



COUNCIL

MEETING : Thursday, 27th September 2018

PRESENT : Cllrs. J. Brown (Mayor), Hyman (Sheriff & Deputy Mayor), James, Watkins, Cook, Noakes, H. Norman, Organ, Pullen, Hilton, Gravells, Tracey, Stephens, Lugg, Hanman, Lewis, Morgan, Wilson, Bhaimia, Haigh, D. Brown, Dee, Taylor, Hansdot, Patel, Toleman, D. Norman, Hampson, Brazil, Coole, Fearn, Finnegan, Hawthorne, Melvin, Ryall and Smith

Others in Attendance

Managing Director
Corporate Director (Partnership Working)
Corporate Director (Service Transformation)
Solicitor (One Legal)
Head of Communities
Head of Place
Policy and Governance Manager
Democratic and Electoral Services Team Leader

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. Williams, Brooker and Walford

22. MINUTES

22.1 Save for minor adjustments to the Mayor's involvement in 'Beat the Street', the minutes of the meeting which took place on 12th July 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Mayor.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

23.1 Councillors D. Norman, Gravells and D. Brown declared an interest in agenda item 10 (3) by virtue of their being Members of Gloucestershire County Council. The Managing Director advised that, whilst it was open to such Members to declare as such, it was not required of them.

24. CALL OVER

24.1 The Mayor invited Members to indicate whether they wished to reserve agenda item 9. No Members indicated as such and Councillor James was therefore invited to move agenda item 9.

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25. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

- 25.1 A Gloucester resident asked the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods, Councillor Watkins, in relation to works that were being carried out at the Rose Garden on London Road, how long the fence around the garden would be erected. Councillor Watkins stated that she was happy to have discussions regarding the Rose Garden at any point. With regard to the fencing, she advised that an exact time frame could not be provided but that she would feed concerns back. She further advised that she had been assured by the County Council that the site was safe.
- 25.2 The same Gloucester resident asked Councillor Watkins whether previous temporary accommodation figures that had been provided (which showed that 170 Gloucester households were in temporary accommodation) included minors and if they did not, could they be included. Councillor Watkins advised that there were 153 households in temporary accommodation which represented a 12% reduction since July. She further advised that ten of these were placed out of Gloucester which represented a 38% reduction in the same period.
- 25.3 Councillor Watkins stated that these figures represented households and that figures should be able to be produced to show how many minors there were.

26. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

- 26.1 The following petition, signed by 110 people, was presented by a group of Gloucester residents:

Planned Development on Sneedhams Green

We, the undersigned, are totally against the planned development on several grounds. Namely: loss of views, loss of local usage of the green which is in constant use as a starting point.

We ask that Gloucester City Homes review and discuss this with affected local residents as to the way forward.

We would bring it to your attention that the latest masterplan (received on the 17th May 2018) was related to a meeting held on 15th May 2018 – we were never informed or invited to any meeting. The first thing that we knew about the new masterplan was when we received this through the letter box.

- 26.2 A resident of Sneedhams Green stated that there was distress among residents at the prospect of building on the area. He stated that numerous recreational activities took place on the green and that many wished to keep it. He further stated that the group recognised and supported the need for housebuilding in the Matson area but this could be located elsewhere. He highlighted an increase in traffic and the potential threat to wildlife as other factors.

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- 26.3 Councillor Organ, Cabinet Member for Housing Strategy and Planning, thanked the petitioner for raising the issue. He stated that he knew the area well. Councillor Organ also advised that no application was in progress but that, when the process was underway, they would be at liberty to make representations regarding any proposed development.

27. ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 MINUTES)

The Mayor

- 27.1 The Mayor informed Members that she had completed all 71 stages of the Beat the Street challenged and thanked Councillor James and Council D. Brown for completing the final seven stages with her. She further thanked the Sheriff and Deputy Mayor for welcoming her to his ward on her journey.
- 27.2 The Mayor congratulated Councillor Laura Brooker on her recent marriage and wished her and Mr. Brooker many happy years together.
- 27.3 The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Children's Party would be held on Saturday 15th December at Ribston Hall High School.
- 27.4 The Mayor also reminded Members of the upcoming Special Council Meeting which would take place on Thursday 25th October 2018.
- 27.5 The Sheriff informed Members that £878.78 had been raised for the James Hopkins Trust at the Assize of Ale event. He thanked all those involved in the event and advised that there would be further fundraising activities for the charity which provides care and support for Gloucestershire's life limited and life threatened children.

