councillor Randle declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 15, a report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods concerning the award of a contract for the upgrade of the CCTV system and provision of other services, as her husband was employed by the successful bidder and she would not take part of the debate or vote on the item.

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

93.1 Ms Kay Powell asked the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure what the Council's purpose was in disposing of over 40,000 square metres of open space to Gloucester City Homes (GCH).

93.2 Councillor Organ (Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure) explained that the stock transfer was essential to the improvement of housing in the City, as well

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as improving surrounding areas and impacting on regeneration. He agreed that open spaces should not be compromised and advised that the aim was get it right for tenants by improving the stock, providing the right homes and combating homelessness.

93.3 Ms Powell asked for clarification regarding publication of the Council's intention to dispose of seven pieces of land to GCH and stated that open spaces should be retained for use by the general public.

93.4 Councillor Organ advised that much of the land identified formerly housed garages and was in need of regeneration. He emphasised the importance of providing homes for tenants and noted that there were other open spaces in the vicinity of the land in question.

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

94.1 There were no petitions or deputations.

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

**Mayor**

95.1 The Mayor announced that a concert in aid of the civic charities would take place at 6.00pm on 19 April 2015 at The Salvation Army on Eastgate Street.

**Leader of the Council**

95.2 Councillor James (Leader of the Council) drew Members' attention the information circulated by Marketing Gloucester Limited and asked Members to encourage residents to sign up for a Residents' Card, which would entitle them to various offers within the City, including many during the forthcoming Residents' Weekend.

95.3 Councillor James announced that the Council had been successful in its bid for Housing Zone Status, which would unlock access to central government support and funding for the regeneration of City centre brownfield sites. He thanked Anthony Hodge, Anthony Wilson, Helen Chard and the City MP Richard Graham for their work on the bid.

95.4 Councillor James paid tribute to Councillor Norman Ravenhill, who would be standing down at the forthcoming local elections.

**Leader of the Labour Group**

95.5 Councillor Haigh (Leader of the Labour Group) paid tribute to Councillor Matthew Gilson, who would be standing down at the forthcoming local elections.

**Members of the Cabinet**

95.6 Councillor Organ announced that the transfer of housing stock to GCH had legally been completed. He paid tribute to all of those involved and wished GCH all the best for the future.

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**Chairs of Committees**

- 95.7 Councillor Lugg (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee) reminded Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the meeting on 23 March 2015 would start at the earlier time of 6.15pm with a training session and that there would be no pre-meeting.

**Head of Paid Service**

- 95.8 Martin Shields (Head of Paid Service) announced that staff and Members had raised £450 for Comic Relief and congratulated all involved.

**96. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

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

- 96.2 **RESOLVED** - That Council Procedure Rules be suspended to allow the relevant officers to address the Council in respect of agenda items 10, 11 and 13.

**97. APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

- 97.1 Council considered a report of the Leader of the Council concerning the joint appointment of a Managing Director (Head of Paid Service) for the City Council and Commissioning Director for Gloucestershire County Council.

- 98.1 Councillor James moved the recommendations set out in the report.

- 97.2 Councillor Dallimore seconded the motion.

- 97.3 Councillor James noted that the Council had previously agreed to the appointment of a joint post with the County Council in view of the limited senior management capacity over recent months and he paid tribute to Martin Shields, Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods for the work he had done covering the role and added that he was pleased to have appointed Ross Cook to the vacant Director post on an interim basis. He announced that Jonathan McGinty had been offered the position of Managing Director and had accepted; he would in the Council in the summer.

- 97.4 Councillor Haigh stated that the appointment process had been extensive and the decision unanimous.

- 97.5 Councillor Dallimore thanked those involved in the process and welcomed the involvement of community groups.

- 97.6 Councillor James thanks Councillors Haigh, Hilton and Norman, as well as the community groups and stakeholders for their involvement in the appointment process.

