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Wednesday, 15 November 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 November 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 - 18)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 September 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 Committee
- 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. **JOINT CORE STRATEGY (Pages 19 - 402)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning seeking the adoption of the Joint Core Strategy, with the recommended main modifications, as part of the statutory Development Plan for Gloucester City.

9. **SHOP FRONTS, SHUTTERS AND SIGNAGE - DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR GLOUCESTER (Pages 403 - 448)**

To consider the report of the Head of Planning which informs Members on the outcome of the Shopfronts, Shutters and Signage – Design Guidelines for Gloucester consultation undertaken for a 6 week period from the 21st November 2016 to 16th January 2017.

10. **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) - REVIEW OF PROCEDURAL GUIDE (Pages 449 - 476)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources concerning the Council's use of its powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and the review and of the Council's procedural guidance on RIPA.

11. **AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES (Pages 477 - 482)**

To consider the report of the Head of Paid Service setting out options for amendments to the council's Council Procedure Rules, which form part of the Constitution.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

12. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON

"This council notes the announcement from the Prime Minister that the government will allocate £2bn to build additional homes for social or affordable rent.

This council agrees that it should bid for a slice of the £2bn to build new homes for social or affordable rent in Gloucester.

This council also agrees that it should do much more to facilitate the building of new affordable homes for rent within the City of Gloucester and it asks the cabinet member for housing and planning to prepare a report on how this council can raise further finance to build new homes for rent itself.

This also agrees to lobby the city MP to seek his support to promote changes in legislation that would allow this council to borrow money from financial institutions to enable the building of new council homes in Gloucester.

This council agrees that it should also lobby the government to remove the right to buy from new homes the council might build in future, which are let on social or affordable rent tenancies."

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JAMES

"This Council:

- Notes that a bid has been submitted to GFirst LEP for Growth Deal funding to secure improvements to Gloucester Railway Station and its immediate environment, including the subway to Great Western Road;
- Fully supports this bid and recognises the economic benefits the project would bring to the city, including through improved connections between the

city centre and Gloucestershire Royal Hospital and the housing development sites on Great Western Road;

- Acknowledges the importance of this investment in helping to raise commercial values and as a consequence contribute towards resolving issues of financial viability and in creating investor confidence through public sector intervention;
- Thanks our partners, including Great Western Railways, Network Rail and the Homes and Communities Agency for their help and support with this bid.”

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JAMES

“This Council:

- Note that bids have been submitted to the Homes and Communities Agency’s Housing Investment Fund for support to bring forward housing schemes at Greater Blackfriars/Quayside (including the former Prison site) and Kings Quarter;
- Fully supports these bids as a way of regenerating these important sites, providing much-needed housing in the city and bringing more people to live in the city centre.”

4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR COOLE

“This Council recognises the value of a diverse workforce that reflects the community we serve. The Council welcomes the commitment to join the County Councils LGBTQ organisation for staff and members PRISM and encourages everyone to sign the PRISM pledge, either as an LGBTQ person or an ally. It is also important that future employees can see that we are an organisation that values diversity and this Council further agrees to investigate signing up for the Stonewall Diversity Champions scheme either in our own right or through the County Council who provide our HR services.”

5. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SMITH

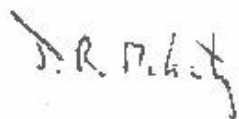
“This Council notes that 6,400 women in Gloucester born on or after 05 April 1951 have been adversely affected by the increase in the State Pension Age (SPA) and that these women have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the SPA. The lack of appropriate notification has resulted in many women not being told about the changes until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls on the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements so that women do not live in hardship due to these State Pension Age changes, and instructs the Managing Director to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and the Member of Parliament for Gloucester seeking their support for action by the Government.”

13. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 483 - 484)**

Written questions and answers. Only one supplementary question is allowed per question.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. McGinty". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

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>
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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