



COUNCIL

MEETING : Monday, 22nd May 2023

PRESENT : Cllrs. Hyman (Mayor), J. Brown (Sheriff & Deputy Mayor), Cook, Norman, S. Chambers, Padilla, Hilton, Pullen, Gravells MBE, Tracey, Morgan, Wilson, Bhaimia, Williams, D. Brown, Taylor, Field, Patel, Toleman, Brooker, Finnegan, Bowkett, Ackroyd, Castle, A. Chambers, Chambers-Dubus, Conder, Dee, Durdey, Evans, Hudson, Kubaszczyk, O'Donnell, Radley, Sawyer, Campbell and Trimnell

Others in Attendance

Managing Director
Monitoring Officer
Director
Head of Culture
Head of Place
Financial Services Manager
Policy and Governance Manager
Democratic and Electoral Services Team Leader

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. Lewis and Zaman

1. BY-ELECTION RESULTS

1.1 Council noted the election of Councillor Rebecca Trimnell (Liberal Democrat) to the Westgate ward for the by-election that took place on 30 March 2023.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

2.1 Moved by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Morgan.

2.2 **RESOLVED** – That Councillor Williams be elected Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2024.

3. ELECTION OF SHERIFF AND DEPUTY MAYOR

3.1 Moved by Councillor Norman, seconded by Councillor Brooker.

3.2 **RESOLVED** – That Councillor Hudson be elected Sherriff and Deputy Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2024.

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4. MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2023 were signed and approved as a correct record by the Mayor.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5.1 There were no declarations of interest.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 The Mayor thanked Members for their electing her Mayor. She announced that the Civic Charities for the coming year were the City Farm and the Music Works.

7. NOMINATIONS TO THE GLOUCESTER CITY HOMES BOARD

7.1 Councillor S. Chambers moved and Councillor Cook seconded that the Council surrenders its right to appoint to the Board of Gloucester City Homes (GCH). Councillor S. Chambers noted that GCH was one of a number of housing providers in the City but the only one to which the Council appointed. GCH's housing stock was not the Council's and it would be more equitable for each provider to be on a 'level playing field.' She further stated that there was nothing to preclude Members from applying to be on the Board in a personal capacity.

7.2 Councillor Wilson stated that while the Council had approved the transfer of housing stock on a cross-party basis in 2015, there had been a commitment to maintain a degree of oversight and that the Liberal Democrat Group would not be supporting the proposal.

7.3 Councillor Pullen concurred and stated that for similar reasons, the Labour Group would not support the proposal.

7.4 **RESOLVED** – That the Council surrender its right to appoint up to two Council Board Members to the Gloucester City Homes Board.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND WORKING GROUP AND NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR 2023/24

8.1 **RESOLVED** – That:

(1) The Schedule of appointments of Members to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups for 2023/24 be approved.

(2) In respect of the above, the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rules appoint all Members as named deputies for all those meetings (with the exception of Cabinet, Planning Committee and

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Licensing and Enforcement Committee) to which the Member has not been appointed.

- (3) That the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of Committees, as set out in the schedule, be noted and that each Committee at its first meeting in the new municipal year 2023-24 confirms and appoints its Chair and Vice Chair.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023/24

- 9.1 Councillor Hilton moved an amendment that Councillor Hyman be appointed to the vacant position as board member of Gloucester City Homes. The amendment was not accepted.
- 9.2 **RESOLVED that:-** That the Schedule of Appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2023-24 be approved.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 10.1 Councillor A. Chambers proposed and Councillor O'Donnell seconded the following motion:

This Council notes:

1. In the year ending March 2020, there were around 46,000 (selected) offences involving a knife or sharp instrument in England and Wales.
2. 293 knife or sharp instrument offences recorded by police in Gloucestershire between 2021 and 2022
3. The ONS reported that more than 46,000 offences involving knives or sharp instruments were recorded by police in the year ending March 2020.
4. Gloucester city has a growing young population and has witnessed an increase of violent crime in recent years involving knives and sharp objects.
5. One of the most recent incidents at the time of submitting this motion involved a teenager who suffered a significant knife wound after being stabbed in at a Gym at our Gloucester Docks.
6. Tackling knife crime and violence is a key priority for the Council which requires a whole system approach. This is addressed not just by Gloucester City Council, but in partnership with other key agencies such as the Gloucestershire Police, Police Crime Commissioner, public health and wider partners in the County Council.
7. Gloucester City Council Community well being team is committed to investigate the effectiveness of bleed control kits in saving lives and to assess the first aid training available in schools and will make a

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recommendation to the Community Safety Partnership on the intervention for consideration of inclusion in its Action Plan.

This Council believes:

1. That every measure needs to be taken to save the lives of victims of violent knife crime and congratulates The Ramarni Trust for its work in promoting the use and installation of Bleed Control Kits around the City.
2. The Ramarni Trust was established by his family after Ramarni was stabbed to death in December 2021.
3. A Bleed Control Kit is a small critical injury pack which contains specialised dressings, a tourniquet, instructions and other specialised medical supplies designed to stop or control the severe bleeding that often follows when someone is stabbed.
4. The public access kits are designed to be used by non-emergency personnel in much the same way that heart defibrillators ('shock machines') specifically designed for use by those with no First Aid training are becoming a common sight in Gloucester and the UK.
5. While we still need an effective Public Health approach to reduce the catastrophe that is knife crime, Bleed Control Kits can be another way to treat victims.

This Council resolves:

1. To direct support the Community Wellbeing team to work with The Ramarni Trust, the NHS, Gloucestershire Police Service and the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust to develop the best strategy for the deployment of Bleed Control Kits across the City of Gloucester.
2. To seek sponsorship of Bleed Control Kits from commercial partners to reduce costs of purchase and installation go Bleed Control Cabinets.
3. To work with introduce First Aid training into every Gloucester City secondary schools and colleges classroom in the City of Gloucester to assess the first aid training that is available and to increase the potential benefits of any Bleed Control Kits that have to be used.
4. To publicly thank Ramarnis Family for their tireless efforts in memory of Ramarni to establish The Ramarni Trust and hope that their good work saves many lives.
5. For City Council licencing team to investigate making Bleed control cabinets a licence condition at Gloucester City licenced premises

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6. For City Council licencing team to investigate making a trained Bleed control responder a licence condition at Gloucester City licenced premises who has been trained how to specifically apply a tourniquet.

10.2 Councillor Norman moved and Councillor Padilla seconded the following amendment:

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3. ~~The ONS reported that more than 46,000 offences involving knives or sharp instruments were recorded by police in the year ending March 2020.~~
4. Gloucester city has a growing young population and ~~has witnessed an increase of violent crime in recent years involving knives and sharp objects~~ **who we must educate in relation to the dangers of knife crime.**
5. One of the most recent incidents at the time of submitting this motion involved a teenager who suffered a significant knife wound after being stabbed in at a Gym at our Gloucester Docks.
6. Tackling knife crime and violence is a key priority for the Council which requires a whole system approach. This is addressed not just by Gloucester City Council, but in partnership with other key agencies such as the Gloucestershire Police, Police Crime Commissioner **Commissioner**, public health and wider partners in the County Council.
7. ~~Gloucester City Council Community well being team is committed to investigate the effectiveness of bleed control kits in saving lives and to assess the first aid training available in schools and will make a recommendation to the Community Safety Partnership on the intervention for consideration of inclusion in its Action Plan.~~

This Council believes:

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3. A Bleed Control Kit is a small critical injury pack which contains specialised dressings, a tourniquet, instructions and other specialised medical supplies designed to stop or control the severe bleeding that often follows when someone is stabbed.
4. The public access kits are designed to be used by non- emergency personnel in much the same way that heart defibrillators ('shock machines') specifically designed for use by those with no First Aid training are becoming a common sight in Gloucester and the UK.
5. ~~While we still need an effective~~ **That provision of the kits alone will not provide real change. Stakeholders should work on a** Public Health approach to reduce the catastrophe that is knife crime, ~~Bleed Control Kits can be another way to treat victims.~~