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**97.7 RESOLVED –**

- (1) Jonathan McGinty be appointed as Managing Director and Head of Paid Service for Gloucester City Council with a start date to be confirmed.
- (2) It be noted that Jonathan McGinty is also appointed as Commissioning Director for Gloucestershire County Council.
- (3) Authority be delegated to the Acting Head of Paid Service, Gloucester City Council, in consultation with Group Leaders and the Chief Executive, Gloucestershire County Council, to agree appropriate joint governance arrangements and enter into any necessary agreements.
- (4) The Monitoring Officer be instructed to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution.

**98. CITY PLAN - PROGRAMME AND BUDGET**

98.2 Council considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture seeking endorsement of the progress of the City Plan programme and associated additional budget requirements of £141,000 over the next three financial years.

98.3 Councillor James moved the recommendations set out in the report.

98.4 Councillor Dallimore seconded the motion.

**98.5 RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the contents of this report be noted; and
- (2) That the City Plan future budget requests, included in the budget proposals for 2015/16, be noted.

**99. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

99.1 Council considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval of the Treasury Management Strategy.

99.2 Councillor Norman (Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) moved the recommendations set out in the report.

99.3 Councillor James seconded the motion.

99.4 Councillor Norman explained that money received from central government as a result of the stock transfer would be used to repay market debt, but that because early repayment would incur a substantial charge, the market would be monitored to identify the most prudent time to clear the debt.

99.5 Councillor Smith noted that the report did not contain a risk table and expressed concern about the level of risk within the strategy; in particular she noted the cost of borrowing increasing and the impact of the anti-austerity political movement.

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99.6 Andrew Cummings, Management Accountant, agreed to explore whether a risk table could be provided. He explained that the challenge was in repaying the debt without incurring a substantial early repayment fee, so the short term plan was to hold on to the money received from the government as a result of the stock transfer. In respect of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream, he advised that this had increased due to the purchase of land at Kings Quarter, but that the Council received a rental income to offset the cost.

99.7 Councillor Wilson stated the decision to hold on to the housing stock transfer money was prudent and that overall he was satisfied with the strategy.

99.8 **RESOLVED –**

(1) That the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix 1 be approved;

(2) That the authorised borrowing limit be approved at:-

a) 2015/16 £45m

b) 2016/17 £35m

c) 2017/18 £35m

(3) That the prudential indicators set on in section two of the strategy be approved.

(4) That authority is delegated to s151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources to make decisions on Treasury Management from 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 outside of the 14/15 Treasury Strategy as a result of the stock transfer.

**100. PAY POLICY STATEMENT**

100.1 Council considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval of the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16.

100.2 Councillor Norman moved the recommendations set out in the report.

100.3 Councillor James seconded the motion.

100.4 **RESOLVED –** That the Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 attached as Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

**101. INTERNAL AUDIT SHARED SERVICE**

101.1 Council considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources concerning proposals to form an Internal Audit and Risk Management Shared Service between Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council.

