



Friday, 12 May 2023

TO EACH MEMBER OF GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** of the **CITY OF GLOUCESTER** to be held at the Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP on **Monday, 22nd May 2023** at **3.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **BY-ELECTION RESULTS**

To note the result of the Westgate By-Election on 30 March 2023 as set out below:

Rebecca Trimnell (Liberal Democrat)

3. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

To elect a Mayor for the Council year 2023/24.

4. **ELECTION OF SHERIFF AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

To elect a Sheriff and Deputy Mayor for the Council year 2023/24.

The Council will adjourn at this point in proceedings and reconvene in approximately 30 minutes.

5. **MINUTES (Pages 7 - 24)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2023.

6. **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.

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

ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL

8. **NOMINATIONS TO THE GLOUCESTER CITY HOMES BOARD (Pages 25 - 30)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy reviewing the current approach to nominating Members to sit on the Gloucester City Homes Board

9. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND WORKING GROUP AND NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR 2023/24 (Pages 31 - 40)**

To appoint Members to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups and to nominate Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees as set out in the schedule.

10. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023/24 (Pages 41 - 44)**

To appoint Members to Outside Bodies as set out in the schedule.

MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

11. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR A. CHAMBERS

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

This Council believes:

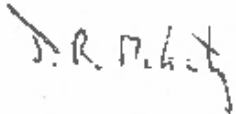
1. That every measure needs to be taken to save the lives of victims of violent knife crime and congratulates The Ramarni Trust for its work in promoting the use and installation of Bleed Control Kits around the City.
2. The Ramarni Trust was established by his family after Ramarni was stabbed to death 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
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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. R. McGinty', written in a cursive style.

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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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>
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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MEETING : Thursday, 23rd March 2023

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

Others in Attendance

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

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. Bhaimia, Field, Patel, Finnegan, Bowkett and Zaman

61. MINUTES

61.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Mayor.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

62.1 Councillor Brooker declared an interest in any aspect of discussion related to the Member of Parliament for Gloucester by virtue of being employed by that individual.

63. CALL OVER

63.1 The Mayor invited Members to indicate whether they wished to reserve agenda items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 for discussion. None of these items were reserved.

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64. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

64.1 There were no public questions.

65. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

65.1 Councillor A. Chambers presented a petition which called for *the Council to re-buy the land back at Newton Avenue in Coney Hill and install EV electric vehicle parking for residents, making the streets safer and providing environmental friendly parking options.*

65.2 The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Councillor Norman, received the petition and advised that she would pass it onto officers who would review the proposal.

66. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor

66.1 The Mayor presented Councillor Morgan and Councillor Wilson with a badge in order to recognise their 20 year service as Members of the Council.

66.2 The Mayor provided Members with an update on fundraising activities for the nominated Civic Charity, Pride in Gloucestershire, and encouraged further donations.

Members of the Cabinet

66.3 Councillor Norman conveyed the thanks of the Council to the outgoing Director of Policy and Resources who was retiring at the end of the week. She praised his diligence and sound advice over a number of years and Members wished him well for the future.

66.4 The Cabinet Member of Culture and Leisure, Councillor Lewis, informed Members that a Gala screening of 'An Irish Goodbye' would be held on Sunday 26th March at 2pm at the Gloucester Guildhall. Following the screening, a Q & A with the writers and directors was to be held. He further informed Members that Blackfriars Priory had been nominated for a Wedding Venue of the Year award. Councillor Lewis announced that the Museum of Gloucester had recently been presented with a series of rugby caps.

Point of Personal Explanation

66.5 Councillor A. Chambers made a point of personal explanation regarding comments made at the meeting of the Council on 29 September 2022. He apologised if his words had caused offence and stated that the right to freedom of expression must be maintained.

