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Wednesday, 15 March 2017

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, 23rd March 2017 at 7.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES (Pages 9 - 24)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2017.

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. **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.

5. **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

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

7. **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

8. **REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2017 (Pages 25 - 44)**

To consider the report of the Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel concerning the review of Members' Allowances 2017.

9. **DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2017-20 (Pages 45 - 60)**

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources concerning the draft Council Plan 2017-20 and outlining the timetable for the development of the final Plan.

10. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 61 - 88)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

seeking approval of the Treasury Management Strategy, the prudential indicators and to note the Treasury activities.

11. **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016-17 (Pages 89 - 98)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval of the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

12. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(1) PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH

"This Council recognises that modern slavery and human trafficking is an increasing problem in the UK. Last year there was a total of 3266 recorded victims of modern slavery in the UK, a 40% increase on the year before. Victims came from 102 different countries, with the top 3 being Albania, Vietnam and Nigeria.

Council supports the work of the Gloucestershire Police, the County Council and other agencies in combatting modern slavery and supporting victims.

This Council recognises that we have a role to play in identifying and reporting modern slavery and resolves to:

- a) Encourage staff and members to view the short video from the Anti-Slavery Commissioner "Local Government – Modern Slavery"
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Oh6LgyLFxl>)
- b) Write to staff drawing their attention the duty to notify the Home Office of potential victims of Modern Slavery"

(2) PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR COOLE

"Council notes that gambling is an important industry and for many people an enjoyable and harmless part of normal social activity.

Council further notes that for some gambling and gambling addiction is a serious problem, and acknowledges the lack of resources and understanding around this issue. Problem gambling affects up to 600,000 people in the UK, with densely populated urban areas the worst impacted; this incurs a cost to the economy of up to £1.2 billion Council notes that gambling related harm extends not only to the individual affected, but to family, friends and employers. In urban centres problem gambling is more prevalent.

Council acknowledges that an holistic approach is the best way to tackling this sort of addiction and that there can be a co-morbidity with drug and alcohol abuse or mental health problems. Betting shops form part of a vibrant and safe high street but issues such as clustering and lack of support for self exclusion

can worsen gambling harm. Council therefore resolves to extend the Safe and Attractive streets policy to target those affected by problem gambling.

Council resolves to treat gambling addiction as a serious public health issue, and to work closely with the County Council and partners such as the CAB and the Money Advice service to provide the support that people in Gloucester need."

(3) PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON

"This council expresses its disappointment that its Growth Deal 3 bid, "Gloucester Railway Station, A Gateway to Economic Growth" failed to secure funding.

This council agrees that further investment in Gloucester Railway Station and its links to both Gloucester Royal Hospital and the city centre are important to Gloucester's regeneration.

It also agrees that major improvements to the subway from Great Western Road to Bruton Way should be part of such a scheme.

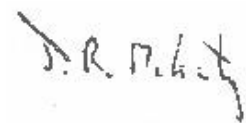
This council asks the cabinet member for regeneration to provide a report to all councillors on why this Growth Deal 3 bid failed and what lessons have been learned.

The report to also recommend a way forward on how the council can secure funding to deliver improvements to Gloucester Railway Station and its subway as suggested in the Growth Deal Bid."

13. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

No written questions have been received.

Yours sincerely



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 (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.

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