



Shire Hall
Westgate Street
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Wednesday, 10 November 2021

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, 18th November 2021** at **6.45 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **BY-ELECTION RESULTS**

To note the result of the Longlevens By-Election on 4 November 2021 as set out below:

Sarah Sawyer (Liberal Democrat)

3. **MINUTES (Pages 9 - 24)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 September 2021.

4. **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.

5. **CALL OVER**

- (a) Call over (items 10, 11 and 16) 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from:

- (a) The Mayor
- (b) Leader of the Council
- (c) Members of the Cabinet
- (d) Chair of Committees
- (e) Head of Paid Service

9. 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

10. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOLLOWING 10 WEEK CONSULTATION (Pages 25 - 84)

To consider the report of the Head of Communities concerning the revised draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles.

11. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES (Pages 85 - 108)

To consider the report of the Head of Paid Service concerning proposed changes to the council's Constitution.

12. REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS (Pages 109 - 112)

To receive the report of the Head of Paid Service concerning a review of political balance following the Longlevens by-election and changes to various committee appointments.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PULLEN

“For many years Gloucester has been home to a wide and diverse community with people from many nationalities, faiths and cultures living in the city.

The city has been pleased to offer homes to people from all backgrounds and has strived to be a welcoming and friendly place.

Gloucester recognises the contribution that people from diverse cultures and faiths make to the city and values the positive part they play.

Gloucester is committed to welcoming asylum seekers, refugees and those fleeing violence and conflict.

This council therefore wishes for the good work that is already in place to be further developed and recognised by supporting Gloucester to become a City of Sanctuary.

Whilst there are many aspects of good practice in place there is still a process to go through to ensure that the whole city fully understands and meets the City of Sanctuary framework. Specifically, this would include:

- Continuing to develop a culture of welcome, respect and hospitality for people from all backgrounds and particularly for those seeking sanctuary.
- Valuing the contribution those seeking sanctuary can make to the city.

- Developing a plan to work towards greater inclusion and equality for people seeking sanctuary.
- Creating greater public awareness of the needs and issues faced by those seeking sanctuary across the whole city, through a range of initiatives, projects and activities.

Council resolves:

1. To seek recognition as a City of Sanctuary.
2. To sign up to the City of Sanctuary Charter and its principles and values.
3. Join the City of Sanctuary local authority network.
4. To set up a task and finish group to oversee the process working in partnership with key partners and community groups to establish a timetable and action plan for achieving City of Sanctuary status.
5. That an initial report be brought to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet at the earliest possible opportunity outlining the actions needed to obtain City of Sanctuary designation.”

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HYMAN

“This Council supports the Government in its commitment to abolish conversion therapy. It notes the consultation period which ends on 10th December and requests the Managing Director to complete the online consultation form on behalf of the City Council (<https://equalityhub.citizenspace.com/government-equalities-office/banning-conversion-therapy/>). Abolishing conversion therapy would help the work of support groups.

Conversion therapy is the practice of attempting to change an individual's sexual orientation from homosexual or bisexual to heterosexual using psychological, physical, or spiritual interventions. There is no actual evidence that sexual orientation can be changed and medical institutions warn that conversion therapy practices are ineffective and potentially harmful.

This Council considers, therefore, conversion therapy to be a barbaric outdated practice which has caused immeasurable harm to many both physically and mentally. It has no place in a civilised society.

Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 places a public sector equality duty on the council to eliminate harassment and victimisation and to foster good relations between persons who share or don't share a protected characteristic. Therefore, someone with a protected characteristic should not try to change that of another by conversion therapy.

This Council urges the Government to ban conversion practices outright whether

5 they be by physical means, such as electric shock treatment or hormone therapy, or by counselling including exorcisms. There is plenty of evidence from survivors that these methods do not work and adverse effects can include shame, guilt, depression, suicide, sacrificed same sex relationships, experimental opposite sex marriages, self-imposed isolation and loneliness. The list goes on.

This Council notes the current proposals allow adults to give “informed consent”. This is usually when people are at their most vulnerable. This Council urges the Government not to allow anti LGBT opinion to water down the legislation making it less effective.”

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON

“This council agrees that the kerbside collection of plastics and other materials for recycling is a positive action this council can take to protect the environment.

This council notes that the city council’s contractor Urbaser has been failing to meet its contractual obligations to collect dry waste put out for recycling, with neighbourhoods across the city suffering from missed collections.

This council calls on the cabinet to take urgent action to rectify the situation and to restore the weekly collection of dry recyclable materials so that no area of the city is missed out in the future.”

4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FIELD

“Council notes that Small Business Saturday 2021 is coming up on 4th December. Small Business Saturday has grown into a significant event – with a record £1.1 billion spent with small businesses during last year’s event.

Council recognises that this is an excellent opportunity to promote small businesses in Gloucester and to celebrate the contribution smaller businesses make to our city.

Council believes that Small Businesses are the heart and soul of our local high streets. It is only by supporting our local independent businesses that we can also help our local high streets to thrive.

Council resolves to:

- (a) Ask the Leader of the Council to ensure that the Council participates fully in Small Business Saturday on 4th December 2021.
- (b) Request that officers work closely with local business organisations and smaller enterprises across Gloucester to make them aware of the day and encourage them to sign up.
- (c) Ensure that Small Business Saturday is promoted thoroughly and prominently on the Council’s website, social media channels and other external communications.

- (d) Develop a year round communications plan to continue promoting local small businesses and encouraging residents in Gloucester to shop small and shop local all year round.
- (e) Investigate further ways to increase shopper numbers around Small Business Saturday and in the lead up to Christmas – such as free car parking in the city centre on busy shopping days – and establish a regular programme of measures to support small businesses.”

14. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 113 - 114)

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

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To **RESOLVE:**

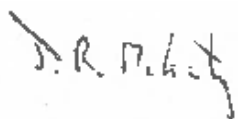
that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public are present during consideration of this item there will be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

| Agenda Item No. | Description of Exempt Information |
|-----------------|---|
| 16 | Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). |

16. GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED (GAL) (Pages 115 - 136)

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council concerning Gloucestershire Airport Limited (GAL).

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> |
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| 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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