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67. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

- 67.1 Councillor Hilton asked, as a supplementary to question 1 if efforts could be redoubled to ensure Spread Eagle Court was weatherproof. Councillor Cook advised that the Council continued to engage with those charged with restoring the site and he was hopeful progress could be made.
- 67.2 In respect of question 2, Councillor Hilton asked what was being done to find a new tenant to occupy the former Chambers pub in Kings Square. Councillor Norman stated that discussions with the current tenant were ongoing with a view to an improved position on a new tenancy.
- 67.3 Councillor Pullen stated that he had previously requested additional funding for Aspire. He asked for a guarantee that GL1 and Aspire would remain open. Councillor Lewis advised that the Council had given the funding that had been requested.
- 67.4 With regard to question 4, Councillor Pullen asked how much the consultants formulating the climate change strategy would cost and what the anticipated timescale was. Councillor Cook informed Members that his understanding was that it would cost in the region of £85k and that he believed it would take approximately six months.
- 67.5 Councillor A. Chambers asked Councillor Cook in respect of question 5 whether the Ubico contract had been understood by the administration. Councillor Cook advised that the contract had been drawn up in partnership between both Ubico and the City Council.
- 67.6 In respect of question 6, Councillor O'Donnell asked if the Council would receive CIL monies as part of the new Barretts development. The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy advised that the development itself would improve the economy in Matson and that numerous contributions were available from other sources.
- 67.7 Councillor Chambers-Dubus asked what the monies from Fixed Penalty Notices in respect of fly-tipping would be used for. Councillor Cook advised that it was used for improving the enviro-crime service.
- 67.8 In respect of question 9, Councillor Wilson asked what would the position be if one agency advised that the inquiry into the cyber incident could be published and another advised that it should not be publicly published. Councillor Norman provided an assurance that as much information would be public but that on some occasions there would be security information which would need to be private.
- 67.9 Councillor Norman advised Councillor Radley with regard to question 10 that officers were working with the City Farm in relation to leasing arrangements. In respect of questions 11 and 12, Councillor Norman advised that she was not currently in a position to confirm whether a 25 year lease could be considered either as a usual proposal or under special circumstances.

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67.10 Councillor J. Brown asked for detailed plans for Barnwood Park and to be involved in work going forward. Councillor Cook stated that he would pass this request onto officers.

67.11 *As a Member appointed to the Board of Aspire, Councillor Castle declared an interest in respect of question 14.*

Councillor Castle asked if the Council should have been aware there were issues at GL1. Councillor Norman stated that she would follow up on what was reported in October 2022.

67.12 With regard to question 18, Councillor Hilton asked if restoring the collections database at the museum had added to the cost of the cyber recovery. Councillor Norman advised that as the recovery was not yet fully complete this was difficult to say.

67.13 Councillor A. Chambers asked in respect of question 19 what the Council would do if a significant number of newly planted trees were to die. Councillor Cook advised that this was a matter for the County Council and that the question would be better directed to that place.

67.14 Councillor O'Donnell asked if residents would receive an apology for wet paper and cardboard being collected. Councillor Cook advised that in many cases, such recycling was contaminated through other means and could not be collected in that event regardless.

67.15 With regard to question 21, Councillor Chambers-Dubus asked what steps were being taken to mitigate placing homeless families in hotel accommodation. Councillor S. Chambers stated that it was being addressed as part of the housing strategy and was always looking for ways to improve.

67.16 Councillor D. Brown asked when the audit of access arrangements to the King George V playing fields would commence. Councillor Cook advised that officers would consult on this as soon as was possible.

67.17 Councillor Hilton asked in respect of question 23 what plans there were to improve autumn street sweeping. Councillor Cook advised that he was in discussions regarding whether to purchase a sweeper specifically for this purpose.

67.18 With regard to question 24, Councillor A. Chambers asked whether additional CCTV would be sought to assist in crime prevention. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods informed Members that there would soon be improved lighting which would improve the situation.

67.19 Councillor A. Chambers in relation to question 26 if the administration would consider rethinking the recent changes to parking tariffs in Council owned car parks. Councillor Norman stated that the cost of operating the car parks had increased through matters such as staffing, electricity and cleaning and that the impact of the changes would form part of the usual financial monitoring undertaken as a matter of course.

