



## COUNCIL

**MEETING** : Thursday, 23rd March 2017

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

### **Others in Attendance**

Jon McGinty, Managing Director

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director

Jon Topping, Head of Finance

Peter Jones, Chair of Independent Remuneration Panel

Shirin Wotherspoon, Solicitor - One Legal

Tanya Davies, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager

Tony Wisdom, Democratic Services Officer

**APOLOGIES** : Cllrs Bhaimia and Finnegan

### **71. WESTMINSTER TRAGEDY**

The Mayor led the Council in one minute's silence as mark of respect to those killed and injured in the terrorist attack in Westminster on Wednesday.

### **72. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

72.1 That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### **73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

73.1 Councillor Morgan declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 8, Review of Members' Allowances 2017, and he withdrew to the public gallery during consideration of that item.

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- 73.2 Councillor Gravells declared a personal interest in Notices of Motion (2) as Gloucestershire County Council Cabinet Member for Public Health.

**74. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- 74.1 Steven Gower stated that many Members would be aware that he had slept outside the Council Offices on the previous night to highlight the case of a man who had been homeless for two years. He thanked those who had shown their support. He expressed concerns over the tendering of the homeless service and although he had not seen the contracts he understood that they were based on performance in returning homeless people to work and the licences were worthless. He asked the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning if he would give an assurance that this was not the case.
- 74.2 Councillor Organ, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning stated that he had met with Mr Gower and he believed that it was important to maintain that dialogue. He asked Mr Gower to clarify what he had meant by licences.
- 74.3 Mr Gower explained that providers would be paid in line with performance based contracts and the health, safety and welfare of the clients would be the responsibility of landlords.
- 74.4 Councillor Organ thanked Mr Gower for his question and noted that the contracts were a County Council matter but he would obtain further information and would be happy to meet with Mr Gower again.
- 74.5 Mr Gower asked if someone from the Labour Party could attend the meeting and he was advised that it was not a party political matter.

**75. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

- 75.1 There were no petitions or deputations.

**76. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Mayor**

- 76.1 The Mayor wished those City Councillors standing the forthcoming County Council elections good luck.
- 76.2 He reminded Members that the Mayor's Charity Ball would be held in the Officers' Mess at Imjin Barracks, Innsworth on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure**

- 76.3 Councillor Noakes, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure advised that the Culture Board had been successful in bidding for just under £1.5 million which had been the maximum amount available. She thanked all those who had worked on the bid and in particular she thanked Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director, for his help.

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- 76.4 Councillor Noakes announced that the Tourist Information Centre was one of three finalists in the national tourism awards and the final result would be announced on 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- 76.5 Councillor Noakes announced that the King's House Culture Hub had been opened and space was being filled quickly. She thanked all concerned and in particular Iona Lennon, Melanie Smith and other officers in Asset Management.
- 76.6 Councillor Noakes announced that the GL Card, which was intended to boost trade in the City centre, would be launched during Residents' Weekend.

**Cabinet Member for Environment**

- 76.7 Councillor Cook, Cabinet Member for Environment, announced that there had been an increase of 360 tonnes of dry recyclables since the introduction of the enhanced scheme. He noted that 60 per cent of this was recycled plastics which were very bulky. He stated that over 3,000 tonnes of waste had been diverted from landfill and that there would be an increase in recycling credits and income from sales of recycled materials. He thanked the Environmental Services Team for this achievement.
- 76.8 Councillor Cook announced that he had won a spot prize of an I-pad mini in the very first Gloucester lottery draw. As the purpose of the lottery was to provide additional support to the Voluntary and Community Sector he proposed to present it to the Mayor to be auctioned at the Mayor's Charity Ball in aid of Longfield Hospice Care.
- 76.9 The Mayor thanked Councillor Cook for his generosity.

**Managing Director**

- 76.10 The Managing Director reminded Members that, due to the forthcoming County Council elections, the restrictions on publicity known as 'Purdah' would come into force at midnight that evening and he drew Members' attention to the guidance which had been circulated
- 76.11 The Managing Director advised Council that he had taken an executive decision to implement 'Together Gloucester' last week following the adoption of the Revenue Budget by the Council. He advised that a workshop or briefing would be arranged for Members following the County Council elections.

