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Westgate Street
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Wednesday, 1 July 2020

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 via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, 9th July 2020** at **6.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

VIEWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMOTE MEETINGS

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1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES (Pages 9 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 June 2020.

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 9-13) 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.

If you would like to ask a question at this meeting, please contact democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk as soon as possible and by Monday 6 July 2020 at the latest.

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

If you would like to present a deputation or petition at this meeting, please contact democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk as soon as possible and by Monday 6 July 2020 at the latest.

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. **COUNCIL PLAN EXTENSION – PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS FOR 2020/21 (Pages 13 - 20)**

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval for the proposed actions and priorities that are set out for the one year Council Plan extension in 2020-2021.

Attached for information: the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the above.

10. **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH JOINT COMMITTEE (Pages 21 - 28)**

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council concerning a request from the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee to extend the operation of the Joint Committee for a period of 18 months from 4 September 2020 and other governance matters.

11. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2019-20 (Pages 29 - 52)**

To consider the Annual Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2019-20.

12. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2019-20 (Pages 53 - 66)**

To consider the Annual Report of the the former Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2019-20.

13. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

To note the following appointments to vacant seats allocated to the Conservative Group:

Audit and Governance Committee
Licensing and Enforcement Committee

Councillor Paul Toleman
Councillor Pam Tracey

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON

“This council records its thanks to everyone that has helped during the coronavirus pandemic, be they council staff, those working in the NHS or the care sector and the many volunteers who helped others within our close-knit communities.

This council agrees that Gloucester must retain and encourage the continued development of the volunteer-led community support system that worked so well to help many people in Gloucester during the lockdown, including the homeless, those living in poverty and the vulnerable.

We also agree that we should make sure that this diverse support system is able to assist in the event of a second wave of Covid-19 infections should it happen in Gloucestershire within the next few months.”

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HANSDOT

“Council is appalled by and condemns the recent killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, America.

Council recognises and supports the ‘Black Lives Matters’ campaign and its efforts to raise awareness of racial inequality and institutionalised racism within the United Kingdom.

Council notes that black people in the United Kingdom are:

- 8 x more likely to be stopped as part of ‘stop and search laws’ than white people
- More likely to be in low paid jobs or unemployed
- More likely to live in poor housing conditions
- Less likely to have good educational opportunities
- More likely to die from the COVID-19 pandemic

Council is committed to tackling racial discrimination and working with our BAME community to address issues of racial discrimination.

This includes undertaking a review of all statues/ monuments/ plaques within the City that celebrate the lives of those who profited greatly from the slave trade/ plantation ownership.

Council resolves to:

1. Write to the American Ambassador on behalf of the City setting out our deep concerns and condemnation at the killing of George Floyd

2. Set up a Commission with partner organisations in the City including the Police & Crime Commissioner, County Council, NHS and representatives of BAME community to review race relations in Gloucester with a view to producing recommendations to improve the lives of and enhance opportunities for BAME communities within the City
3. Undertake a review of all monuments, statues and plaques within the City connected with the slave trade/ plantation ownership with a view to renaming or removing them as appropriate
4. The above review to include Bakers Quay and Phillpotts Warehouse. Both Samuel Baker and Thomas Phillpotts were heavily involved in and much of their wealth was generated by the slave trade/ plantation ownership.”

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

“Council notes that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented many serious challenges both in terms of resources and particularly pressure on the Council’s finances due to increased expenditure and loss of income.

As at the end May 2020 Council has:

- Spent an additional £1.312 million directly on COVID-19 related expenditure
- Estimated lost income from collection fund of £1.4 million (£900,000 business rates and £500,000 council tax)
- Estimated lost income from sales, fees, and charges of £2.2 million
- Estimated lost income from property (commercial rents etc) of £730,000

To date Council has received £1.355 million from government to cover additional costs.

Total estimated lost income is £4.3 million. Council expects to recover £900,000 of lost income leaving a total shortfall of £3.4 million.

If we are to avoid further cuts to services/ redundancies it is vital that government reimburses Council fully for additional expenditure and lost income due to COVID-19 pandemic.

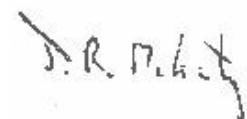
Council resolves to:

1. Support the Local Government Association in its campaign to ensure local government is fully reimbursed for additional expenditure and loss of income due to COVID-19
2. Seek the support of the City MP in lobbying central government in support of the Council’s demands
3. Instruct the Leader of the Council to write to Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government in support of our claim.”

15. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 67 - 78)**

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. R. McGinty", written in a cursive style.

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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