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67.20 With regard to question 27, Councillor A. Chambers asked whether the matter of unoccupied council owned units could be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Norman stated that if a paper was sought, this would be possible. She advised that the administration was attempting to reframe the City Centre and that was not something that would ever see instant results but that there was growing interest from business to occupy sites.

68. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023-24

68.1 **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix 1 be approved;
- (2) the authorised borrowing limit be approved at:- a) 2023/24 £260m b) 2024/25 £265m c) 2025/26 £260m
- (3) the prudential indicators set out in section two of the strategy be approved.

69. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023-24

69.1 **RESOLVED** that the Capital Strategy at Appendix 1 be approved.

70. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2023-24

70.1 **RESOLVED** that the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 at Appendix 1 be approved.

71. CONTINUATION OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH JOINT COMMITTEE BEYOND 31 MARCH 2023 FOR A FURTHER TEMPORARY PERIOD

71.1 **RESOLVED** that the Council:

- (i) Agree to the GEGJC continuing to operate from 31 March 2023 for a further temporary period as agreed at the GEGJC meeting on 9 February 2023, and
- (ii) delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree the length of the extension and complete the appropriate legal documentation to allow the Inter Authority Agreement to be extended beyond 31 March 2023.

72. DESIGNATION OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (S151 OFFICER)

72.1 **RESOLVED** that Greg Maw, Financial Services Manager, be designated the Council's interim Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) until such time as a permanent appointment is made, in accordance with section 151 of the Local

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Government Act 1972, with effect from 1 April for a period of up to 6 months but no more than 12 months.

73. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

“Our city needs to be a safe haven for wildlife and ecology. I would like to propose that special ‘swift bricks and bee bricks’ to be incorporated in new developments across Gloucester City Council to help halt the decline of the distinctive birds and bees.

Approved by the RSPB, the bird boxes are designed to look like bricks, but feature a small hole where swifts can enter and build their nests. Swifts are urban birds which make their nests in rooftops or in old buildings, after flying over 6,000 miles from Africa in the spring. However, modern building methods, along with the demolition of old buildings, have reduced the swifts’ access to rooftops, resulting in a serious decline in numbers. Twenty years ago there were 150,000 pairs in Britain – now there are fewer than 90,000.

Although known as swift bricks, they can be used by a variety of other birds including sparrows, starlings, blue tits and great tits. This new initiative has the potential to halt the decline of swifts in the city, while also provide safe nesting places for many other types of small birds.

Other councils have adopted this around England and RSPB conservation officer Jack Thompson said: “This important planning condition for swifts will help provide more opportunities for nesting swifts and urban birds, supporting important sites, and build on the fantastic work being done to save our swifts.”

Bee bricks should also be installed for new build developments and should be incorporated in the external walls of new developments - one for each property.

This Council agrees to investigate the introduction of a planning condition that:

- Will see swift boxes and bee bricks incorporated in the vast majority of new developments in the city.
- Requires swift bricks and bee bricks to be incorporated in all new developments that are five metres high and above in Gloucester City.
- Requires a minimum of two swift bricks per dwelling and one bee brick per dwelling.

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- Requires commercial developments to have a minimum of three boxes, or one per 50sqm of floor spaces. Ideally, swift and bee bricks should be placed under the eaves in groups of at least three.
- Should be attached to all planning permissions granted after 1 April 2024 for the City of Gloucester.

Members are asked to approve this motion and help our City to work closely with the RSPB who have come up with a simple scheme that will increase biodiversity, and encourage wildlife to thrive in our city. So please, don't vote politically, vote for our nature, our birds and our bees to safe guarding our wildlife for generations to come."

73.2 Councillor S. Chambers proposed and Councillor Lewis seconded the following amendment:

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73.3 The amendment was accepted by the proposer of the original motion and therefore being the substantive motion. It was put to the vote and was carried.

73.4 **RESOLVED that:-**

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- 73.5 Councillor A. Chamber proposed and Councillor O'Donnell seconded the following motion:

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Currently the punishment for carrying a knife (as a first time offender) carries no minimum sentence and a maximum 1 year sentence. In order to counteract the rise of knife crime in our City, the law needs to be looked at and changed.