Leader of the Council

- 27.6 The Leader of the Council, Councillor James, announced the appointment of Councillor Hannah Norman to the post of Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources following the departure of Councillor David Norman MBE to take up a post in the Cabinet at Gloucestershire County Council. He congratulated Councillor H. Norman on her appointment and expressed his thanks to Councillor D. Norman for his service to the Council during his tenure.
- 27.7 The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Councillor H. Norman, announced that the new Council website would be live from 17.30hrs on Friday 28th September 2018. She further informed Members that the Council's closure of reception on the last Wednesday of the month in order for staff training to take place would cease after the October training day. She advised that this was always under review and the option would be there to arrange further training days where necessary.

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Chairs of Committees

- 27.8 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Coole, informed Members that a number of Officers and Members had completed the recent survey on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He report that, on a scale of 1 to 5 (which 1 being not at all effective and 5 being extremely effective), the average result was 3.5. He stated that this was positive and there was still room to improve. He further announced that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Monday 1st October 2018 at 6.30pm and that all Members were welcome.
- 27.9 Councillor Gravells, in highlighting the work of the Audit and Governance Committee, thanked the Head of Policy and Resources and the Finance team for all their endeavour throughout the year including the preparation of accounts and the Annual Report of the Committee.

28. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

Questions to Cabinet Members

- 28.1 Councillor Pullen welcomed Councillor H. Norman to her new post as Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and stated that he was pleased that the closure of reception on the last Wednesday of the month would cease. He asked of the Cabinet Member how, in light of residents and others unable to access the Council's reception, how he should have answered their queries regarding the closure.
- 28.2 Councillor H. Norman stated that training was not affected by some who were unable to access the building and apologised to those individuals who could not access the Council's offices. She further stated that good quality had been delivered during the closures.
- 28.3 Councillor Pullen noted that at the most recent meeting of the Cabinet, the outgoing Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources stated that he wished the new Cabinet Member for remaining within budget. He asked how confident the new Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources was for remaining within budget. Councillor H. Norman stated that the Cabinet was a strong team and that she was confident this would happen.
- 28.4 By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Pullen asked the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Councillor H. Norman, what pressure would be put on the Culture and Leisure portfolio to remain within its budget. Councillor H. Norman stated that the whole Cabinet would be working together so that all portfolios would remain in budget.
- 28.5 Councillor Hilton congratulated Councillor H. Norman on her new post. He asked of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Cook, if the shortfall of £300k of income from Amey resulting from the missing recycling waste and underselling of other recyclable materials had been recovered.

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Councillor Cook advised that payments had been withheld and would continue to be withheld until a satisfactory resolution was achieved.

- 28.6 Councillor Hilton asked whether the Council had received legal advice on whether there were sufficient grounds to issue Amey with a notice to terminate the contract and if the Council had issued instructions to terminate the streetcare contract. Councillor Cook advised that the Council's representatives continued to liaise with representatives from Amey to find a resolution.
- 28.7 Councillor Hilton asked of the Councillor Cook what progress had been made in bringing forward alternative arrangements for the delivery of the streetcare services. Councillor Cook stated that he would continue to receive options appraisals and guidance accordingly. By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Hilton asked what Councillor Cook's preferred option was –to go out to tender on the open market or to bring the services 'in house' as a Council direct labour organisation. Councillor Cook advised that he would examine all relevant option on an objective basis.
- 28.8 Councillor Toleman asked the Cabinet Member for Housing Strategy and Planning, Councillor Organ, to confirm whether the transfer of housing stock to Gloucester City Homes was a cross-party endeavour. Councillor Organ confirmed that it was.
- 28.9 Councillor Coole asked the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Councillor H. Norman, if, given the announcement that reception closures would cease, he had been incorrect in his assessment of the level of interactions sought on closure days. Councillor H. Norman stated that there had been a difference in calculations and definitions of those who had been interacting with the Council on closure days.
- 28.10 Councillor Coole asked Councillor H. Norman if she would apologise to those who could not access Council services. Councillor H. Norman stated that she would apologise to anyone inconvenienced by closures and that it had been a beneficial training programme.
- 28.11 Council Haigh asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor James, what the funding source for the King's Square development was. Councillor James responded that the first phase was under the Capital Programme.
- 28.12 Councillor Lugg asked Councillor Cook what the ultimate destination of a black plastic tray was. Councillor Cook advised that such items were not recyclable.
- 28.13 Councillor Lewis asked Richard Cook if there had been any improvement in the recycling of food waste. Councillor Cook advised that there had been a 13% increase in such recycling which represented 450 tonnes per year.
- 28.14 Councillor Ryall asked Councillor James if he would join her in welcoming all new students to Gloucester. Councillor James welcomed all the new students and informed Members that he attended the opening of the new

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business school. Councillor James further stated that the new students would undoubtedly enhance the life of the City.

