



Gloucester City Council

COUNCIL

**Meeting: Thursday, 22nd February 2024 at 6.00 pm
in Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP**

ADDENDUM

4.	<p>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES) (PAGES 5 - 8)</p> <p>The opportunity is given to members of the public to put questions to Cabinet Members provided that questions do not contravene the provisions set out Council Procedure Rule 10.01.</p> <p>The enclosed questions were submitted in accordance with the relevant deadline and the responses have been published at least 24 hours before the meeting. Supplementary questions may be put and answered during the meeting, subject to the relevant time limit.</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>
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 10.01 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that members of the public who live, work or study in Gloucester may submit a maximum of three questions to the meeting.

This document details the written questions submitted in accordance with the notice requirements and the written replies thereto.

Council 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 Questions by the Public.

No.	Question from/to	Question
1.	From Mr Redgewell to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	What is allocation of money to repair and refurbish Gloucester transport hub and interchange, including deep cleaning and repairing the structures, the roof and installing of the Gloucester glass windows and is this the revenue maintenance budget or also a capital grant for the refurbishment of the Gloucester transport hub, or use of bus, coach, car park income for charges of bus and coach services departing the transport hub?
Response:		
The operational maintenance budget for the Transport Hub to include general day to day maintenance and cleaning is £66,000 per year.		
The installation of the glass windows was part of the overall capital budget to build the new transport hub, installation costs are not part of the general day to day maintenance budget.		
2.	From Mr Redgewell to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	With the marketing of the passengers catering facilities of the Cafe and Kiosk, is there revenue income streams planned from the shop and catering facilities at Gloucester transport hub and will any lease money be reinvested in the Gloucester transport hub, including seating facilities and the Railway information display screen?
Response:		
Income from all Council commercial leases forms part of the Council's wider income streams supporting the Council's medium term financial plan and setting of a balanced budget.		
3.	From Mr Redgewell to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	As there is a small charge for the use of the public toilets in the Gloucester transport hub, is the income from the Toilets reinvested in the up keep

		of the transport hub and its facilities for passengers?
	Response:	
	The council sets an annual maintenance budget for the transport hub. This is separate from any income generated from the facilities. Income from toilets contributes to the Council's overall balanced budget setting.	
4.	From Mr Edden to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	What business rates and rent are the new FlipOut venue paying, and are they taking advantage of any grants, or other money from the council?
	Response:	
	Business Rates payable for the full year are £87,552.	
	The lease term is 15 years. The details of the lease are commercially sensitive.	
	No grants have been provided by the Council.	
5.	From Mr Edden to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	Why is the council advertising the new VR Arcade as "the first of its kind in the South West" when this is untrue and has a negative effect on my personal independent business – was no consideration made for being factually correct or was it a conscious decision to do this to help promote this new business which the council have a personal interest in? I've been offering a higher standard of Virtual Reality in Gloucester City Centre for more than four years. I would like an apology for the incorrect information being shared and to receive some council backed marketing to correct this.
	Response:	
	The information we received and circulated was directly from the 'We Do Play' press office. As the landlord of this unit we would actively support any new tenant of ours for both the success of our property portfolio and the City as a whole.	
	If there has been any confusion in the differing offers available we will be happy to investigate and clarify.	
6.	From Mr Edden to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	Why did the council greenlight and actively support them adding 2 activities (VR and Laser Quest) that Gloucester already has within a few minutes of the old Primark location?
	Response:	
	We leased the premises as a leisure / entertainment venue with a family focus with the primary use being adventure golf.	
	There are several offers under the We Do Play brand and given the size of the unit it is intended to complement what is on offer elsewhere in the Centre.	
7.	From Mr Randolph to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy	I have very serious concerns about the protection of Gloucester Citizens as it has become evident that nearly all the ICNIRP Certificates for telecommunication towers have been issued under the name of Three UK Limited, which was a dissolved company since October 2015, and when it was operational, it had nothing to do with

		<p>telecoms. This has been confirmed by the planning inspectorate who have acknowledged over 500 reports of fraudulent safety certificates and they state that a corporate may be behind large scale fraud relating to the UK 5G infrastructure.</p> <p>This would render the Certificate of Safety invalid, and given that Gloucester City Council do not have insurance for 5G, what measures are in place to safeguard the public should any harm occur? Why did Gloucester City Council not even check the very basic details were correct on these certificates when they were issued?</p>
<p>Response:</p>		
<p>Paragraph 121 of the National Planning Policy Framework provides that applications for electronic communications development (including applications for prior approval under the General Permitted Development Order) should be supported by the necessary evidence to justify the proposed development and that this should include: for an addition to an existing mast or base station, a statement that self-certifies that the cumulative exposure, when operational, will not exceed International Commission guidelines on non-ionising radiation protection; and for a new mast or base station a statement that self-certifies that, when operational, International Commission guidelines will be met.</p> <p>The Council is satisfied that permissions and/or prior approvals that have been issued by the Council are valid.</p>		

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