I therefore ask all members to use their votes to request this change to make our city and community safer for all. Using your vote could help save a young life in our city!”

- 73.6 Councillor Padilla proposed and Councillor Hudson seconded the following amendment:

“This Council recognises that the motion passed in November 2021 promoted a public health approach to dealing with knife crime which was unanimously accepted. This work continues in Gloucester and we thank officers and partners who have worked tirelessly to support communities in our city.

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A series of devastating earthquakes have hit southern Turkey (now known as Türkiye) and north-west Syria killing over 50,000 people and injuring many more.

The first deadly earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds, with no warning signs. More than 54,000 buildings, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or damaged. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions.

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I ask that Gloucester City Council raises both the Turkish and Syrian flags for 30 days to show solidarity to both nations during this world disaster and their time of need.

Please members vote to support this motion to show the people of Turkey and Syria that we the people of Gloucester are in support and do care.”

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The first deadly earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds, with no warning signs. More than 54,000 buildings, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or damaged. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions.

This council welcomes the support that the United Kingdom has given towards the disaster relief.

We remind individuals in Gloucester that they can help with the aid being provided by charities by giving a donation no matter how small to help in the earthquake recovery.

One of the safest ways to donate is to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee at www.dec.org.uk.

~~I ask that Gloucester City Council raises both the Turkish and Syrian flags for 30 days to show solidarity to both nations during this world disaster and their time of need.~~

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73.11 The amendment was accepted by the proposer of the original motion and therefore being the substantive motion. It was put to the vote and was carried.

73.12 **RESOLVED that:-**

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

“We as independent Councillors note with concern the increase in homelessness and rough sleeping nationwide in recent years, and the profound impact that homelessness has on people’s physical and mental wellbeing.

We recognise that two common reasons why members of the public may not give spare change to homeless people are a concern about how that money may be spent, and, due to the recent increase in use of contactless payment cards, often have less or no cash about their person.

We consider the BillyChip, a Ceramic token which can be purchased in cafes and later redeemed by a homeless person in exchange for a hot or cold drink and often food to be a simple, innovative and more secure way for members of the public to give financial support to homeless people, which many wish to do.

We recognise further that the BillyChip is already available in numerous outlets across Bristol, Bath and Oxford, is in the process of identifying and approaching potential venues in Gloucester, and is the subject of huge popular online support. We already have some venues that do the billy chip scheme, revive cafe, owned by Gloucester city mission, Seymour post office and the Seymour cafe. We wish to be part of this.

We would like Council to offer the BillyChip its full endorsement and commits to supporting the implementation of the chip here in Gloucester.
To achieve this, council needs to resolve to:

- collaborate with the BillyChip CIC on developing its profile in Gloucester.
- give the BillyChip CIC free use of its premises for the purposes of public information meetings.
- provide space on the Gloucester City Council website listing participating venues and other relevant information.
- ensure that all appropriate council-operated venues participate in the scheme.

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73.14 Councillor S. Chambers proposed and Councillor Hudson seconded the following amendment:

~~“We as independent Councillors note with concern the increase in homelessness and rough sleeping nationwide in recent years, and~~

The Council is concerned that after 4 years of decreasing, rough sleeping has risen nationally this year.

We recognise the profound impact that homelessness **rough sleeping** has on people’s physical and mental wellbeing.

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- ~~– provide space a link on the Gloucester City Council website listing participating venues and other relevant information to the BillyChip website.~~

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- ~~ensure that all appropriate council-operated~~ **consider if any council-owned venues are appropriate** to participate in the scheme.”

73.15 The amendment was accepted by the proposer of the original motion and therefore being the substantive motion. It was put to the vote and was carried.

73.16 **RESOLVED that:-**

The Council is concerned that after 4 years of decreasing, rough sleeping has risen nationally this year.

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

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A simple sticker at a low cost could be stuck over the various street mapping signs around our city to help guide these vulnerable people to places of sanctuary.

