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Wednesday, 4 July 2018

**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, 12th July 2018** at **6.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES (Pages 9 - 14)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 May 2018.

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. **CALL OVER**

- (a) Call over (items 9-11) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for discussion.
- (b) To approve the recommendations of those reports which have not been reserved for discussion.

**5. 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.

**6. 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

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 MINUTES)**

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

**8. 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**

### **9. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY RECORDER (Pages 15 - 18)**

To receive the report of the Leader of the Council concerning the appointment of a new Honorary Recorder for Gloucester.

### **10. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION REPORT AND PROPOSAL (Pages 19 - 84)**

To receive the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods concerning the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) public consultation and seeking endorsement of the proposals approved by Cabinet.

### **11. GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2050 VISION CONSULTATION (Pages 85 - 94)**

To receive the report of the Managing Director concerning the Gloucestershire Vision 2050 consultation.

## **MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

### **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH**

“This Council notes:

The extraordinary contribution that the Windrush generation have made to our country and the appalling treatment they have received from the British Government.

That British citizens, who arrived here as children, have been denied healthcare and passports, threatened with deportation and in some cases, detained in immigration centres, such as Yarl’s Wood, for not having the correct documentation.

That residents and Citizens of Gloucester are amongst those who have been denied their rights. They have lost jobs, been refused passports and had their access to healthcare and benefits question despite paying into the tax and National Insurance system for decades.

Council further notes the events organised by the community to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Windrush arriving in the UK.

This Council therefore resolves to:

Celebrate the contribution of the Windrush Generation by adding to our traditional Jamaican Independence Day celebrations on 5<sup>th</sup> August in the following ways:

- a. Fly the Jamaican Flag at North Warehouse
- b. For the Mayor and Sheriff to invite members of the Windrush generation in Gloucester to visit North Warehouse and to express the City's appreciation for the contribution they have made to the life and prosperity of the City and to invite Councillors to come and meet with them.

This Council further resolves

- a. To support the events organised by the community during the anniversary year.
- b. To fly the Jamaican flag on Windrush Day 22 June 2019 and every anniversary of that day.
- c. to write to the Home Secretary to ask that he ensure that Government act swiftly as promised to ensure that Windrush victims are granted their rights swiftly and fully compensated for any financial hardship that they may have suffered."

## **2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON**

"This council records its dissatisfaction with the household waste collection services operated by the council's contractor Amey PLC.

This council notes that 2,000 tonnes of recyclable waste is unaccounted for with a market value of £246,000 and that there are stories of recyclable household waste being inappropriately sent to landfill.

This council also raises concerns about the quality of the client side management of the streetcare contract overseen by the cabinet.

This council, therefore, calls upon the cabinet member for the environment to up his game and increase the frequency of meetings he holds with Amey PLC from current quarterly meetings to monthly meetings until the matter of poor performance by Amey PLC is resolved."

## **3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR COOLE**

"Council notes the recent decision to close the City Council's reception on the last Wednesday of each month for staff training, in addition to the existing closure between 3-5pm each day.

Council also supports staff training as a valuable way of meeting the needs of residents and officer development.

The limited hours that Council is open to the public means that many residents have to take time off work or make a special trip to resolve issues face to face. Residents, many of them, in urgent need of Council services, expect the Council to be open on normal working days in order that they can access services, make

payments and seek advice.

During the recent closures, hundreds of people turned up expecting the Council to be open, many of whom did not have the means to use the phone line provided, or the internet.

Council resolves to cease the full-day closure of reception on the last Wednesday of each month, and establish an alternative means of staff training, that allows face-to-face Council services to be accessible to all residents in business hours.

Council resolves that during any future closure, a skeleton staff should operate at reception, and that a more effective communication strategy is put in place to target those most likely to visit the City Council's reception."

#### **4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON**

"This council notes that, according to the Government's own figures, under all Brexit scenarios the UK will be considerably worse off, not only in terms of international reputation but also the negative social, environmental and economic impact it will have on the people of Gloucester.

This council agrees that there should be a 'people's vote' on the final Brexit deal, which should include an option for the United Kingdom to remain a full member of the European Union."

#### **5. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PULLEN**

"Council notes the statement made by Councillor Richard Cook – Cabinet member for the Environment to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 where he reported:

- Amey were unable to account for 2,000 tonnes of recyclable material and this had resulted in a loss of £246,500 in expected income.
- Amey had sold recyclable materials at below market rates at a cost to the Council of £50,000 in lost income.

Council further notes that Councillor Cook is on record as describing Amey as being "horrible" to work with and that the contract was "one of the worst he has ever seen".

Recent allegations from two distinct 'whistle-blowers' have claimed that operatives were instructed by Amey management to cut up and dispose of recyclable material via landfill. If true, this is a clear breach of the contract.

The Amey contract has seen a litany of failures in service delivery since its inception. This includes missed collections, failures in the grass cutting programme, lack of contingency planning for adverse weather, failures in weed spraying programme and street cleaning standards and improper handling of fly-tipped waste.

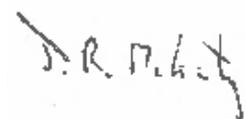
Council resolves:

1. That urgent action is taken by the Council to investigate whether the recent allegations concerning the disposal of recyclable waste in landfill, or the returns submitted to the Council in respect of that waste, amount to fraud and whether a referral to the police is appropriate.
2. That the Council's legal representatives are instructed to advise whether sufficient grounds exist for Amey to be issued with notice to terminate the contract.
3. That the Cabinet bring forward alternative arrangements for the delivery of the contract. The preference is to bring the contract back 'in-house' to be delivered directly by Council employed staff.
4. If this is not feasible; to break the contract into smaller parts to enable local businesses to tender for the work in ways which comply with the Council's procurement obligations.
5. That consideration also be given as to whether it would be possible to join the Ubico trading company that was established by neighbouring authorities."

13. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 95 - 96)**

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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