- 28.15 Councillor Ryall asked Councillor James what action had been taken to overcome some negative perceptions of safety in the City. Upon deferment, Councillor Watkins thanked partners, particularly the University of Gloucestershire, for working with the City Council to address safety concerns. He stated that he was confident that such concerns would be allayed.
- 28.16 Councillor Wilson asked Councillor James if he had been in contact with the Local Government Association (LGA) given the chances of a 'No-Deal' Brexit had increased and what the Council would do to help the most vulnerable were there to be no agreement with the European Union. Councillor James advised that the Council took its lead from the LGA as well as briefing notes from the Key Cities Group. He further stated that such matters would be dealt with as and when they arose.
- 28.17 Councillor Dee asked the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, Councillor Noakes, how well attended the recent History Festival was. Councillor Noakes advised that it was a very successful festival and informed Members that the talks at Blackfriars saw a large increase in visitors from all over the world.
- 28.18 Councillor D. Brown asked Councillor Cook if there was explanation for delays in green waste collection. Councillor Cook advised Councillor D. Brown to furnish him with the details and he would respond accordingly.
- 28.19 Councillor D. Brown asked of Councillor Cook if there were any early indications of take up for the new green waste collection. Councillor Cook advised that it was likely to be commensurate with previous years.
- 28.20 Councillor Hampson asked Councillor Cook if there was any advice for residents who had had their green waste collection delayed and whether there was a possibility of a refund. Councillor Cook advised that residents should report their concerns to the Council and, in relation to refunds, further advised that he would be raising the matter with the relevant parties.
- 28.21 Councillor Gravells noted that upcoming AGM of the National Sherriff's Association and asked Councillor James if he agreed with him that all should be done to preserve the Sheriff's Mill and other similarly historic buildings. Councillor James stated that he did agree and that he was looking forward to discovering more about such matters.

Questions to Chairs of Committees

- 28.22 Councillor Haigh asked the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Coole, whether he thought the Council should contribute a submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MCLG) in relation to statutory scrutiny guidance which was due to be

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published at the end of the year. Councillor Coole stated that it would be useful to prepare a submission.

28.23 Councillor Hilton asked the Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor Taylor, whether he had, to date, met Redrow Homes or their agents since the 5th August 2016 to discuss planning applications in respect of 89 or 100 dwellings on the former Civil Service Sports Ground. Councillor Taylor advised that he had not met either Redrow Homes or their agents prior to any planning application.

28.24 As a supplementary question, Councillor Hilton asked Councillor Taylor what verbal or written discussions he had had with Members of the Cabinet or Council Officers in respect of the two applications. Councillor Taylor advised that no such discussions had taken place.

29. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2017/18

29.1 Councillor James, seconded by Councillor H. Norman moved the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2017/18.

29.2 **RESOLVED:** - That the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2017/18 be approved.

30. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion from the Liberal Democrat Group

30.1 Councillor Brazil, seconded by Councillor Ryall, proposed the following motion:

This Council recognises:

the value of having public drinking fountains in a number of key areas in the city where people can fill their own bottles or drink straight from the fountain. With the hot weather we experienced this Summer it would also benefit visitors and residents alike. This would also reduce the quantity of plastic bottles of water being purchased locally, reduce the need for recycling and promote water as a healthy option.

Council resolves to:

- 1) acknowledge the importance of providing access to free drinking water around the city, welcome the recent establishment of Refill Gloucester and give its support to the reintroduction of public drinking fountains,
- 2) ask Cabinet to work with Gloucester Bid and Severn Trent Water to look at the feasibility of installing and maintaining public drinking fountains in the city.

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- 30.2 Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor James, proposed the following amendment:

This Council recognises:

the value of having public ~~drinking fountains~~ **access to water refill stations** in a number of key areas in the city where people can fill their own bottles ~~or drink straight from the fountain~~. With the hot weather we experienced this Summer it would also benefit visitors and residents alike. This would also reduce the quantity of plastic bottles of water being purchased locally, reduce the need for recycling and promote water as a healthy option.

