



Gloucester City Council

CABINET

**Meeting: Wednesday, 7th February 2024 at 6.00 pm
in Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP**

ADDENDUM

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| 4. | <p>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES) (PAGES 5 - 6)</p> <p>The opportunity is given to members of the public to put questions to Cabinet Members. A question may be rejected if it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Is not about a matter for which the local authority has responsibility or influence; or(ii) Is illegal, improper, defamatory, frivolous or offensive; or(iii) Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council, Cabinet or Committee in the past 6 months; or(iv) Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information; or(v) Is related to confidential staffing matters; or(vi) Is relating to the personal affairs or conduct of individual Members or Officers. <p>To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 2nd February 2024 or telephone 01452 396203 for support. Responses to questions will be published in an addendum to the agenda at least 24 hours before the Cabinet Meeting.</p> |
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Yours sincerely

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

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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 (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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Paragraph 10 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a member of the public may submit up to three written questions to the Leader of Council or any Cabinet Member.

This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members and written replies thereto.

Cabinet is recommended to

(a) Note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.

(b) Note the supplementary questions and corresponding responses delivered verbally within the 15 minutes available for Public Questions.

| No. | Question to | Question |
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| 1. | The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment | Regarding Gloucester Transport Hub what discussions are taking place with Gloucestershire County Council (the Transport Authority) about the maintenance and restoration of the real-time bus, coach and train information for passengers and possible sale of the Transport Hub to the County Council as Transport Authority to run and maintain? |
| | Response: I'm not aware of any discussions around the sale of the Transport Hub. I believe conversations around the screens has taken place direct with Stagecoach and the County Council. | |
| 2. | The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment | What is the maintenance budget for bus stops, interchanges and shelters in the City of Gloucester (including the Gloucester Transport Hub repairs, maintenance, provision of doors to the buses and railway station and the City centre, public and disabled toilets, repairing the walls and roof, and provision from income from reopening the cafe and kiosk)? |
| | Response: Bus stop / shelters on the street are the responsibility of the County Council. The proposed Transport Hub budget for 2024/25 is £66k, the City Council is about to take the Café and kiosk to the open market to get interest to reopen these facilities. | |
| 3. | The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment | Gloucester Transport Hub is an important interchange for bus/coach services, railway services and taxis in the Cotswolds and South |

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| | | <p>West England. As part of the Bus Improvement Plan, what discussions have the City Council had with Gloucestershire County Council (the Transport Authority) over a bus service advisory board and setting up user panels for all passengers as required by the Department of Transport?</p> |
| | Response: | |
| | <p>The City Council has not had any conversations to date over a bus service advisory board and setting up user panels.</p> | |