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Wednesday, 14 November 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, 22nd November 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 11 - 32)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 September 2018 and the Special Council Meeting on 25 October 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 (item 9 only) 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. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOLLOWING TEN WEEK CONSULTATION (Pages 33 - 86)**

To consider the report of the Head of Communities concerning the adoption of the revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles.

## **MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

### **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JAMES**

“This Council:

Notes the proposal by Post Office Limited to relocate up to 40 Post Offices into WH Smith stores in 2019;

Further notes that this could include the main Post Office in Gloucester located in Kings Square;

Recognises the importance of the Post Office building to the setting of Kings Square;

Welcomes the fact that a consultation period will take place before any final decision is made and urges customers, residents and businesses to make their views known;

Expresses its concern that the city’s main Post Office must be accessible and able to provide the wide range of services and facilities currently available;

Resolves to make its own submission to the consultation to be agreed by the three group leaders.”

#### **2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PULLEN**

“Council recognises and values that green public spaces in the City centre are at a premium and that they greatly enhance the environment and quality of life for both residents and visitors.

Council further agrees that Greyfriars bowling green is a valuable green space close to local residencies and should be enhanced and protected from future development.

Council therefore resolves:

1. To include Greyfriars bowling green as a designated area of public open space as part of the Council’s review of its Public Open Space Strategy.

2. That the bowling green be protected from being built upon in any future redevelopment of the area.
3. That a comprehensive plan be drawn up as part of the Local Plan process that provides for a small development of residential/ retail properties including Aviation Gardens that retains the bowling green as its central feature.”

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

“This Council notes:

- That analysis of the 2018 Local Election results by the Fawcett Society found that only 34% of councillors in England are women, up 1% since 2017. Of the seats that were up for election in 2018, 38% went to women, up just 3 percentage points on 2014 when these seats were last contested;
- That across England, Labour has improved its representation since seats were last up for grabs, with 45% women compared with 40% in 2014, Liberal Democrat representation up from 34% to 36% whilst the Conservative Party saw a fall from 31% to 29% in the share of its councillors who are female;
- By summer 2017, only 4% of councils in England and Wales have parental leave policies, according to research by the Fawcett Society;
- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;
- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.

This Council resolves:

- that the General Purposes committee be asked to draw up a parental leave policy with due regard to best practice in other Councils and that this policy to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting;
- To ensure that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate.”

### **4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PULLEN**

“This Council notes that many council budgets are now at Breaking Point. Austerity has caused huge damage to communities up and down the UK, with devastating effects on key public services that protect the most defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people – and the services we all rely on, like clean streets, libraries, and children’s centres;

- Government cuts mean councils have lost 60p out of every £1 that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010;
- Councils had to spend an extra £800m last year to meet the demand on vital services to protect children
- With an aging population and growing demand adult social care faces a gap of £3.5 billion – with only 14% of council workers now confident that vulnerable residents are safe and cared for
- Government cuts have seen over 500 children's centres and 475 libraries close, potholes are left unfilled, and 80% of council workers now say have no confidence in the future of local services
- Northamptonshire has already gone bust, and more councils are predicted to collapse without immediate emergency funding
- Councils now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services 'standing still' and meeting additional demand. Even Lord Gary Porter, the Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association, has said 'Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital local services on a shoestring'

This Council condemns Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss for stating on BBC Newsnight on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 that the government is "not making cuts to local authorities", when all independent assessments of government spending show that this is entirely false; and that this Council further notes that Prime Minister Theresa May has also claimed that "austerity is over" despite planning a further £1.3bn of cuts to council budgets over the next year;

This Council agrees with the aims of the 'Breaking Point' petition signed by labour councillors across the country, in calling for the Prime Minister and Chancellor to truly end austerity in local government by:

- Reversing next years planned £1.3bn cut to council budgets;
- Immediately investing £2bn in children's services and £2bn in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing;
- Pledging to use the Spending Review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years

This Council resolves to:

- Support the 'Breaking Point' campaign, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on our local community

Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by our local council, and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government."

## **5. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON**

“This council expresses its disappointment and opposition to the closure of Hempsted Household Recycling Centre one day a week and to the reduced opening hours on the days the centre grants access to the public.

This council believes that this decision by Gloucestershire County Council cabinet will discourage recycling and encourage flytipping.

This council agrees to write to the cabinet member responsible for the decision, requesting that he opens Hempsted Recycling Centre seven days a week and reconsiders the daily opening hours, especially during British Summer Time.”

## **6. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON**

“Council welcomes the recent completion and opening of the new Gloucester Transport Hub and congratulates all those involved in making this project such a success.

Council recognizes the importance of good transport links both in facilitating easy access to the city centre and hospital but in also creating a good first impression of our city as a good place to live and do business of which the Transport Hub is the first step in achieving this.

Council resolves, as the scheme promoter for the Railway Station Improvement project, to focus its efforts now in working with Great Western Railways and all stakeholders to ensure this project is also delivered to the same high standards as the Transport Hub.”

## **7. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN**

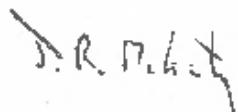
“This Council:

- Recognises the difficulty that many residents in inner city wards of Gloucester have parking outside or near their homes;
- Welcomes the County Council’s proposed review of parking across the County, resolves to work with them to ensure its success in Gloucester including making City Council channels available to assist with the consultation, and asks the County Council to review inner city wards of Gloucester early in the process;
- Notes that the conversion of former family homes to houses in multiple occupation, including for students, can exacerbate already difficult parking issues and asks the Planning Policy Working Group to consider how City Plan policies can be used to assist with this problem.”

**11. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 87 - 90)**

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. McGinty".

**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>   |
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| 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</li><li>(b) which has not been fully discharged</li></ul>  |
| Land  | Any beneficial interest in land which is within the Council's area.<br><br>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) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the landlord is the Council; and</li><li>(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</li></ul>   |
| Securities  | Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Council's area and</li><li>(b) either –<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share</li></ul></li></ul>   |

- 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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