

Herbert Warehouse The Docks Gloucester GL1 2EQ

Wednesday, 11 November 2015

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, 19th November 2015** at **7.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES (Pages 9 - 18)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 September 2015.

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 or deputation is in relation to:

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

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive announcements from:

- a) The Mayor
- b) Leader of the Council
- c) Members of the Cabinet
- d) Chairs of Committees
- e) Head of Paid Service

7. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

a) Leader and Cabinet Members' Question Time (30 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)

ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL

8. POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2015 (Pages 19 - 70)

To receive the report of the Returning Officer concerning the 2015 review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

9. REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES - GAMBLING ACT 2005 (Pages 71 - 124)

To receive the report of the Head of Public Protection concerning the outcome of a consultation exercise undertaken with stakeholders in relation to the 2016-2019 Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles and seeking formal approval and adoption by Council.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

(1) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON

"This council notes with great disappointment the Cabinet Member for the Environment's decision to sanction the installation of advertising boards on roundabouts across the city.

This council believes these advertising boards are tacky and unsightly; blighting some well-kept roundabouts.

The council also believes these advertising boards could be a distraction to motorists and present an unnecessary hazard to motorcyclists.

This council, therefore, requests the Cabinet Member for the Environment to instruct officers of this council to have these advertising boards removed immediately from roundabouts within the city council boundaries."

(2) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR TOLEMAN

"This Council welcomes the proposal by the Government in the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill to devolve responsibility for Sunday Trading hours to local government, but believes the current arrangements in Gloucester are widely accepted and work well and that no changes should be made unless there is strong support from business and the public."

(3) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH

"That this Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. This Council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.

This Council notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the Government and which would affect this Council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. This Council rejects this Bill's attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.

This Council is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by Government in London.

This Council is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy to administer system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and should not be interfered with by the UK Government.

This Council further resolves to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and will take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off."

(4) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH

"Council notes that Small Business Saturday falls on 5 Dec 2015. In recent years the County Council have unilaterally suspended all on street parking charges to support city centre businesses. The City Council has responded in a limited way with some carparks free on the day but not all the carparks we own and operate. This Council believes it is in the interests of the City, businesses and residents, to fully support Small Business Saturday and calls upon the Leader to suspend all parking charges in Council owned and operated carparks on 5th Dec."

(5) MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PATEL

"This Council:

- believes that the Barton Street Conservation Area status has been helpful and beneficial to the enhancement of Barton Street since 2007, partly thanks to grants that were available a few years ago for building and shop frontage improvements;
- notes that Conservation Area status can result in additional costs and restrictions as well as benefits and should be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains appropriate;
- instructs Officers, as part of the development of a City Plan, to undertake a
 review the designated Conservation Area status in Barton Street and
 thereafter other conservation areas within the city, to assess the pros and
 cons that they bring and enables the Council to focus on the best of our
 heritage assets at a time of limited resources."

11. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 125 - 126)

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

Yours sincerely

D.R. M.L.L

Jon McGinty Managing Director

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 –

Interest	Prescribed description
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.

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