This Council supports what is a very simple fix to help vulnerable people in our city find the help they need.”

- 73.18 Councillor Pullen proposed and Councillor Chamber-Dubus seconded the following amendment:

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Information and greater awareness of the location of homeless shelters and warm spaces and how to access them should be publicised at appropriate poster sites and venues in the city.

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- 73.19 The amendment was accepted by the proposer of the original motion and therefore being the substantive motion. It was put to the vote and was lost.

- 73.20 Councillor Pullen proposed and Councillor Chambers-Dubus seconded the following motion:

“The intimidation and abuse of councillors in person or otherwise undermines democracy, prevents councillors from representing the communities they serve, deters people from standing for election and undermines public life in democratic processes.

This council is concerned about the detrimental effect abuse and intimidation in public and political discourse can have on local democracy. The council must ensure that prevention, support and responses to such actions and behaviour should be in place to ensure councillors feel safe and able to represent their residents.

Furthermore, councillors should ensure that their own conduct and behaviour in carrying out council duties should be of the highest standard and not act in a way that is abusive or intimidating, whether that is during formal debate in council meetings or in other democratic activities.

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Abusive and intimidating behaviour should not be normalised, accepted or tolerated.

This council therefore agrees to sign up to the Local Government Association's 'Debate Not Hate' campaign to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in their communities, encourage healthy debate and ensure the support to those in public life who face abuse or intimidation.

This council therefore resolves to:

- Write to Gloucester's MP encouraging him to support the campaign
- Write to the Government to ask them to work with the LGA to develop and implement a plan to address abuse and intimidation of politicians at every level.
- Ensure that Gloucester City Council has clear reporting mechanisms that councillors can use to monitor and record incidents of harassment, intimidation and abuse.
- Regularly review the support available to councillors in relation to abuse, intimidation and safety.
- Work with the police to make sure there are clear and joined up processes for reporting threats and concerns for the safety of councillors and their families and ensure there is a preventative approach to consider the risks councillors face, as they do with other high profile individuals like MP's.
- Take a zero tolerance approach to abuse of councillors and officers."

73.21 The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

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73.23 Councillor Sawyer proposed and Councillor Castle seconded the following motion:

"This council notes that there has been an increase in the number of requests to erect 5G masts around the City of Gloucester, seriously impacting the look of the city. Residents in our wards mainly object because of the way they look.

This Council recognises that they do not need planning permission, but Gloucester City Council can have a say in the visual impact on our city.

Paragraph 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that "where new sites are required (such as for new 5G networks, or for connected transport and smart city applications), equipment should be sympathetically designed and camouflaged where appropriate"

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sports' code of practice states that "early discussions with operators, local planning authorities and

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communities on the design of the masts should be encouraged". This has not happened.

The code of practice also states that "the Government's objective is to deliver high quality reliable infrastructure whilst ensuring the impact is kept to a minimum".

Policy G5 of the new City plan states "Development proposals for telecommunications infrastructure will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the development is sympathetically designed and would not have an adverse impact upon the environment (including heritage assets, biodiversity, local amenity, the landscape and its setting). Where new sites are required (such as for new 5G networks, or for connected transport and smart city applications), equipment should be sympathetically designed and camouflaged where appropriate."

The designs of the 5G masts that have been approved to date are having a massive impact on the local street scene. As officers and members, our duty is to protect the heritage of our city and these masts are not in keeping with the local architecture and open spaces. They will be here for a long time, so we need to act now.

This council calls on the cabinet member for planning to:

- create a design code for these masts and to choose a style that blends in with the surroundings.
- include the cross-party members planning policy group and to consult with all residents in Gloucester during this process.
- review the way these new masts are promoted to residents. Putting a sign on a lamppost is not proving very effective."