**77. REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2017**

- 77.1 Mr Peter Jones, Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel presented his report which detailed the panel's recommendations with regard to the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

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- 77.2 On behalf of the Panel, he thanked the Democratic and Electoral Services Manager, Tanya Davies for her help and stated that she was an excellent ambassador for Gloucester City Council.
- 77.3 Councillor James, Leader of the Council, thanked Mr Jones and the Panel members for their work. He referred to the addendum to the agenda and moved the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee contained therein.
- 77.7 Councillor Watkins, Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded the motion.
- 77.8 Councillor Haigh asked why different amounts had been recommended for dependent care and child care allowances.
- 77.9 Councillor James believed that it was a continuation of the existing scheme.
- 77.10 **RESOLVED that**
- 1) A Special Responsibility Allowance of 0.3 x the Basic Allowance be introduced for the Chair of the General Purposes Committee with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017;
  - 2) The Council's Green Travel Policy be offered to Members on an optional basis and the effectiveness of the policy be reviewed after twelve months of operation;
  - 3) The Scheme of Members' Allowances set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved for 2017-18 subject to the amendment at (2) above.

**78. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

- 78.1 Councillor Haigh asked if the Leader of the Council had been disappointed by the failure of the Growth Deal 3 funding bid for Gloucester Railway Station.
- 78.2 Councillor James confirmed that he had been disappointed by the decision but was looking at other ways of funding the improvements to the railway station.
- 78.3 Councillor Haigh asked if the Local Enterprise Partnership were working in the best interests of the County town.
- 78.4 Councillor James cited a number of schemes that would benefit the City including:-  
The new Bus Station  
Blackfriars  
A40 Longford improvements  
The Cheltenham Cyber Park which would benefit City residents who worked in Cheltenham.

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- 78.5 Councillor Haigh asked if the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources was confident that the Together Gloucester proposals had taken into account those staff members with protected characteristics.
- 78.6 Councillor David Norman stated that he was satisfied that due process had been followed
- 78.7 Councillor Haigh asked the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources if legal advice had been sought.
- 78.8 Councillor David Norman stated that he was confident that due process had been followed.
- 78.9 Councillor Hilton noted that the new TK-Max store had opened and he asked the Leader of the Council if he would join him in wishing the store every success.
- 78.10 Councillor James stated that he would be happy to join Councillor Hilton in wishing the store every success. He noted that it was the first major store to open in the City centre for some time and he hoped that TK-Max would be a success in the City.
- 78.11 Councillor Hilton noted that the British Home Stores had closed and Argos had announced that their store in the City centre would be closing. He asked the Leader of the Council what the Council would be doing about these large empty buildings in the City centre.
- 78.12 Councillor James noted that the former British Home Stores premises were part of the King's Walk development and on the market. He was awaiting a date for a meeting with the owners of the Argos building in order to offer what assistance the Council could provide.
- 78.13 Councillor Hilton noted the introduction of fixed penalty notices for fly tipping and asked the Cabinet Member for Environment how effective he thought they would be when there had been 2,400 incidents in Gloucester in 2015-16.
- 78.14 Councillor Cook responded that five fines had been issued and he hoped that the income from fixed penalties could be reinvested in further enforcement.
- 78.15 Councillor Hilton noted that Districts with free bulky goods collections suffered fewer incidents of fly tipping and he believed that fly tipping would reduce if the free bulky goods collection could be reinstated and funded by the income from fines.
- 78.16 Councillor Cook noted that Cheltenham had had 500 incidents of fly tipping in 2015-16. He would ask Officers to investigate the possibility of reinstating the free bulky goods collection as revenues increased.

