



Gloucester City Council

CABINET

**Meeting: Wednesday, 11th December 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>To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 6th December 2024 or telephone 01452 396203 for support.</p> <p>Questions and responses will be 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 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
1.	The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	The Southwest Transport Network welcomes the Public Art policy and supports the stained-glass panels illustrating Gloucester's history in the Transport Hub. But with the other street art in the City is there a maintenance budget and does the Transport Hub art come from the already quite small maintenance budget (used for door repairs and the passenger information services)?
<p>Response:</p> <p>There is a maintenance budget for the Transport Hub which includes a six-monthly clean of the stained glass panels. Maintenance for other public art in the city will be considered as part of the development of the public art framework.</p>		
2.	The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	The Southwest Transport Network supports the street art such as the Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership black lives posters on Gloucester Railway station. Will the street art policy include the history of the slave trade in the City and Docks, including Bakers Quay with plaques that explain involvement in the slave trade to remember those people who lost their lives in the Triangle Trade in ships that left Gloucester Docks? Many people lost their lives on ships based in Gloucester port by the Royal African Company and port of Bristol but there are no plaques or any street art in the Docks, will this be addressed in street Art Policy and will it cover the LGBTQ community, across the whole City not just in the centre but in Matson, Barton, Tredworth, White City etc. and not just the aviation and railway industries?

	<p>Response:</p> <p>The Cabinet report recommends for the commissioning of a public art framework, as opposed to a street art policy. The framework will set out a best practice approach to commissioning, priority locations for animation and the strategic outcomes desired from public art and consider the role of public art in conveying the city's identity and history. Consultation with local communities will take place as part of the development of the framework, enabling potential themes or areas of focus to be identified. It should be noted that the City Council undertook a review of Monuments linked to the Transatlantic slavery economy over the course of late 2020 and 2021, with progress on the recommendations having been made since then. The appointed public art consultant will review existing documents and policies including said review and consider their bearing on the new public art framework. It is the understanding of officers that the Royal African Company was a London-based monopoly. We are not aware of any direct link between the Royal African Company and Gloucester, nor of any ships of the company coming to Gloucester.</p>	
3.	The Cabinet Member for Resources	<p>The Lease for the Gloucester Carboot and Market at Hempstead Meadows is up for renewal. The most recent lease was £14,500 per annum, this included unrestricted use for the Carboot and market site and the full allocation of space for 1,000 car parking spaces as granted by the original planning permission. However, the new lease for the Carboot and Market is offered with a guide price of £145,000; exactly 10 times more than the most recent lease; a 1000% increase. Furthermore, the new lease is offered with substantially less land that what was offered with the previous lease, leaving space for around only 175 car parking spaces, which is 6 times less than that required by the planning permission. We have asked the marketing agents, Bruton Knowles, if the new guide price of £145,000 has been set by them, and, if so, how a 10-fold increase can be justified. However, Bruton Knowles have advised that the guide figure has not been set by them, rather it is a figure that has been generated by the City Council. the site is offered with less land available for car parking than with the previous lease and only for 9 months. We used all the land the last 2 years and there has been no issues or complaints. How a 10-fold increase can be justified?</p>
<p>Response:</p> <p>The previous arrangement was not a lease but was a licence giving permission to use the land for designated days. The licence did not include unrestricted access of the entire site, and the plan associated with the licence was for the same demised area as is shown in the particulars currently being offered for tender.</p> <p>The guide price figure is generated from the Valuation Office Agency and is based on previous rental income from leases for the site. This is a guide price</p>		

	only and interested parties are welcome to indicate what rental figure they would propose to offer in response to the tender.	
4.	The Cabinet Member for Resources	[regarding the Gloucester carboot and market] How much is the service charge going to be? (we have asked this question 3 times now)
	Response:	
	Services charges will be set in accordance with Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) rules and are subject to change therefore no exact figure can be given at this stage.	

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