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Westgate Street
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Wednesday, 10 March 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 virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, 18th March 2021** 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 - 20)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 February 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 9-16) 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.

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**

At the discretion of the Mayor, to receive the following extraordinary announcements, which will not be subject to a time limit:

- a) Presentation of Mayor's Medal to Hash Norat, in recognition of important and significant contributions to the City of Gloucester
- b) Announcement of recipients of Council awards recognising outstanding contributions to the pandemic response by the Cabinet Member for Communities for Communities and Neighbourhoods, with comments from Group Leaders
- c) Tributes to Councillors not seeking re-election on 6 May 2021 from Group Leaders

To receive announcements from (10 Minutes):

- 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. CULTURAL STRATEGY 5 YEAR UPDATE (Pages 21 - 60)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure providing an overview of progress made against the Cultural Strategy for the period 2016 – 2020 and presenting the revised version of Gloucester's Cultural Vision & Strategy for the period 2021-2026.

10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 61 - 100)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval of the Treasury Management Strategy, the prudential indicators and to note the Treasury activities.

11. CAPITAL STRATEGY (Pages 101 - 112)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval of the Capital Strategy 2021/22.

12. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2021-22 (Pages 113 - 124)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval of the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22.

13. REVISED GLOUCESTER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2021-2023 (Pages 125 - 134)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy concerning the adoption of the Gloucester Local Development Scheme 2021-2023, which updates the timetable for the preparation and adoption of the Gloucester City Plan and Joint Core Strategy Review.

14. THE SAINTBRIDGE RECREATION GROUND TRUST (Pages 135 - 140)

To consider the report of the Managing Director concerning recommendations for the governance of the Saintbridge Recreation Ground Trust.

15. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Pages 141 - 160)**

To receive the Annual Report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

16. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (Pages 161 - 176)**

To receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

17. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON

“This council notes that the Debenhams brand has been bought by Boohoo.

That all 124 stores across the country will close with the loss of 12,000 jobs as Boohoo relaunches Debenhams as an online-only retailer later this year.

That the Gloucester department store building is currently owned by Aviva who have put it up for sale.

There is speculation that the building has been sold, but as of the 3rd March a sale hasn't been confirmed by either a buyer or Aviva.

The previous day the leader of the council confirmed that he did not know whether the building had been sold.

The Debenhams department store is listed as a positive building within the city centre conservation area, though its service yard is regarded as a negative aspect off St Aldate Street.

The department store cannot be demolished without the council's consent.

This council agrees to work closely with the new owners to retain, restore and repurpose the building.

This council also confirms that it would oppose the demolition of the Debenhams building.”

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

“Council notes that the Covid-19 vaccination programme is having a significant impact nationally in protecting people against Covid-19 and is greatly reducing the prevalence of the virus, lowering death rates and hospital admissions.

Council further notes that Gloucestershire has consistently been the highest performer nationally in terms of delivering the vaccine to its residents. This is due

to the excellent leadership of Sarah Scott and the public health team in the county, NHS and other frontline workers, and the vast army of volunteer helpers.

Council resolves:

1. To write to Sarah Scott expressing our gratitude to her and her team on the success of the vaccination programme in Gloucester (shire).
2. Records it thanks to the NHS staff, other frontline & public sector workers and volunteers involved in delivering the vaccine programme.”

3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PULLEN

“Gloucester City Council and Gloucester City Homes own a number of garages across the city. There is currently a waiting list for the garages with residents having to wait many months or even years before being offered one. Many of the garages need significant repairs and are currently unable to be let because of this.

Garages are a useful asset and if used not only generate income but also provide a valued amenity for residents taking cars off the road, easing congestion, and freeing up on-street car parking spaces.

Council resolves:

1. To carry out an audit of all garages owned by both the council and Gloucester City Homes, detailing whether they are empty or vacant and the level of disrepair.
2. To introduce a comprehensive programme of refurbishment of the garages to bring them back into use.
3. To investigate alternative uses for the sites e.g., housing where the sites are considered unviable.
4. That a report be presented to Cabinet within 6 months setting out the result of the audit and a comprehensive action plan.”

4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FIELD

“This council records its disappointment with the Conservative administration over its dreadful record in keeping our streets and open spaces clear of litter and flytipping.

Our litter bins are often left overflowing for far too long, because there are not enough litter bins and they are often emptied too infrequently.

Many of our open spaces and streets are blighted by litter that isn't cleared by our streetcare contractor unless councillors or members of the public personally report it.

This council notes that Ubico will take over the streetcare contract from Amey on 1st April 2022.

That both Ubico and Urbaser quoted for improved response times for dealing with deteriorations in cleansing standards.

We therefore call on the cabinet to carry out a root and branch review (in discussion with Amey and Ubico) of our litter bin provision and emptying regime to also include a review of the litter picking schedule of our public spaces, with the view of proposing a dramatic improvement in service delivery as a matter of urgency.”

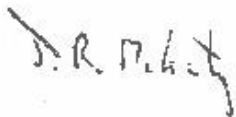
5. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR COOLE

“Council resolves to begin the statutory process necessary to rename “Matson and Robinswood” ward as “Matson, Robinswood and White City” ward.”

18. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (Pages 177 - 188)

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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