73.24 The motion was put to the vote and was lost.

Time of commencement: 18:30 hours

Time of conclusion: 20:55 hours

Chair

Gloucester City Council

Meeting:	Cabinet Council	Date:	5 April 2023 22 May 2023
Subject:	Nominations to the Gloucester City Homes Board		
Report Of:	Cabinet Member Planning and Housing Strategy		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	No	Budget/Policy Framework:	No
Contact Officer:	Neil Coles, Housing Innovation Manager		
	Email: neil.coles@gloucester.gov.uk	Tel:	396534
Appendices:	1. Extract from minutes of Oversight and Scrutiny Committee special meeting held on 09 May 2023 providing further background information from the Chief Executive of Gloucester City Homes		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the current approach to nominating Members to sit on the Gloucester City Homes Board

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet **RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND** that the Council agrees to surrender its right to appoint up to two Council Board Members to the Gloucester City Homes Board.
- 2.2 Council **RESOLVES** to surrender its right to appoint up to two Council Board Members to the Gloucester City Homes Board.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 The Gloucester City Homes (GCH) Board consists of between 5 and 12 Board Members including: no more than 2 Council Board Members (appointed by the Council) no more than 2 GCH Tenants and up to 9 Independent Board Members.
- 3.2 GCH Board Members usually serve for a three-year period however they may stand for a further term.
- 3.3 Historically, the Council has nominated representatives to the GCH Board through its annual process of making appointments to Outside Bodies. In the past, these have been elected Member appointments, but in more recent years they have been non-Councillor appointments and the Council has worked with GCH to identify

individuals that meet the skillset required. Currently, only one of the two appointments made at Annual Council in May 2022 remains on the Board.

3.4 GCH have advised that they are seeking to develop their Board to be more inclusive of their local communities while also providing a wider range of skillsets to further improve the effectiveness of the Board moving forward. As part of this new approach, GCH have asked the Council to review its nominations to the GCH Board.

3.5 The Council does not currently nominate Board members for any other registered housing providers who operate in Gloucester.

3.6 In 2018, changes to the regulations governing the operation of registered providers reduced the level of influence local authorities had over private registered providers of social housing through Board appointment and Membership/Shareholding voting rights.

4.0 Social Value Considerations

4.1 There are no relevant social value considerations.

5.0 Environmental Implications

5.1 There are no relevant environmental implications.

6.0 Alternative Options Considered

6.1 The Council could maintain its membership on the Board. However, it is considered that it would be in the best interests of GCH to enable it to appoint Independent Board Members who are likely to be better equipped to meet the future ambitions of the Association.

7.0 Reasons for Recommendations

7.1 The Council does not appoint members to the Boards of any other Registered Housing Providers in the City.

7.2 The regulations governing the operation of registered provider's has reduced the proportion of Board Members who can be nominated by councils.

7.3 By ceasing to nominate to the GCH Board, GCH can expand the breadth of experience and skills of their Board Members to better meet their ambitions to support their business and customers.

8.0 Future Work and Conclusions

8.1 If the resolution to cease to nominate individuals to the GCH Board is agreed, the Council will have no presence on the GCH Board and GCH will be able to recruit replacement Board Members.

8.2 The remaining GCH Board Member who has been nominated by the Council is due to leave their role on 31st December after which GCH will be able to fill this role independently.

8.3 It is not anticipated that surrendering nomination rights to the GCH Board will hamper the existing strong working relationship that exists between both organisations.

9.0 Financial Implications

9.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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

10.0 Legal Implications

10.1 Following previous amendments to the Rules of Gloucester City Homes (the Rules) the Council is no longer a Shareholder in GCH.

10.2 If Cabinet approve this Recommendation One Legal will liaise with GCH to agree amendments to the Transfer Agreement dated 17th March 2015 to remove the obligation on the Council to nominate GCH Board Members and obligations on GCH to seek the approval of the Council to amend their constitution. GCH will need to follow its own internal procedures to amend the Rules to remove the requirement for it to appoint up to 2 Council Board Members.

