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Wednesday, 21 September 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, 29th September 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 - 20)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 July 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) Chair 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. **GLOUCESTER CITY PLAN PROGRAMME (Pages 21 - 26)**

To receive the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning which responds to a motion at Special Council on 30 June 2016 asking that Members should receive the programme for the progression of the Gloucester City Plan and its subsequent submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

**MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. **PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON**

"This Council notes that Gloucester Day is a recently reinstated annual day of

celebration of the city's history and culture.

Gloucester Day was first held in the modern era on 5th September 2009, but originally dates from the lifting of the Siege of Gloucester in 1643, during which the city held out against royalist forces during the First English Civil War. The lifting of the siege was celebrated annually in the city for years afterwards but died out in the nineteenth century.

This council thanks the organisers of this year's Gloucester Day celebrations and wishes them well in planning the 2017 celebrations.

This council also remembers the sacrifice and determination of the people of Gloucester as they defended the parliamentary garrison (10th August to 5th September 1643) against the besieging army of King Charles I. The siege ended with the arrival of a relieving parliamentary army under the Earl of Essex.

This council recognises that the Siege of Gloucester is one of the most important events in the history of this city of which we should all be proud and that we agree to set up a cross party working group to consider what else we can do to remember and commemorate the events of 1643."

## **2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR LUGG**

"Gloucester City Council notes the recent media attention and prominence of environmental crime, primarily flytipping, and particularly in the Barton and Tredworth ward.

Council notes that Barton and Tredworth was, last year, the City's flytipping hotspot with 1519 incidents reported, more than ten times the number in second place Moreland (147) and Matson and Robinswood (132). The ward has had the worst problem in the City for many years.

Resident's quality of life and the appearance of the City is damaged by flytipping and other environmental crimes. The taxpayer has to pick up the bill.

Council calls upon the newly appointed Cabinet Member for Environment and the administration to take a firm stance against environmental crime as a priority, drawing on best practice from elsewhere in prevention and enforcement, to reduce the incidence of flytipping across Gloucester, particularly in identified hotspots.

Council resolves to work more effectively with local agencies, community groups and Gloucester City Homes, where appropriate, to use all available powers and step up enforcement to prosecute those flytipping."

## **3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH**

"This Council notes the recent Rowntree Foundation report 'Overcoming Deprivation and Disconnection in UK Cities' which identified communities in

Gloucester that form a disconnected core, and poor access to jobs and housing are key factors in deprivation.

Gloucester is the 139<sup>th</sup> most deprived district in the country, with areas of several wards in the top decile for housing, employment and income deprivation nationally.

The Rowntree report identified that top down “macro” approaches to deprivation, such as investment through the LEP, are doing little to improve the life chances of people in these wards; they recommend that a “micro” approach is taken to combat the unique factors that affect the life chances of residents. Regeneration in the City Centre is important, but the benefits of that regeneration must reach across the City and into all of our communities.

Deprivation can only be challenged effectively when professionals in housing, health and educational services work together with residents to meet the needs and issues of specific neighbourhoods and communities.

Councils have a duty to shape communities and drive improvements in the lives of resident.

This Council should take a lead in bringing together agencies and communities to identify and act upon the factors that are barriers to work and housing.

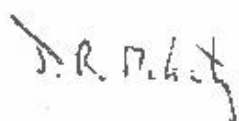
This Council resolves to take a flexible approach to working with communities to meet the needs that they identify, as well as achieving improved life chances for residents.

This Council will work with communities and agencies to formulate neighbourhood agreements, establishing responsibilities on both sides, as a way of building strong and active communities in a time of shrinking budgets.”

#### 10. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 27 - 28)**

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

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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