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- 78.17 Councillor Fearn asked the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources if he thought it was appropriate to employ consultants in times of austerity.
- 78.18 Councillor David Norman stated that it was prudent to retain some resource and he noted that some consultants had specialised knowledge and that Council relied on the Managing Director to ensure that they were employed prudently. He also noted that full time posts were a continuing commitment while the engagement of consultants was time limited.
- 78.19 Councillor Fearn asked the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources if he would provide a report on the cost of consultants since 2010.
- 78.20 Councillor David Norman replied that he would consult Officers and provide the Member with a written reply.
- 78.21 Councillor Pullen welcomed the introduction of Fixed Penalty Notices for fly tipping and asked the Cabinet Member for Environment if similar penalties could be introduced for abandoned vehicles.
- 78.22 Councillor Cook believed that such arrangements were already in place but he undertook to check with Officers and should that not be the case, he would endeavour to introduce such a scheme as soon as possible.
- 78.23 Councillor Lugg noted that the public toilets in the bus station were closed and this presented a problem for travellers using the bus station before City centre stores were open. She asked the Cabinet Member for Environment when this would be rectified,
- 78.24 Councillor Cook explained that the closure was temporary following incidents of threatening behaviour and hazardous detritus left on the premises. He was reviewing potential solutions with a view to resolving the issue fairly soon.
- 78.25 Councillor Tracey stated that the bus station toilets were in an appalling state and noted that there were now no public toilets in the City Centre. She asked the Cabinet Member for Environment if he would look into the matter tomorrow.
- 78.26 Councillor Cook stated that he would endeavour to progress this matter as soon as possible.
- 78.27 Councillor Wilson noted that the investment in Icelandic banks, which had been made following advice from the Audit Commission had been written off. He asked the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources what measures had been taken to prevent a recurrence.
- 78.28 Councillor David Norman undertook to provide Councillor Wilson with a written response.
- 78.29 Councillor Patel thanked the Cabinet Member for Environment for the new policy to tackle fly tipping which was a major issue in Barton and Tredworth.

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He asked the Cabinet Member for an assurance that more resources would be dedicated to enforcement.

- 78.30 Councillor Cook stated that whatever resources possible would be dedicated to reducing fly tipping.
- 78.31 Councillor Coole asked in the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning was disappointed that the Winnycroft development would not now deliver a single affordable home.
- 78.32 Councillor Organ, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, advised that the Officer recommendation for this application had been 10 per cent affordable homes and the Planning Committee had refused the application as Members required the application to deliver 20 per cent.
- 78.33 Councillor Coole asked if the Winnycroft application would set a precedent for the adjoining site at Winnycroft and other similar sites.
- 78.34 Councillor Organ noted that precedent was a difficult issue in housing developments and the Council wished to achieve a balanced housing portfolio. He noted that developments for the elderly were a missing component at the present time.
- 78.35 Councillor Haigh asked the Leader of the Council if he agreed with the comments of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources regarding risky and unwise investments.
- 78.36 Councillor James stated that the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources had not been aware of the context of those decisions.
- 78.37 Councillor Haigh asked the Leader of the Council on what basis would he not have made the investments.
- 78.38 The Leader of the Council stated that he would probably not have made that investment as a private investor but the Council decision had been made on the advice available at the time.

**79. DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2017-20**

- 79.1 The Leader of the Council presented the draft Council Plan 2017–20 and outlined the timetable for development of the final plan including the identification of key projects and measures to monitor progress against the priorities and promises.
- 79.2 The Leader of the Council stated that the plan set out priorities for the Council and, whilst it was a balanced Plan, it was not an exhaustive list of activities and further detail would be developed as part of service planning process.

