



Shire Hall
Westgate Street
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Wednesday, 11 November 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 virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, 19th November 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 11 - 24)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 September 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 and 10) 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. **REVOCAION OF PLANNING BRIEFS, SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (Pages 25 - 30)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy seeking approval to revoke several Planning Briefs, Supplementary Planning Guidance notes and Supplementary Planning Documents.

10. **POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES - REVIEW (Pages 31 - 34)**

To consider the report of the Head of Paid Service concerning a review of political balance on committees following a change to the political composition of the Council.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

11. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON

“This council welcomes the gathering of £6 million of public funds to carry out major refurbishment of Gloucester Railway Station.

This council agrees that the proposed changes at the railway station will enhance the rail passenger experience and along with our new bus station give Gloucester a first class public transport hub fit for the 21st Century.

This council agrees that Gloucester has waited a long time for the railway station upgrade with the proposals for the underpass upgrade being on the cards since the early noughties.

This council agrees that the long awaited upgrade of the underpass from Great Western Road to Bruton Way must be the first priority for construction and completion.

This council agrees that the project team should ensure that construction work is started in the first quarter on 2021.”

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN

“In January 2018 Gloucester City Council adopted the MND Charter and in doing so agreed to help achieve better outcomes for those living with motor neurone disease.

The five points of that charter were

- the right to an early diagnosis and information;

- the right to access quality care and treatments;
- the right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect;
- the right to maximise their quality of life; and carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

This disease is fatal, rapidly progressing and it has no cure. It affects around 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time and sadly, due to the speed it progresses, many of these adults die without the right care, a suitable wheelchair, or any support to communicate with their loved ones.

This Council recognises that we work with many individuals with a range of illnesses and disabilities and, although we don't directly provide care or equipment, we do have a role to play to make sure our residents are supported in ways which best meet their needs. Whilst the Council cannot prioritise one disease or disability over another we do recognise the unique and personal ways people's lives are affected by MND.

This motion is to reiterate our commitment to the Charter adopted in January 2018.

This Council commits to:

- We commit to understanding the experiences of those living with MND and how our services can better respond to their progressive illness.
- We commit to monitoring and reviewing services being delivered to those with MND to ensure that everything that can be done will be done to make their lives as dignified as possible.
- We commit to a communications campaign that would help to hear the voices of people with MND and their experiences of dealing with/ working with the Council & schedule in next year's communications planning."

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HANS DOT

"Council notes:

Commonwealth veterans have a long and proud history of service in the British military, from conflicts old, such as World War Two to recent conflicts such as Iraq and Afghanistan, Commonwealth veterans have served with distinction alongside British born veterans.

However, when their service is complete many are left with extortionate charges to remain in the UK. Commonwealth veterans are supposed to receive indefinite leave to remain in the UK however many veterans state that the army failed to inform them that they needed to make an immediate application to the Home Office for leave to remain in the UK when their service was complete. Many thought the process was automatic, yet this is not the case.

Fees for indefinite leave to remain have also dramatically increased. Since 2015 fees for definite leave to remain have increased by nearly 127% from £1051 - £2381 with a family of four having to pay nearly £10000 to remain in the UK, this

figure doesn't include associated legal fees that some who have struggled with immigration applications may wish to pay. This can lead to many facing spiralling debt and uncertain immigration status because if a veteran is unable to pay they and their family face the prospect of taking on large amounts of debt or failing to pay leaves their immigration status in doubt and the very real prospect of deportation.

Whilst their applications are ongoing commonwealth veterans are also unable to seek employment or claim benefits.

Council resolves:

1. To make our armed forces champion and lead officers aware of the difficulties experienced by commonwealth veterans and ensure that those who are currently experiencing problems, whether financial or immigration difficulties, are not disadvantaged whilst their applications are ongoing.
2. That the Leader of the Council writes to the Prime Minister, Kevin Forster the Minister of State for Immigration and Johnny Mercer the Minister of State for Veteran Affairs outlining this Council's support for all commonwealth veterans who have served a minimum of 4 years being granted automatic and free of charge right to remain in the UK and that any veteran who completes 12 years of service be automatically given British Citizenship.
3. That Council lobbies Gloucester MP Richard Graham to ask that he presses the government for a change in the legislation affects those that have served diligently and honourably for this Country."

4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

"Council values the importance of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that address the global challenges we face including poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation and prosperity.

Council recognises that we have a decade of action if we are to deliver the goals by 2030.

Council believes that all levels of government work together and that local government is a key component to successful domestic implementation of the SDGs.

Council notes that in 2019 the cross-party Local Government association unanimously adopted a motion recognising the vital roles that councils could play in planning, implementation and monitoring the UK's progress on meeting the ambitions of the Agenda 2030.

Council resolves:

1. To lobby central government for them to recognise the vital role local government must play in terms of the planning, implementation and

monitoring in local areas, and fully resource councils to do that work, to deliver the UK's progress on meeting the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda.

2. To continue to engage our areas through local partnerships and with our citizens to share research and engagement with our networks, partners, and citizens, particularly given our sector's continuing funding pressures.
3. To formalise our commitment to the Goals and therefore adopts the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), agreeing to pursue the Goals in the work undertaken by the Council.
4. To begin work by mapping which targets are relevant using the LGA and UKSSD Sustainable Development Guide."

5. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR COOLE

"Council notes that protests on Great Western Road, near to Hope House and Gloucestershire's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, are ongoing.

Council believes that patients have the right to access healthcare, medical procedures, and advice free from intimidation, particularly when some will have had to make difficult decisions at a vulnerable time in their lives.

Council notes that other local authorities have used Public Spaces Protection Orders to create "buffer zones" around similar facilities, including the first such order concerning a Marie Stopes clinic in the London Borough of Ealing, which has been upheld by the Court of Appeal.

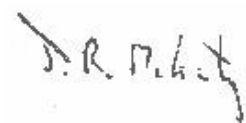
Council notes that other councils have implemented, or intend to implement, similar measures, including Manchester Metropolitan Borough Council, Richmond London Borough Council and Somerset West and Taunton District Council.

Council resolves that the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods should prepare a report investigating the potential for extending the existing PSPO, and/or similar measures, to the relevant area of Great Western Road, to be laid before Cabinet and other relevant committees."

12. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 35 - 40)

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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