



Wednesday, 19 January 2022

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 Gloucester Guildhall, 23 Eastgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1NS on **Thursday, 27th January 2022** 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 - 30)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 18 November 2021 and the ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 November 2021.

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 9-15) 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.

To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 21 January 2022 or telephone 01452 396203 for support.

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 (45 minutes)

Any member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or any Cabinet Member any question 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

b) Questions to Chairs of Meetings (15 Minutes)

Questions and responses will be published at least 24 hours before the meeting. Supplementary questions will be put and answered during the meeting, subject to the relevant time limit.

ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL

9. COUNCIL PLAN 2021-24 (Pages 31 - 48)

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council presenting the draft Council Plan 2022-24 for approval.

10. GLOUCESTER CITY COMMISSION TO REVIEW RACE RELATIONS FINAL REPORT (Pages 49 - 106)

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council presenting the work and findings of the Gloucester City Commission to Review Race Relations as set out in their final report with a set of recommendations that attempt to improve the lives of, and enhance opportunities for, Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities within the City.

11. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2022/23 (Pages 107 - 110)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources that sought approval to retain the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23.

12. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR (Pages 111 - 120)

To consider the report of the Director of Policy and Resources concerning the appointment of an External Auditor.

13. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS, MAY 2022-APRIL 2024 (Pages 121 - 150)

To consider the report of the Policy and Governance Manager seeking approval for a two-year programme of ordinary meetings of Council and other meetings for the period of May 2022 to April 2024.

14. APPOINTMENTS

To note the following appointments:

- Councillor Gravells appointed to the seat vacated by Councillor S. Chambers on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following her appointment to the Cabinet.
- Councillor Gravells appointed to the seat vacated by Councillor S. Chambers on the General Purposes Committee following her appointment to the Cabinet.

15. URGENT DECISIONS REPORTED TO COUNCIL

In accordance with the Constitution, to note that Cabinet, with the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, took an urgent exempt decision on 12 January 2022 concerning the approval of leases at St Oswalds, Eastgate Centre and Kings Walk. The decision was urgent and not subject to call in because any delay was likely to seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS-DUBUS

This council believes that young people are important and recognises the positive contribution that young people make to the city.

Young people have ideas, views and opinions about things that affect their lives, their communities and their city.

Young people have a contribution to make to the life and development of the city and whilst there have been some initiatives in recent years there is currently no process or structure that enables the council to communicate and understand the views that young people have.

It is therefore time to revisit and review this important issue.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Review the processes and methods it uses to engage, involve and consult with young people.
- Request that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee set up a task and finish group to consider how the council engages with young people.
- Actively involve young people in this process.
- Make a report and recommendations to cabinet about how to engage and communicate with young people in future.

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR A. CHAMBERS

“This Council recognises that the illegal use of knives among young people is increasing and that increases the risk to our communities and impacts the future of our City.

This Council supports our colleagues in the police and their efforts to increase neighbourhood policing and offers assistance in any way we can. Local policing and our system working together effectively is the only way to avoid this growing issue becoming a bigger threat to us all. We are committed to working alongside the PCC to develop plans to tackle knife crime and address the issues affecting our young people which leads them to need to carry a knife, or into gang culture. Prevention is our greatest weapon.

This council commits to asking the Stronger Safer Gloucester Partnership to support the creation of a group focusing on the issue of knife crime and working together to tackle it, by learning from incidents, involving residents and young people and looking for solutions which will make a difference. It shall develop and instigate plans to adopt a public health approach to the issue of knife crime, as demonstrated elsewhere in the UK. This will see emphasis on collective responsibility for statutory services, focus on whole populations, not just high risk individuals, emphasise on prevention and getting “upstream”, concern for tackling

underlying inequalities. It will require a system wide, multidisciplinary approach, including business and partnership with the community.

The results of this work will be reported to Cabinet and to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee if requested.”

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

“Drink Spiking has seen a significant rise within recent months and Gloucestershire Police has had in excess of 100 reports made since July 2021, and in response they have become the first police force to introduce the use of drugs testing machines as part of a newly launched anti-drink spiking campaign, Operation Nightingale.

Gloucester’s Night Time Economy partnership Nightsafe works with the police to adopt a zero tolerance approach to the misuse of drugs and alcohol and encourages all venues to proactively take measure to tackle spiking, but more can be done to ensure a consistent approach to the increasing issue of spiking.

This council:

- thanks the proactive work of the police and all partners of the night time economy who are working towards a zero tolerance approach to spiking.
- commits to asking the Nightsafe Partnership to work with all partner organisations to create a voluntary scheme for licensed venues in Gloucester, to set out measures to mitigate drink spiking, to include support with staff training practices, templates, and guidance on responding to and reporting spiking incidents.

4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR RADLEY

“This council notes that prior to the pandemic, there was a thriving car boot sale taking place on the council facility at Hempsted Meadows.

This council notes that the site was leased to the NHS in 2020 in order to carry out Covid testing.

This council thanks the staff and NHS for their work as part of the national effort to fight Covid and keep people safe through testing, tracing and isolating.

This council believes that car boot sales can have a positive impact in our communities, promoting the practices of recycling and reuse, stimulating the economy and providing important social contact for many people.

That car boots allow recycling of goods through sales of second hand products, from clothing and household items to games, books and vinyl records, allowing anyone to equip themselves cheaply for work, school or college, or just to enjoy a low-cost bargain hunt.

This council believes that Gloucester can support a well-managed car boot sale, and that if run under Covid-safe measures there is no reason why a car boot sale could not return.

This council therefore calls on the cabinet member responsible, to start negotiations to bring back the Hempsted car boot sale at the earliest opportunity, once the NHS no longer needs the site, or to find a suitable alternative.”

17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To **RESOLVE:**

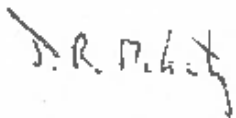
that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public are present during consideration of this item there 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
18	Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

18. MINUTES (Pages 151 - 152)

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 November 2021.

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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