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The Docks
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Wednesday, 13 March 2019

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, 21st March 2019** at **6.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES (Pages 9 - 28)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 February 2019.

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. **CALL OVER**

- (a) Call over (items 9-11) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for discussion.
- (b) To approve the recommendations of those reports which have not been reserved for discussion.

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. CAPITAL STRATEGY (Pages 29 - 40)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval for the Capital Strategy 2019/20 as required by the revised Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities 2017.

10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 41 - 74)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval for the Treasury Management Strategy 2019-20, the prudential indicators and noting the Treasury activities.

11. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019-20 (Pages 75 - 86)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval for the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON

"This council agrees that a strong presence of police officers walking the beat in the city of Gloucester would be good for reducing crime and disorder.

This council notes that around 300 police officers have been lost throughout the county in recent years, as well as a reduction in the number of police and community support officers.

This council expresses concern about the rising incidence of violent crime in Gloucestershire and also the noticeable increase in anti-social behaviour seen in public places in the city of Gloucester.

The council agrees to lobby the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable, the city MP and the Home Secretary to increase funding for Gloucestershire Constabulary to allow for expansion of neighbourhood policing and to put more bobbies on the beat."

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAMPSON

"Protection of the environment and safeguarding the planet for future generations is one of the greatest challenges facing all of us. Whether it be climate change, pollution or the ever-increasing use of the earth's finite resources we must all personally reflect on the effect we are having on our fragile planet.

The City Council can be proud of the many environmental accomplishments it has already achieved. These include our high levels of waste recycling, the

decision to limit the plastics we use and the energy efficiency measures that have been implemented.

However, we cannot be complacent. Our minds should always be focused on how we can all do more.

To this end Council RESOLVES that:

1. All policy documents and decisions made by the Council should formally consider the impact they will have on the environment.
2. This should include a paragraph on all reports detailing any environmental implications
3. The Council will produce an annual progress report which will be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to measure and suggest any recommendations for the continuing reduction in negative environmental impact.”

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BRAZIL

“This council notes that Debenhams PLC has recently announced a profits warning and that throughout the UK its stores are suffering from poor trading conditions.

This council notes that Debenhams PLC is planning to close possibly 50 stores around the country.

This council also agrees that the Debenhams store in Gloucester is a focal point in Kings Square and provides an anchor for the Kings Quarter regeneration project.

This council agrees that the leader of the council should work closely with all interested parties to secure the long term future of the Debenhams Department Store in the city centre.

This council confirms that Gloucester must continue to benefit from a department store trading at the location where Debenhams is today.”

4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAIGH

“This Council notes that all people should be treated with dignity and respect when they die and if they die in poverty, alone or unclaimed by relatives that it is the Council’s responsibility to make funeral arrangements, known as public health funerals. Council further notes that recourse to public health funerals is increasing nationally.

This Council requests that the Cabinet Member for the Environment review and publish the arrangements made for public health funerals including notification to any relatives of the time and place of the funeral and the location of the remains

or the ability to claim the ashes from a cremation.”

5. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR TOLEMAN

“This Council:

Recognises the harm that drug misuse and drug related crime can have on individuals and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.

Notes the positive work undertaken by many agencies, organisations and charities in Gloucester who support people with substance misuse.

Furthermore, notes the commitment of Gloucestershire Constabulary and other agencies in trying to tackle the growing problem of organised criminal networks (county lines), a major cross-cutting issue, involving drugs, violence, gangs, safeguarding criminal and sexual exploitation, modern slavery and cuckoo-ing of properties.

Recognises that County Lines is something law enforcement can't tackle alone, and they need to work together with other agencies to disrupt this activity and safeguard vulnerable victims. This must be the priority for everyone.

Believes these issues are best tackled through better collaboration between police forces and other agencies, including local authorities.

This Council resolves to:

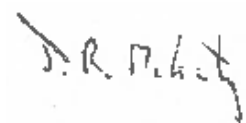
Work closely in partnership with other key agencies to share information and to promote awareness of organized criminal networks in our communities.

Asks the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods to write to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities at Gloucestershire County Council to share our concerns about the level of drug misuse in Gloucester, requesting priority is given to the safeguarding of vulnerable people from exploitation, particularly those who are involved in drug use.”

13. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 87 - 88)

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

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>
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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