101.2 Councillor Norman moved the recommendations set out in the report.

101.3 Councillor James seconded the motion.

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- 101.4 Councillor Norman explained that the shared service was an opportunity to build on the existing partnership with Stroud District Council to share resources and achieve efficiencies. He advised that the Council's audit functions would be delegated to the County Council and staff would TUPE and be managed there.
- 101.5 Councillor Wilson welcomed the proposal. He stated that it would create an extra layer of independence for the audit service, in addition to a cost saving.
- 101.6 Councillor Smith asked what prevented the new partnership being transferred to a private company.
- 101.7 Councillors Williams, Gravells, Brown and Tracey declared personal interests as they were also County Councillors.
- 101.8 Councillor Norman advised that outsourcing remained an option in the future, but that as the existing partnership functioned well, building on the shared service was the preferred option. He explained that the proposal would provide the opportunity to take advantage of economies of scale, increase available expertise, share best practice, and implement succession planning.
- 101.9 **RESOLVED –**
- (1) Agrees to the creation of a Shared Internal Audit and Risk Management Service with effect from 1 April 2015 ("the Commencement Date) or such other date as is agreed between Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council, and Gloucestershire County Council on the basis set out in this report;
  - (2) Delegates this Council's Internal Audit Function to Gloucestershire County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 101, of the Local Government Act 1972, Sections 19 and 20 of the Local Government Act 2000 and all other enabling powers subject to (6) below;
  - (3) Agrees to enter into an Administrative Collaboration Agreement, under S101 of the Local Government Act 1972 with the partner authorities;
  - (4) Delegates authority to the Corporate Director Services and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, to approve the terms of the Administrative Collaboration Agreement;
  - (5) Agrees to the transfer of staff to Gloucestershire County Council as Host Authority on the terms set out in the Administrative Collaboration Agreement from the Commencement Date;
  - (6) Agrees to the formation of an Internal Audit and Risk Management Shared Services Board involving the Section 151 officers from each of the participating authorities, to oversee the implementation and ongoing monitoring of the s101 Agreement; and

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- (7) Authorises the Monitoring Officer to make any consequent changes to the Council's Constitution to reflect the shared services arrangements and delegation of the internal audit service function to the Head of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Shared Service at Gloucestershire County Council.

**102. REVIEW OF ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICIES**

- 102.1 Council considered a report of the Audit, Risk & Assurance Manager on behalf of the Corporate Governance Group seeking approval for revisions to the Anti-Fraud and Corruption policies the Council has in place.
- 102.2 Councillor Wilson (Chair of Audit and Governance Committee) moved the recommendations set out in the report.
- 102.3 Councillor Hobbs (Vice Chair of Audit and Governance Committee) seconded the motion.
- 102.4 Councillor Wilson advised that the Strategic Risk Register had identified a need to review the Anti-Fraud and Corruption policies.
- 102.5 Councillor Smith asked whether the Council still had its own in-house benefit fraud investigation team.
- 102.6 The Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods advised that benefit fraud was currently undertaken by Civica Revenues and Benefit. He agreed to provide a written response to all Members regarding forthcoming legislative changes.
- 102.7 **RESOLVED** – That the policies and plan in Appendices A to E of the report be approved.

**103. ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006 POWERS**

- 103.1 Council considered a report of the Chair of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee concerning the powers available to the Council under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- 103.2 Councillor Randle (Chair of Licensing and Enforcement Committee) moved the recommendations set out in the report.
- 103.3 Councillor Dallimore (Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods) seconded the motion.
- 103.4 Councillor Tracey welcomed the proposals, but expressed disappointment that the legislation did not include any provisions relating to the welfare of horses.
- 103.5 Councillor Field stated that the welfare of horses was an important issue and that there was a Bill going through Parliament aimed at giving local Councils more powers to intervene.

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103.6 Councillor Randle explained that there was no duty on the Council to use the powers, but that it empowered officers to promote the five animal welfare needs. She advised that it was unlikely to impact on officers' workloads because the RSPCA would continue to conduct investigations into animal welfare matters.

103.7 **RESOLVED –**

- (1) the use of the powers available under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 be approved;
- (2) that the Terms of Reference for the Licensing and Enforcement Committee be amended to include 'Undertaking matters in relation to the Animal welfare Act 2006 (save to the extent that such responsibility has been delegated to an Officer of the Council)';
- (3) authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods to exercise the Council's powers under the Animal Welfare Act 2006;
- (4) the specific delegations to Officers as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

**104. CONTRACT AWARD - UPGRADE OF CCTV SYSTEM, CAMERA IO NETWORK, MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC WIFI AND 4G COVERAGE**

104.1 Council considered a report of the Chair of the Licensing and Enforcement Committee concerning award of the contract for the upgrade of the city centre CCTV system, camera IP network, maintenance, public WiFi and 4G coverage.

104.2 Councillor Dallimore (Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods) moved the recommendations set out in the report.

