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Wednesday, 12 July 2017

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, 20th July 2017** 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 - 12)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2017.

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. **COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY (Pages 13 - 30)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval for the implementation of a strategy to enable further investment in property assets.

9. **LATE NIGHT LEVY (Pages 31 - 70)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods to consider the consultation feedback to the proposal to introduce the late night levy and decide whether the Gloucester Business Improvement District is a more effective alternative to deliver community based initiatives for reducing crime and disorder within the night-time economy.

10. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2016-17
(Pages 71 - 92)**

To receive the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the year 2016/17.

11. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2016/17
(Pages 93 - 106)**

To receive the Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for the year 2016/17.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

12. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(1) Proposed by Councillor Hilton

"This council agrees that the level of street cleaning could be much better than it is and that the level of cleanliness in Gloucester is not up to the standard we would expect for an historic city.

This council calls on the Cabinet Member to provide each city councillor with full details of the cleaning regime in their wards, with details of how often each street, open space and public footpath is cleaned.

This council calls on the cabinet member to provide a report on how he intends to improve street cleaning in Gloucester, looking at three zones; the city centre, edge of the city centre and the suburbs."

(2) Proposed by Councillor James

"Notes that the date of this Council meeting is exactly 10 years since the devastating floods of 2007 hit Gloucester, affecting over 1000 homes and leading to a loss of water supply;

Further notes the huge amount of work carried out by the City and County Councils, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water, including dozens of flood alleviation schemes large and small, to guard against a recurrence;

Recalls the heroic work of the emergency services, military and volunteers in helping those in need at that time;

Believes that the positive legacy from this awful event was the great community spirit that helped the city through and that, especially in light of recent national events, the continuation of that spirit must be encouraged."

(3) Proposed by Councillor Pullen

“This Council believes that a fully staffed, public front facing reception is a vital aspect of council services in meeting the needs of the residents of Gloucester. Integral to this service is a ‘Drop In Service’ that offers help advice and information to people when they need it.

This council recognises that people dealing with complex issues, facing an emergency or crisis situation need to speak to an advisor face to face in order to resolve issues. Such situations cannot be planned for or predicted and therefore need to be dealt with immediately and without the need to make an appointment.

This council will therefore always provide a drop in service for people in crisis, when they need it and in a way that meets their needs.”

(4) Proposed by Councillor Coole

“Council recognises the important contribution that Public Sector workers contribute to our society.

Council particularly acknowledges the vital work of our emergency services, both in Gloucester and across the Country, especially in light of recent tragedies where the emergency services have gone above and beyond.

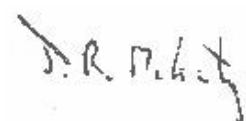
Council believes that asking public sector workers to continue to accept declining living standards and differentials and to continue to fall behind the private sector is not fair or justifiable. Public sector workers deserve fair pay.

Council resolves to write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to lobby for the lifting of the Public Sector pay cap.”

13. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 107 - 108)

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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