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Wednesday, 16 March 2016

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, 24th March 2016** 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 25 February 2016.

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. **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY RECORDER (Pages 19 - 22)**

To receive the report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval to appoint an Honorary Recorder for Gloucester.

9. **GLOUCESTER CULTURAL STRATEGY (Pages 23 - 42)**

To receive the report of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure concerning the proposed draft Cultural Strategy 2016-2026 for the City of Gloucester.

10. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 43 - 72)**

To receive the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources concerning the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17.

11. **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016-17 (Pages 73 - 82)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources concerning the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

12. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PULLEN

"Parry Hall has for many years been at the heart of community activity on the Parry Hall estate. It has served as a vital centre for many local people providing them with social, leisure and recreational activities.

Parry Hall now faces an uncertain future as the County Council, who own the building, are planning to sell it off.

This council instructs the leader to meet with the leader of the County Council to discuss transferring the ownership of Parry Hall to Gloucester City Council. This will preserve the hall as a community asset for use by local people for many years to come."

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH

"As a result of the changes to the grants budget this Council is concerned that some groups who work across ward boundaries may not be funded to the extent that have been previously. Until now grant applications have been examined by Council officers to see how they meet Council aims and objectives and the equalities impacts considered before a recommendation is made to the Cabinet Member. This Council is concerned that the increase of Members Allocations Funds to £2000 removes this scrutiny of the funding and makes it more difficult to establish that the grants are in line with Council priorities.

We further believe that this change will have the effect of removing funding from the people and areas of the City with most need.

This Council agrees to place a halt on the grant allocations for 2016/17 until a report is brought to Council with a full equalities impact assessment that demonstrates that minority groups will not be adversely affected by this change."

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAMPSON

“This Council has a duty of care to protect and safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding is everyone's business, and as City Councillors we are the eyes and ears of our communities.

Gloucester City Council should ensure that all Councillors undertake training in recognising the signs of child sexual exploitation. Each and every city Councillor has a duty of care and a responsibility to understand how to report the signs of child sexual and vulnerable adult exploitation to the appropriate authorities.

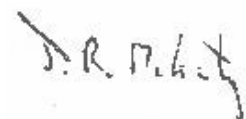
With immediate effect, this City Council resolves to organise compulsory annual training for all Gloucester City Councillors in child and vulnerable adult safeguarding.”

13. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 83 - 84)

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

THERE WILL BE A PRIVATE BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Yours sincerely



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 –

<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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