



Gloucester City Council

Cabinet

Meeting: Wednesday, 10th January 2024 at 6.00 pm in Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP

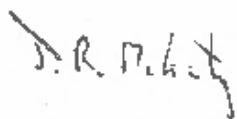
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| Membership: | Cllrs. Cook (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment) (Chair), Norman (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) (Vice-Chair), S. Chambers (Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy), Lewis (Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure) and Padilla (Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods) |
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AGENDA

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| 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. |
| 3. | MINUTES (Pages 7 - 14) To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th December 2023. |
| 4. | PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES) The opportunity is given to members of the public to put questions to Cabinet Members. A question may be rejected if it: (i) Is not about a matter for which the local authority has responsibility or influence; or (ii) Is illegal, improper, defamatory, frivolous or offensive; or (iii) Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council, Cabinet or Committee in the past 6 months; or (iv) Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information; or (v) Is related to confidential staffing matters; or (vi) Is relating to the personal affairs or conduct of individual Members or Officers. To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 5 th January 2024 or telephone 01452 396203 for support. |

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| <p>5.</p> | <p>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)</p> <p>To receive any petitions or deputations provided that no such petition or deputation is in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters relating to individual Council Officers, or • Matters relating to current or pending legal proceedings |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)</p> <p>Any Member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or any Cabinet Member any question upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any matter relating to the Council's administration • Any matter relating to any report of the Cabinet appearing on the summons • A matter coming within their portfolio of responsibilities <p>Only one supplementary question is allowed per question.</p> <p>Questions must be submitted to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 5th January 2024. Responses to questions will be published in an addendum to the agenda by 12 noon on the day of the Cabinet Meeting.</p> |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>PEER CHALLENGE PROGRESS REVIEW (Pages 15 - 34)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Leader of the Council sharing the findings of the Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Challenge Team's feedback report from October 2023 and providing an update on the recommendations.</p> |
| <p>8.</p> | <p>EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF) GLOUCESTER URBAN GREENING COMPLETION REPORT (Pages 35 - 56)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment giving an overview of the recently completed ERDF funded 'Urban Greening Project'.</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT FOR CARE LEAVERS (Pages 57 - 70)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources proposing a change to the Council Tax Discount Scheme for Care Leavers amending the definition of a care leaver to a young person between the ages of 18 and 24 residing in Gloucester.</p> |
| <p>10.</p> | <p>COUNCIL TAX - SECOND HOMES PREMIUM AND AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM (Pages 71 - 86)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources recommending that from 1st April 2025 council tax be increased for properties occupied only periodically and for empty homes.</p> |
| <p>11.</p> | <p>PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND FOR BLACKBRIDGE SPORTS HUB (Pages 87 - 96)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Resources bringing to Members' attention to an objection received to the proposed disposal of public open space at Laburnum Road Podsmead intended for a Blackbridge Sports Hub, following the publication of an S123 Notice.</p> |

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| <p>12.</p> | <p>REVIEW OF GLOUCESTER CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS (Pages 97 - 128)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources outlining proposed changes to the rules and regulations for the Gloucester Cemeteries following a decision by Council to review the 2014 rules.</p> |
| <p>13.</p> | <p>EVENTS AND FESTIVALS REPORT ON 2023 & PLAN FOR 2024-25 (Pages 129 - 154)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure providing a review of festivals and events activity in 2023 and proposing a programme with budget for 2024-25, and an approach for funding.</p> |
| <p>14.</p> | <p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>To resolve:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Agenda Item No. Description of Exempt Information</p> <p>15 Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p> |
| <p>15.</p> | <p>TRANSFER OF SITES IN PODSMEAD TO ENABLE THE REGENERATION OF THE ESTATE (Pages 155 - 166)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy seeking approval of a draft heads of terms for the disposal of sites in Podsmead to Gloucester City Homes (GCH) and to progress the delivery of estate regeneration.</p> |



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Managing Director

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NOTES

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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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