This Council resolves:

1. To direct ~~support~~ the Community Wellbeing team to work with ~~The Ramarni Trust~~ **all community groups who are trying to combat knife crime**, the NHS, Gloucestershire Police Service and the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust to develop the best strategy for the deployment of Bleed Control Kits across the City of Gloucester.
 2. To seek sponsorship of Bleed Control Kits from commercial partners to reduce costs of purchase and installation go Bleed Control Cabinets.
 3. To ~~work with~~ **support lobbying Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Foundation Trust to** introduce First Aid training into every Gloucester City secondary schools and colleges classroom ~~in the City of Gloucester to assess the first aid training that is available and to increase~~ **which would include** the potential benefits of any **using** Bleed Control Kits ~~that have to be used.~~
 4. To publicly thank ~~Ramarnis Family~~ **all community groups** for their tireless efforts in memory of Ramarni ~~to establish The Ramarni Trust and hope that their good work saves many lives~~ **tackling knife crime in the city of Gloucester.**
 5. For City Council licencing team to investigate making Bleed control cabinets a ~~licence condition at Gloucester City~~ **recommendation to licensees as part of the local Gloucester licensing policy for licenced premises in the city.**
 6. For City Council licencing team to investigate making a trained Bleed control responder **(trained in how to apply a tourniquet)** a ~~licence condition at Gloucester City licenced premises who has been trained how to specifically apply a tourniquet~~ **recommendation to licensees as part of the local Gloucester licensing policy for licenced premises."**
- 10.3 The mover of the original motion accepted the amendment which therefore became the substantive motion. The motion as amended was carried.

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10.4 RESOLVED that:-

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4. One of the most recent incidents at the time of submitting this motion involved a teenager who suffered a significant knife wound after being stabbed in at a Gym at our Gloucester Docks.
5. Tackling knife crime and violence is a key priority for the Council which requires a whole system approach. This is addressed not just by Gloucester City Council, but in partnership with other key agencies such as the Gloucestershire Police, Police Crime Commissioner, public health and wider partners in the County Council.

This Council believes:

1. That every measure needs to be taken to save the lives of victims of violent knife crime. This Council thanks all groups who work tirelessly in our city to support this goal and the installation of Bleed Control Kits around the city.
2. A Bleed Control Kit is a small critical injury pack which contains specialised dressings, a tourniquet, instructions and other specialised medical supplies designed to stop or control the severe bleeding that often follows when someone is stabbed.
3. The public access kits are designed to be used by non- emergency personnel in much the same way that heart defibrillators ('shock machines') specifically designed for use by those with no First Aid training are becoming a common sight in Gloucester and the UK.
4. That provision of the kits alone will not provide real change. Stakeholders should work on a Public Health approach to reduce the catastrophe that is knife crime.

This Council resolves:

1. To direct the Community Wellbeing team to work with all community groups who are trying to combat knife crime, the NHS, Gloucestershire Police Service and the South Western Ambulance Service NHS

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Foundation Trust to develop the best strategy for the deployment of Bleed Control Kits across the City of Gloucester.

2. To seek sponsorship of Bleed Control Kits from commercial partners to reduce costs of purchase and installation go Bleed Control Cabinets.
3. To support lobbying Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Foundation Trust to introduce First Aid training into every Gloucester City secondary schools and colleges classroom which would include the potential benefits of using Bleed Control Kits.
4. To publicly thank all community groups for their tireless efforts in tackling knife crime in the city of Gloucester.
5. For City Council licencing team to investigate making Bleed control cabinets a recommendation to licensees as part of the local Gloucester licencing policy for licenced premises in the city.
6. For City Council licencing team to investigate making a trained Bleed control responder (trained in how to apply a tourniquet) a recommendation to licensees as part of the local Gloucester licencing policy for licenced premises.

Time of commencement: 3.00 pm hours

Time of conclusion: 5.45 pm hours

Chair