



Wednesday, 18 January 2023

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, 26th January 2023** 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 - 24)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 November 2022.

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. Questions may be provided that questions do not contravene the provisions set out in Council Procedure Rule 10(2).

To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 20 January 2023 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 up to five questions 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. ADOPTION OF THE GLOUCESTER CITY PLAN (Pages 25 - 416)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning Strategy concerning adoption of the Gloucester City Plan as a part of Gloucester City Council's statutory Development Plan.

10. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT (Pages 417 - 422)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance Resources seeking approval to retain the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2023/24.

11. REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2023 (Pages 423 - 450)

To consider the report of the Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel concerning the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2022-23 and the review of Members' allowance pursuant to the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2023-24.

12. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS, MAY 2023-APRIL 2025 (Pages 451 - 480)

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 2023 to April 2025.

13. DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER (Pages 481 - 484)

To consider the report of the Head of Paid Service concerning the designation of a Monitoring Officer.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS-DUBUS

"There are many streets of terraced houses in inner city wards of Gloucester that have no front gardens and whose front doors open straight onto the footpath. Such houses have no external access to the rear of the property. This makes it impractical to use conventional black refuse bins and instead residents are provided with black sacks as an alternative. Whilst the black sacks solve one problem, they actually create another as refuse spills out from the sacks causing litter which gets blown up and down the street. This is a health hazard, is unsightly and can attract vermin. It also results in extra street cleaning costs.

This is not solely a Gloucester problem and other councils with similar terraced streets have adopted alternative methods to the black sacks. These include communal bins, large wheelie bins and some councils have installed large underground bins.

In order to address the problems with black sacks this council resolves to:

- Review the effectiveness of black sacks in terraced streets.
- Initiate discussions with Ubico to consider alternative methods including those used by other councils as mentioned above.
- Consult with residents in affected streets to fully understand the problem and seek their views on realistic and workable alternatives.”

2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON

“Council is extremely concerned by the recently announced cuts to BBC local radio programming.

The changes will cut local programming after 2pm – with most shows after this point being broader regional or national broadcasts.

Council notes the announcement has met fierce criticism from across the political spectrum.

BBC Radio Gloucestershire is a vital service for people in **Gloucester**. It helps residents stay connected to their local community, providing local news, culture, sport and weather updates, and gives residents an opportunity to have their say and participate in local debates through phone-ins. BBC Local Radio does this in a unique way that commercial radio cannot quite match.

In the last couple of years, during the Coronavirus pandemic, the station was able to help spread important information, while also in many ways being the only source of company for those residents cut off from the rest of society. During the cost of living crisis local radio will play a similarly crucial role in spreading information about support services, warm banks and a number of other important lifelines for residents.

BBC local radio also does a great job of holding decision makers to account – both local and national – as was demonstrated by the round of local interviews conducted with former Prime Minister Liz Truss on 29 September 2022.

Council recognises the BBC is being forced into cuts by successive Government freezes to the license fee and the withdrawal of funding for free licenses for over 75’s.

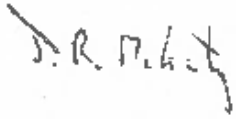
Council calls on the Government to fund the BBC properly so it can continue to deliver a full schedule of local radio programming across the UK – in addition to its planned expansion of digital radio services.

Council instructs the Managing Director to write to the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP, to express our dismay at these proposed cuts to BBC local radio and to demand that the Government find a solution to cover the BBC’s predicted £295 million funding shortfall by 2027.

Council further requests that the Managing Director write to the Director General of the BBC to celebrate the irreplaceable local service **Radio Gloucestershire**

provides to residents in **Gloucester** and stresses our desire for its local programming to be protected and retained.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. McGinty".

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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