Council resolves to:

- 1) acknowledge the importance of providing access to free drinking water around the city, **and** welcome the recent establishment of Refill Gloucester ~~and give its support to the reintroduction of public drinking fountains,~~
- 2) ~~ask Cabinet to work with Gloucester Bid and Severn Trent Water to look at the feasibility of installing and maintaining public drinking fountains in the city."~~

- 30.3 The amendment was put to the vote and was carried. It, therefore, became the substantive motion.

- 30.4 The substantive motion was put to the vote and was carried.

- 30.5 **RESOLVED that: -**

"This Council recognises:

the value of having public access to water refill stations in a number of key areas in the city where people can fill their own bottles With the hot weather we experienced this Summer it would also benefit visitors and residents alike. This would also reduce the quantity of plastic bottles of water being purchased locally, reduce the need for recycling and promote water as a healthy option.

Council resolves to acknowledge the importance of providing access to free drinking water around the city, and welcome the recent establishment of Refill Gloucester.

Notice of Motion from the Liberal Democrat Group

- 30.6 Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Wilson proposed the following motion:

This council welcomes, ahead of a planning application, the public consultation being carried out over the new plans for redevelopment of the Kings Quarter.

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This council agrees the Kings Quarter redevelopment should include office accommodation and that it could be an ideal location to relocate the city council's civic and administrative headquarters.

This council also agrees that a new justice centre is desperately needed in Gloucester and the Kings Quarter could also include new crown, magistrates and county courts, which would enhance the scheme still further.

This council also notes that the city council HQ and a justice centre would be adjacent to the new bus station, an improved railway station and a new multi-storey car park, making easy access to these public facilities for everyone.

- 30.7 Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Watkins, proposed the following amendment:

This council welcomes, ahead of a planning application, the public consultation being carried out over the new plans for redevelopment of the Kings Quarter.

This council agrees **that it is important to get more people working in the city centre and that** the Kings Quarter redevelopment should include office accommodation and that ~~it could be an ideal location~~ **the option** to relocate the city council's civic and administrative headquarters **there in the future should remain open.**

This council also agrees ~~that a new justice centre is desperately needed in Gloucester and the~~ **to highlight the opportunities at** Kings Quarter could also include new crown, magistrates and county courts, which would enhance the scheme still further **to other public sector partners through the One Public Estate programme.**

This council also notes that the ~~city council HQ and a justice centre would~~ **Kings Quarter development will** be adjacent to the new bus station, an improved railway station and a new multi-storey car park, making easy access to these public facilities for everyone **and an attractive site for developers and occupiers.**

This council also welcomes the proposal for a Cultural Entrepreneurs Hub at Kings House and resolves to support the bid to the Government's Cultural Development Fund."

- 30.8 The amendment was put to the vote and was carried. It therefore became the substantive motion.
- 30.9 The substantive motion was put to the vote and was carried.

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30.10 RESOLVED that: -

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This council agrees that it is important to get more people working in the city centre and that the Kings Quarter redevelopment should include office accommodation and that the option to relocate the city council’s civic and administrative headquarters there in the future should remain open.

This council also agrees to highlight the opportunities at Kings Quarter to other public sector partners through the One Public Estate programme.

This council also notes that the Kings Quarter development will be adjacent to the new bus station, an improved railway station and a new multi-storey car park, making easy access to these public facilities for everyone and an attractive site for developers and occupiers.

This council also welcomes the proposal for a Cultural Entrepreneurs Hub at Kings House and resolves to support the bid to the Government’s Cultural Development Fund.”

Notice of Motion from the Labour Group

30.11 Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Pullen, proposed the following motion:

This council notes:

Though slavery was abolished in the UK in 1833, there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. Figures from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) suggest that there are more than 40 million people in modern slavery across the world, with nearly 25 million held in forced labour.

There were 3805 victims of modern slavery identified in the UK in 2016. A rising number but still well below the 10,000 and 13,000 potential victims estimated by the Home Office.

Modern Slavery is happening nationwide. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment. This can include sexual and criminal exploitation.

This council believes:

That action needs to be taken to raise awareness of modern slavery and the fact that it is happening all over the UK.

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That the current support for victims is not sufficient and needs to go beyond the 45 days they are currently given by the government.

That councils have an important role to play in ensuring their contracts and supplies don't contribute to modern day slavery and exploitation.

This council resolves:

To adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery to ensure our procurement practices don't support slavery.