104.3 Councillor James seconded the motion.

104.4 Councillor Dallimore explained that upgrading the CCTV system was important for keeping residents safe, which was identified as a priority in the City Vision. Following the approval of a motion to explore the provision of free WiFi in the City centre, it made sense to combine this with the CCTV upgrade, along with 4G technology which would provide better network coverage. She advised that these technologies were key to the development of the City and would attract businesses and visitors. She explained that the inclusion of public WiFi in the contract meant that it was necessary to increase the budget for the project.

104.5 Councillor Wilson welcomed the proposals for public WiFi and stated that it was key to Gloucester being seen as a modern tourist destination.

104.6 Councillor Hobbs suggested that the CCTV network should be used to enable residents and visitors to log on and see the City through the cameras as they do in other cities.



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- 104.7 Councillor James stated that the proposals represented a major investment in the safety of residents and visitors, as well as promoting Gloucester as a modern City.
- 104.8 Councillor Dallimore thanked Members for supporting the project and undertook to investigate whether the CCTV cameras could be accessed by residents and visitors to the City.
- 104.9 **RESOLVED –**
- (1) The contract for the upgrade of the city centre CCTV system, camera IP network, maintenance, public WiFi and 4G coverage be awarded to British Telecommunications plc (BT) and for this to commence on 1 April 2015 for a period of five years with an option to extend to ten years, subject to satisfactory delivery of service during the initial five year period.
  - (2) An additional £27,000 capital sum is agreed to cover the capital costs of this project.
  - (3) An increase to the revenue budget, as set out in the financial implications, is agreed

**105. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12)**

**Written questions to Cabinet Members**

- 105a.1 As a supplementary question to his written question Councillor Field asked the Leader of the Council whether the amount of recycling collected had increased or decreased since changes had been made to the service.
- 105a.2 Councillor James confirmed that recycling rates had increased because the service was now concentrating on items that could not be collected from the doorstep.
- 105a.3 As a supplementary question to his written question Councillor Field asked the Leader of the Council whether his response adequately addressed residents' concerns about the provision of toilet facilities in the area of the rugby stadium
- 105a.4 Councillor James advised that he had attended a meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership, where the Rugby Club had made it clear that the available facilities were adequate. He reported that there were 13 traders in the community toilet scheme and that appropriate signposting was important. He also advised that a semi-permanent toilet block would be installed in Kings Square in advance of the Rugby World Cup.
- 105a.5 As a supplementary question to his written question Councillor Field asked the Leader of the Council whether it was likely that Arts Council be open to supporting the Guildhall once recommendations from the Review of Cultural Services had been implemented.

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105a.6 Councillor James advised that discussions with the Arts Council about funding opportunities would be wide-ranging.

105a.7 **RESOLVED** – That the written questions submitted and corresponding responses be noted.

**Leader and Cabinet Members' Question Time**

105b.1 Councillor Haigh asked the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods whether she supported the City MP and Councillor Patel's calls for an increased police presence at Barton Street Station, given that she had previously supported proposals to reduce the police presence.

105b.2 Councillor Dallimore advised that she understood the strength of feeling about the Barton Street Station and that it was an important part of community life. She explained that she was supportive of the community, but that the location of police station was a matter for the Police and Crime Commissioner.

105b.3 Councillor Field asked the Leader of the Council whether he agreed that, after the expense and delays, the automatic bollards installed in the City centre should be working as expected.

105b.4 Councillor James advised that although the City Council had contributed to the cost of the automatic bollards, their operation was a matter for the County Council. The intention was to create a pleasant shopping environment and café culture. He reported that an error in the system that had caused an incident with a car had been corrected and advised that individuals should report highways issues to the County Council.

105b.5 Councillor Field asked the Leader of the Council if he believed that the Council had got good value for money from the investment.

105b.6 Councillor James explained that the project was a long term investment and if the aims are achieved it will have been money well spent in the City centre.

105b.7 Councillor Haigh asked the Leader of the Council what the plans were for the relocation of the Tourist Information Centre (TIC), given that the preferred site, 26 Westgate Street, was due to be sold.