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- 79.3 He referred Council to the timetable set out at paragraph 7.1 and stated that the Plan would deliver election pledges made last year.
- 79.4 He would welcome constructive comments.
- 79.5 Councillor Hilton stated that Council had to ensure that the Plan was as robust as possible. He called for a further priority “Working for a greener, healthier City”.
- 79.6 He believed that the draft Plan should be the subject of a single item meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and he hoped that the Leader and the Managing Director would talk to the opposition groups as they also wanted the best for Gloucester.
- 79.7 Councillor Pullen referred to the second bullet point under ‘Working to build strong and resilient communities’ which he believed to be ironic. He believed that, given the massive cuts in the Council’s budget, it was tall order to expect Members to believe the promises in the Plan.
- 79.8 Councillor Wilson noted that free Wifi was not included in the achievements. He noted that deprivation in Gloucester was the highest in the County and he considered that the Plan contained very little on how it was intended to tackle the social problems it had identified.
- 79.9 Councillor Haigh noted the importance of balanced consultation. She expressed the following concerns:-
- She noted that the Plan referred to alternatives to Asset Based Community Development but did not provide any details.
  - No mention of people with protected characteristics
  - More detail required for reporting software
  - No reference to the diversity of the cultural offer
  - More detail required on housing ownership
  - Page 59 required separate paragraphs for unrelated items.
- 79.10 Councillor Stephens echoed Councillor Hilton’s comments and believed that it was important for all Members to contribute to the Plan.
- 79.11 He welcomed the Plan but noted that it would be difficult to deliver and that could not be done by the Council in isolation. He noted that Council did not have a good record in delivering affordable housing through private sector development.
- 79.12 He noted that Parry Hall went to the County Council in an anomaly of the 1974 local government reorganisation and called for it to be retained for community use.
- 79.13 Councillor Watkins, Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods welcomed the feedback on the draft Plan. She acknowledged that the Council could not deliver the Plan on its own and stated that it would



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continue to invest in the Voluntary and Community Sector both financially and in other ways.

79.14 She noted that Asset Based Community Development had delivered good results in Podsmead and advised that discussions were continuing with the County Council regarding Parry Hall and other buildings.

79.15 Councillor David Norman, Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources believed that the Plan demonstrated the City's journey in recent years but there was still far to go.

79.16 He noted that local government must demonstrate efficiency and provide value for money and the Council would continue to find new ways of doing things and adopt an entrepreneurial approach.

79.17 He believed that everybody in the Council Chamber shared a passion for Gloucester and that passion must be demonstrated for every part of the City.

79.18 He believed that in future years Councillors could look back with pride on what the Council had achieved for those that live and work in our City.

79.19 Councillor James stated that 'green and healthier' could be addressed under other headings and there was a report on deprivation scheduled on the Cabinet Forward Plan.

79.20 He confirmed that the other parties would be consulted regarding consultation on the draft Plan and he would be grateful to receive positive comments.

79.21 **RESOLVED that**

(1) The draft Council Plan 2017-20 be noted;

(2) The timetable for the development and finalisation of the Council Plan 2017-20 be approved.

**80. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

80.1 The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented his report which detailed the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 and prudential indicators.

80.2 He noted that following the transfer of the housing stock the Council's financial profile had stabilised and through 2016/17 the Council had been able to maintain an under borrowed position.

80.3 He stated that the borrowing strategy was to utilise investments to reduce short term borrowing and once investments had been applied it was anticipated that any new debt would be short term as the current market rates were attractive and this would maximise future flexibility.

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**80.4 RESOLVED that**

- (1) The Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 at Appendix 1 be approved;
- (2) The authorised borrowing limit be approved at
  - 2017/18 £40 million
  - 2018/19 £40 million
  - 2019/20 £40 million
- (3) The prudential indicators set out in section two of the strategy be approved.

**81. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017-18**

- 81.1 The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented his report which invited Council to consider and approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18.
- 81.2 Councillor Haigh noted the reference to the nationally calculated living wage and asked that be replaced with reference to the living wage as calculated by the Living Wage Commission.
- 81.3 After a short adjournment, Councillor David Norman and Councillor James indicated that they would accept the amendment.
- 81.4 **RESOLVED that** the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 be approved subject to amendment of the reference to nationally calculated living wage to the living wage as calculated by the Living Wage Commission.

**82. CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION - SCHEME OF DELEGATION RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS (FURTHER AMENDMENT)**

- 82.1 Councillor Morgan, Chair of the General Purposes Committee advised that the Committee had recommended that Council adopt the changes to the Constitution detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the report which would bring greater clarity.
- 82.2 **RESOLVED that** the changes to the Council's Constitution detailed at paragraph 3.5 of the report be approved.