Gloucester City Council will:

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.

30.12 The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

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30.13 **RESOLVED that: -**

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There were 3805 victims of modern slavery identified in the UK in 2016. A rising number but still well below the 10,000 and 13,000 potential victims estimated by the Home Office.

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This council believes:

That action needs to be taken to raise awareness of modern slavery and the fact that it is happening all over the UK.

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5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
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8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.

Notice of Motion from the Labour Group

- 30.14 Councillor Haigh, seconded by Councillor Coole, proposed the following motion:

This Council notes that sanitary products are essential items for people who have periods and that people visiting Council buildings may need such products when they visit. Council believes that people in Council buildings should have free access to sanitary products in the same way as they are provided with toilet paper and soap.

Council notes that the County Council has set up a scheme to provide access to products for people vulnerable to period poverty.

This Council therefore resolves to provide free sanitary products in all City Council buildings.

- 30.15 Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor H. Norman, proposed the following amendment:

This Council notes that sanitary products are essential items for people who have periods and that people visiting Council buildings may need such products ~~when they visit~~. Council believes that people in ~~Council buildings~~ **who are unable to afford sanitary products** should have free access to ~~sanitary products in the same way as they are provided with toilet paper and soap~~ **them**.

Council notes that the County Council has set up a scheme to provide access to products for people vulnerable to period poverty, **notes that Gloucester Foodbank and Gloucester City Mission already provide free**

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sanitary products to vulnerable women and agrees to work with these groups and others to raise awareness of their availability.

This Council ~~therefore resolves to provide free sanitary products in all City Council buildings~~ **also agrees to ensure relevant staff are aware and highlight the availability of free sanitary products as part of the referral process.**

30.16 The amendment was put to the vote and was carried. It therefore became the substantive motion.

30.17 The substantive motion was put to the vote and was carried.

30.18 **RESOLVED that: -**

This Council notes that sanitary products are essential items for people who have periods and that people visiting Council buildings may need such products. Council believes that people who are unable to afford sanitary products should have free access to them.

Council notes that the County Council has set up a scheme to provide access to products for people vulnerable to period poverty, notes that Gloucester Foodbank and Gloucester City Mission already provide free sanitary products to vulnerable women and agrees to work with these groups and others to raise awareness of their availability.

This Council also agrees to ensure relevant staff are aware and highlight the availability of free sanitary products as part of the referral process.

Notice of Motion from the Conservative Group

30.19 Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Noakes proposed the following motion:

This Council:

- welcomes the progress made by Gloucester City Football Club in working towards a return to playing at Meadow Park, including groundworks to raise the level of the pitch and the relocation of the telecommunications mast;
- supports the Club's ambition to be playing back in Gloucester for the 2019/20 season;
- notes that the majority of the £100,000 allocated to the Club by the City Council from the Regeneration Account to enable its return to the city has been drawn down with the remainder available to assist with the final stages of the project;
- will support funding applications by the Club to the Football Association and other funders to help finance the new stadium;

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calls upon businesses, individuals, the local media and other key stakeholders in the city to get behind the club to finally bring an end to its years in exile

30.20 The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

30.21 **RESOLVED that:** -

This Council:

- welcomes the progress made by Gloucester City Football Club in working towards a return to playing at Meadow Park, including groundworks to raise the level of the pitch and the relocation of the telecommunications mast;
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31. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

- 31.1 Councillor Haigh asked Councillor Cook would the two relevant Cabinet Members from both the County and City Councils work together to use the data in the written answer to combat psychoactive substance use. Councillor Cook advised that it was particularly difficult to get accurate figures for this and that there were a number of organisations involved in such cleaning.
- 31.2 Councillor Hilton asked Councillor James if he had discussed the value of possible s106 agreements at his two meetings with Redrow Homes. Councillor James stated that there no detailed discussions in this matter.
- 31.3 Councillor Hilton asked Councillor Organ if he could name the other persons, other than Councillor James, present at the meeting on 14th February 2018. Councillor Organ stated that he was invited at short notice and could not recall the others present.
- 31.4 Council Hilton asked Councillor Cook if there had been any communication between himself and Kingsholm Primary School, Spartans Rugby Club or High School for Girls in relation to their possible interest in using the Civil Sports Ground for sporting activities. Councillor Cook stated that there had been no correspondence with any organisations.

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Time of commencement: 6.30 pm hours
Time of conclusion: 9.10 pm hours

Chair