



Shire Hall  
Westgate Street  
Gloucester  
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Wednesday, 10 November 2021

**TO EACH MEMBER OF GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **SPECIAL 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 **6.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **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.

**ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL**

3. **CHANGE OF WARD NAME - MATSON AND ROBINSWOOD (Pages 5 - 8)**

To consider the report of the Head of Paid Service concerning the outcome of the consultation on changing the name of Matson and Robinswood Ward and seeking approval for the name to be changed to Matson, Robinswood and White City Ward.

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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# Gloucester City Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Special Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 November 2021</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Change of Ward Name – Matson and Robinswood Ward</b>		
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Head of Paid Service</b>		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>Matson and Robinswood</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Budget/Policy Framework:</b>	<b>No</b>
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## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To propose changing the name of Matson and Robinswood Ward to Matson, Robinswood and White City Ward.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that

- (1) The name of Matson and Robinswood Ward be changed to Matson, Robinswood and White City Ward.

### 3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 At its meeting on 18 March 2021, the Council resolved to begin the statutory process necessary to rename “Matson and Robinswood” ward as “Matson, Robinswood and White City” ward.
- 3.2 Section 59 Local Government and Public Involvement Act 2007 allows a local authority to change the name of an electoral area by resolution passed at a specially convened meeting for that purpose. This resolution must be passed by a majority of at least two thirds of the members voting on it. Further, under the Act the Council must not pass the resolution unless it has taken reasonable steps to consult.
- 3.3 Consultation was undertaken from 11 October 2021 until 7 November through an online survey with the ability for residents to request a paper survey should they need it. Following consultation with the ward Councillors, community organisations – The Venture, The Phoenix Centre and the Redwell Centre - were approached to inform them that the consultation would be taking place and they publicised both the consultation and how to respond. Regular social media posts were utilised to publicise the proposal and the consultation.

3.4 A summary of the responses is as follows:

- 31 online responses were received. 21 wished to change the name. 10 wished to keep the current name.
- Of those who were identifiably resident in Gloucester, 17 wished to change the name while 8 wished to keep the current name. (N.B. Those identifiably from outside Gloucester and those who did not provide a postcode were excluded from this measure.
- Of those who were identifiably resident in Matson and Robinswood ward, 15 wished to change the name and 7 wished to keep the current name.

3.5 It is therefore recommended that the name of Matson and Robinswood ward be changed to Matson, Robinswood and White City ward. Upon changing the name, it would be necessary to schedule it to incorporate it into the publication of the revised register on 1 December 2021.

#### **4.0 Social Value Considerations**

4.1 Not applicable but the conclusions are as a result of garnering local opinion.

#### **5.0 Environmental Implications**

5.1 Not applicable

#### **6.0 Alternative Options Considered**

6.1 The alternative would be to retain the current name. This would, however, conflict with the outcome of the consultation.

#### **7.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

7.1 To give effect to the outcome of the consultation.

#### **8.0 Future Work and Conclusions**

8.1 Under the Local Government and Public Involvement Act 2007, the following bodies must be informed as soon as reasonably practicable after the passing of the resolution:

- the Local Government Boundary Commission;
- the Boundary Commission for England;
- the Office of National Statistics;
- the Director General of the Ordnance Survey;
- Gloucestershire County Council.

The Electoral Commission will also be informed.

8.2 Alterations to the register of electors will also be required to reflect any change prior to its republication.

#### **9.0 Financial Implications**

9.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

**10.0 Legal Implications**

10.1 The legal implications are contained within the report.

(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

**11.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications**

11.1 Not applicable

**12.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA) and Safeguarding:**

12.1 Not applicable.

**13.0 Community Safety Implications**

13.1 None

**14.0 Staffing & Trade Union Implications**

14.1 None

**Background Documents:** None

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