**83. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notice of Motion by the Labour Group (1)

- 83.1 Proposed by Councillor Haigh and seconded by Councillor Smith that

"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.

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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"

83.2 Councillor Watkins proposed and Councillor James seconded the following amendment:-

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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~~ **notes that the authority is actively involved in the Gloucestershire Anti-Slavery Partnership and resolves to continue supporting the Partnership's work in:**

- 1) Co-ordinating activity across the six districts in Gloucestershire;**
- 2) Raising awareness amongst council staff of slavery and human trafficking and implementing procedures to report and support potential incidences;**
- 3) Extending awareness-raising to other agencies and professional groups including housing providers;**
- 4) Working with the police to provide support to taxi and private hire drivers to identify and report signs of slavery and human trafficking.**

Council 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~~ **Continue to highlight** to staff ~~drawing to their attention~~ the duty to notify the Home Office of potential victims of Modern Slavery"

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83.3 Councillor Haigh and Councillor Smith indicated that they would accept the amendment which became the substantive motion and was carried.

83.4 **RESOLVED that** "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.

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- b) Continue to highlight to staff the duty to notify the Home Office of potential victims of Modern Slavery"

Notice of Motion by the Labour Group (2)

83.5 Proposed by Councillor Coole and seconded by Councillor Haigh that

"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.

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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.”

83.6 Councillor Watkins proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Hannah Norman:-

“Council notes that gambling is ~~an important industry~~ **a legitimate business** 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.

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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~~ **to ensure that people are appropriately supported.**

**Council supports the conclusion of the recent All Party Parliamentary Group review of Fixed Odds Betting terminals to give additional powers to councils to stop further clusters of betting shops on their high streets.**

**Council therefore resolves to write to the local MP and the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport asking for legislation to be amended to give local authorities extra powers to tackle the saturation of bookmakers across our communities.”**

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- 83.7 After a short adjournment, Councillors Coole and Haigh indicated that they would accept the amendment which became the substantive motion which was carried.
- 83.8 **RESOLVED that** Council notes that gambling is a legitimate business and for many people an enjoyable and harmless part of normal social activity.

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Council supports the conclusion of the recent All Party Parliamentary Group review of Fixed Odds Betting terminals to give additional powers to councils to stop further clusters of betting shops on their high streets.

Council therefore resolves to write to the local MP and the Secretary of State for the department of Culture, Media and Sport asking for legislation to be amended to give local authorities extra powers to tackle the saturation of bookmakers across our communities.

Notice of Motion by the Liberal Democrat Group

- 83.9 Proposed by Councillor Hilton and seconded by Councillor Joanne Brown that

"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.

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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."

- 83.10 Councillor Coole proposed and Councillor Haigh seconded the following amendment:

"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~~ **the Cabinet** on why this Growth Deal 3 bid failed and what lessons have been learned. **Council requests that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider including this report in their work programme.**

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."

- 83.11 Councillors Hilton and Joanne Brown indicated that they would accept the amendment.

- 83.12 Councillor James proposed and Councillor Watkins proposed the following amendment:

"This Council **welcomes the award of Growth Deal 3 Funding for Gloucestershire projects which benefit the City including the Cheltenham Cyber Park and the A40 Longford improvements** but 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.

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This Council asks the Cabinet Member for Regeneration to provide a report to the ~~Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee~~ on why this ~~Growth Deal 3~~ bid failed **was not successful on this occasion** 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."

83.13 The movers and seconders of the original motion and the first amendment indicated that they would accept this amendment which became the substantive motion and was carried.

83.14 **RESOLVED that** this Council welcomes the award of Growth Deal 3 Funding for Gloucestershire projects which benefit the City including the Cheltenham Cyber Park and the A40 Longford improvements but expresses its disappointment that its 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 the Cabinet on why this bid was not successful on this occasion 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.

**84. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS**

84.1 There were no written questions for Cabinet Members.

**Time of commencement: 7.00 pm**

**Time of conclusion: 9.50 pm**

**Chair**