105b.8 Councillor James advised that 26 Westgate remained the preferred site and that discussions would continue with the new owner.

105b.9 Councillor Haigh stated that refurbishment costs were estimated at £750,000 and asked whether a fully costed proposal would be brought forward before moving forward.

105b.10 Councillor James explained that the intention was to lease the ground floor of the building and that if estimated costs deviated from the budget already set aside, revised proposals would be brought forward.

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- 105b.11 Councillor Field asked the Leader of the Council if a response had been received from Richard Graham MP regarding the sky lanterns motion recently approved by full Council.
- 105b.12 Councillor James undertook to check with the Cabinet Member for Environment on his return.
- 105b.13 Councillor Taylor asked the Leader of the Council to comment on what the Council was doing to celebrate English Tourism Week.
- 105b.14 Councillor James advised that the Cherry and Whites Challenge would be taking place, which was fitting in the year of the Rugby World Cup, and he thanked the Tourist Information Centre staff for their involvement. He noted that the Visitor Economy Strategy recently approved by Cabinet demonstrated the breadth of tourist activities on offer and the ambitions for the future.
- 105b.15 Councillor Toleman asked the Leader of Council to report on progress at the former RAFA Club site in Spa Road.
- 105b.16 Councillor James advised that as targets had been met on a number of sites on the original regeneration hitlist, the former RAFA Club site had been added. He understood that the site would be converted into residential apartments.
- 105b.17 Councillor Chatterton asked the Leader of the Council what measures would be taken to ensure that the BHS store on Eastgate Street stayed open.
- 105b.18 Councillor James stated that it was important not to scaremonger. He advised that the new owners of BHS would be considering a variety of options in relation all BHS stores; the Council would remain in contact with the new owners and encourage them to keep the store open.
- 105b.19 Councillor Hobbs referred to a recent audit which identified a high level of inaccuracies in benefits assessments and asked the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources what he was doing to ensure the Council received value for money for Civic Revenues and Benefits and whether higher targets would be put in place.
- 105b.20 Councillor Norman advised that he would be taking a full involvement in the processes moving forward.
- 105b.21 Councillor Hobbs asked that the matter be prioritised as it affected both individuals and the Council.
- 105b.22 Councillor Norman gave assurances that the matter was in hand.
- 105b.23 Councillor Mozol asked the Leader of the Council why the retailer in the former Marks and Spencer store had never opened for business.
- 105b.24 Councillor James advised that the Council had no involvement in shop trading hours, but that he understood the shop did open sporadically. He agreed that it was not ideal, but that the shop had a short-term lease and the Council would

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continue discussions with Mark and Spencer to try and encourage a more appropriate use for the premises.

- 105b.25 Councillor Lewis asked the Leader of the Council to comment on why the Labour Group did not put forward their proposal for free parking in the City Centre after 3.00pm as part of the Council's budget agreed in February.
- 105b.26 Councillor James commented that the proposal would require charges before 3.00pm to be increased.
- 105b.27 Councillor Toleman asked the Leader of the Council if he was aware of the problem of 'chuggers' and what the Council intended to do about it.
- 105b.28 Councillor James confirmed that the Council had a agreement in place with the Fundraising Regulatory Authority (FRA) to limit the activities of chuggers and that he had asked officers to have discussions with the FRA about imposing tighter restrictions. He noted the importance of ensuring that chuggers did not distract from or disrupt important events in the City centre or prevent a pleasant shopping experience.
- 105b.29 Councillor Tracey asked the Leader of the Council when the City centre plants were watered.
- 105b.30 Councillor James confirmed that the new planters were installed by the County Council, but that he understood them to contain reservoirs.
- 105b.31 Councillor Tracey asked that steps be taken to ensure the plants were properly watered.
- 105b.32 Councillor James agreed to ask officers to investigate.

**106. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(1) Notice of Motion from the Labour Group**

- 106.1 Moved by Councillor Pullen and seconded by Councillor Hobbs:

"This Council believes that young people are important and recognises the positive contribution that they make to our City.

Young people have ideas, views and opinions, not only about things that are important to them personally, but about issues that affect their communities, their City and the wider world.

Young people have a contribution to make to the life and development of this City, yet there is no process or structure that enables this Council to communicate with and learn from the views that young people have.

In order to value young people and benefit from the opinions and ideas they have, this Council is asked to establish a Gloucester City Youth Council.

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Such a body would be important as not only would young people be able to influence the future direction this City but also have an impact on issues that matter to them and their City now”.

106.2 The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

**(2) Notice of Motion from the Conservative Group**

106.3 Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor James:

“This Council:

- (1) recognises the importance that residents and businesses in Gloucester place on having high-speed broadband availability;
- (2) supports the continued significant investment designed to 'retro-fit' its availability to homes and businesses throughout the City as quickly as possible;
- (3) notes with concern that brand new properties, even on large scale developments, both residential and employment, are being built and sold without a ready superfast broadband capability;
- (4) therefore resolves to work with businesses, developers, potential suppliers of broadband capability to make it a requirement for new developments, especially on large scale residential developments, to be able to access superfast broadband from the day they are first sold.
- (5) if necessary will call on the Government to empower Councils through legislation to make this a statutory requirement of the planning process, to ensure ready access to superfast broadband.”

106.4 The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

**(3) Notice of Motion from the Conservative Group**

106.5 Moved by Councillor Randle and seconded by Councillor Dallimore:

“This Council:

- (1) believes that Gloucester should be a pet-friendly city;
- (2) notes the excellent work done by the Council and its partners to promote responsible dog ownership, including the provision of dog bins and its partnership with the Dogs Trust to promote micro-chipping in advance of new legislation requiring it;
- (3) notes the positive role in society that pet owners can play through initiatives like Paws on Patrol;

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- (4) notes the cost to the council taxpayer of irresponsible pet owners such as collecting stray dogs and cleaning up dog mess;
- (5) calls upon dog owners to act responsibly in their own interests and the interests of society as a whole and notes that the Council will use whatever statutory powers it has to take action against owners who break the law”.

106.6 The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

**(4) Notice of Motion from the Liberal Democrat Group**

106.7 Moved by Councillor Field and seconded by Councillor Wilson:

“This Council notes that several games during the 2015 Rugby World Cup will be hosted in Gloucester.

Being a Rugby World Cup Host City is a tremendous opportunity for our City, but also a risk.

To ensure a lasting legacy for Gloucester, this Council needs to work with residents and partners to ensure that the World Cup goes off without a hitch, and that people go away with a positive impression of Gloucester.

This Council therefore resolves:

To consult extensively with residents, particularly of Kingsholm and Westgate, to find out their concerns and hopes for the World Cup.

To keep members of the Council fully informed with regular updates.

To encourage residents to get into the spirit of the World Cup with street parties and community events.

To ensure that the streets of Gloucester are spotless before the World Cup, and to ensure adequate toilet facilities etc.

To ensure that there is an economic and physical legacy from the World Cup in terms of the benefits of extra money spent in Gloucester, and an improved physical environment.

To ensure a cultural and sporting legacy by commemorating the World Cup and securing more sporting facilities for Gloucester”.

106.8 The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

**107. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

107.1 Moved by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Dallimore –

107.2 **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of

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business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public are present during consideration of these items there will be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Description of Exempt Information</b>
108	Paragraph 3: information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

**108. RETAIL-LED REGENERATION AT KINGS QUARTER**

- 108.1 Council considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture concerning retail-led regeneration at Kings Quarter.
- 108.2 Councillor James (Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods) moved the recommendations set out in the report.
- 108.3 Councillor Dallimore seconded the motion.
- 108.4 **RESOLVED** – That the recommendations in the exempt report be approved.

**Time of commencement: 19:00 hours**

**Time of conclusion: 22:20 hours**

**Chair**