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

11.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

11.1 There are no risks or opportunities associated with this report.

12.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA) and Safeguarding:

12.1 The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact; therefore a full PIA was not required.

13.0 Community Safety Implications

13.1 There are no Community Safety implications.

14.0 Staffing & Trade Union Implications

14.1 There are no staffing or Trade Union implications.

Background Documents: None

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A1. Extracts from the draft minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee special meeting held on 9 May 2023

A1.1 The following paragraphs comprise the full comments (as documented in the meeting minutes) made by Guy Stenson (Chief Executive of Gloucester City Homes). These comments relate to the context surrounding GCH's future aspirations for their Board.

A1.1.1 The Chief Executive of GCH stated that GCH had been an independent organisation from the City Council for 8 years and that the organisations had developed a new type of relationship. He noted that the relationship was positive and one of equal partnership, which GCH were keen to maintain.

A1.1.2 The Chief Executive of GCH explained that the board had matured over the years into a single status board, and that GCH was working to identify and meet skill gaps which would ultimately strengthen the organisation. He noted that although GCH welcomed applications from all backgrounds, being a Councillor did not automatically mean a representative had the skills required of a board member. He assured Members that GCH would still engage with the council in a constructive way with a shared focus on Gloucester, which he believed they could do so through partnership working rather than via a board representative.

A1.1.3 The Chief Executive of GCH responded to Members' questions of clarification as follows:

- GCH owned around 5,000 properties in the city.
- There were no issues with GCH board membership including Councillors, however it was best practice in the sector to have a single status board¹, which all other Registered Social Housing providers in Gloucester already had.
- GCH were keen to diversify their board as it was not currently as diverse as the organisation hoped for.
- GCH had not been frustrated by the input of the City Council, however the board did now consider itself to be single status. He noted that the City Council nominated board member would not ask questions on behalf of or as a representative of the council. It was also noted that it was sometimes challenging for board members who had council or community responsibilities to separate these obligations from their board responsibilities.

¹ A board where all board members are appointed through a consistent and transparent recruitment process

- GCH had been approached by the City Council regarding nominations however it was felt that it was sensible to make the decision at this point in the year as the current council board representative was due to step away in December 2023. The recruitment process would therefore need to begin around September 2023.
- The current City Council nominee was a former finance director and had brought valuable experience to the board.
- GCH wanted to steer away from politics as it is not a political organisation, however GCH continues to welcome advocacy from Councillors.



**APPOINTMENTS MADE AT
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 22 MAY 2023**

**Including appointments to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups
and Nomination for Chairs of Committees and Vice Chairs for 2023/24**

***NB. The appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs to Committees
will be noted at the first meeting of each Committee***

Recommendations

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** 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 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.

The political balance calculation in respect of the total number of committee seats includes main or parent committees only. Seats on sub-committees are determined separately. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, representation on the following committees/bodies is **not** subject to political balance rules.

- Senior Appointments Committee
- Appeals Committee
- Regeneration Advisory Board
- Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel
- Safer Gloucester Partnership
- Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee
- Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee
- One Legal Joint Liaison and Monitoring Group
- Member Development Working Group
- Planning Policy Member Working Group
- Saintbridge Recreation Ground Management Committee

Alternative arrangements for appointments to these committees/bodies can be approved provided no Member of the Council votes against.

The number of seats held by each political group expressed as a percentage on the City Council (39) is:

Conservative	22 seats	(% of 39) = 56.41%
Liberal Democrat	12 seats	(% of 39) = 30.77%
Labour	3 seats	(% of 39) = 7.69%
Other	2 seats	(% of 39) = 5.13%

when applied to the total number of committee seats (56) seats these percentages give the following aggregate entitlement (rounded up/down to the nearest whole seat) for each Group:

Conservative	56.41% of 56 =	32 (31.58)
Liberal Democrat	30.77% of 56 =	17 (17.2)
Labour	7.69% of 56 =	4 (4.31)

Variance in total seats = -3

Noting that Independent Councillors, unless aligned as an independent group, have no entitlement to seats on Committees, when the same percentages are applied to the number of seats on each committee/body (assuming the committees/bodies remain the same size as in the last municipal year) they give the following provisional entitlement to seats on each committee/body, rounded up or down to the nearest whole seat:

Committee	Size	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Other	Seat Variance
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	16	9	5	1	0	-1
Planning Committee	12	7	4	1	0	0
Licensing and Enforcement Committee	12	7	4	1	0	0
Audit and Governance Committee	8	5	2	1	0	0
General Purposes Committee	8	5	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	56	33	17	5	0	-1

The calculation above results in a total variance of -1 seats across all committees/bodies subject to political proportionality. To reach the total available number of seats (56), as previously agreed following the Westgate By-Election in March 2023, it is proposed that allocations are adjusted as follows:

Committee	Size	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Other	Seat Variance
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	16	9	6	1	0	0
Planning Committee	12	7	4	1	0	0
Licensing and Enforcement Committee	12	7	4	1	0	0
Audit and Governance Committee	8	5	2	1	0	0
General Purposes Committee	8	5	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	56	33	18	5	0	0

The number of seats based on proportionality and each political party's entitlement is therefore as follows:

	Provisional allocation	Entitlement to seats on committees/bodies based on proportionality/Widdicombe principles	Variation
Conservative	32	33	+1
Liberal Democrat	17	18	+1
Labour	4	5	+1
Other	0	0	0

Committees subject to political proportionality

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
Membership (16)	Con (9)		Lib Dem (6)
			Lab (1)
Cllr. Field	(Lib)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)	(Vice Chair)	
Cllr. Durdey	(Con)	(Spokesperson)	
Cllr. Ackroyd	(Con)		
Cllr. Campbell	(Con)		
Cllr. Castle	(Lib)		
Cllr. Dee	(Con)		
Cllr. Evans	(Con)		
Cllr. Hilton	(Lib)		
Cllr. Hudson	(Con)		
Cllr. Kubaszczyk	(Con)		
Cllr. Sawyer	(Lib)		
Cllr. Toleman	(Con)		
Cllr. Trimnell	(Lib)		
Cllr. Wilson	(Lib)		
Cllr. Zaman	(Con)		

NB. Comprised of non-Executive Members, must be Chaired by a Member of the opposition

PLANNING COMMITTEE			
Membership (12)	Con (7)		Lib Dem (4)
			Lab (1)
Cllr. Taylor	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Morgan	(Con)	(Vice Chair)	
Cllr. Bhaimia	(Lab)		
Cllr. D. Brown	(Lib)		
Cllr. J. Brown	(Lib)		
Cllr. Campbell	(Con)		
Cllr. Conder	(Lib)		
Cllr. Dee	(Con)		
Cllr. Gravells	(Con)	Named Substitutes	
Cllr. Sawyer	(Lib)	Cllrs. Ackroyd; Kubaszczyk (Con)	
Cllr. Toleman	(Con)	Cllrs. Hyman, Wilson (Lib)	
Cllr. Tracey	(Con)	Cllrs. Chambers-Dubus, Pullen (Lab)	

NB. Comprised of non-Executive Members

LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Membership (12)	Con (7)	Lib Dem (4)	Lab (1)
Cllr. Finnegan	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Williams	(Con)	(Vice Chair)	
Cllr. Ackroyd	(Con)		
Cllr. Bowkett	(Lib)		
Cllr. Brooker	(Con)		
Cllr. Chambers-Dubus	(Lab)		
Cllr. Hyman	(Lib)		
Cllr. Kubaszczyk	(Con)		
Cllr. Patel	(Con)		
Cllr. Radley	(Lib)		
Cllr. Tracey	(Con)		
Cllr. Trimnell	(Lib)		

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AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Membership (8)	Con (5)	Lib Dem (2)	Lab (1)
Cllr. Wilson	(Lib)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Gravells	(Con)	(Vice Chair)	
Cllr. Bowkett	(Lib)	plus:	
Cllr. Brooker	(Con)	Mr. Peter Tervet (Independent Member)	
Cllr. Durdey	(Con)		
Cllr. Morgan	(Con)		
Cllr. Patel	(Con)		
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)		

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE			
Membership (8)	Con (5)	Lib (2)	Lab (1)
Cllr. Taylor	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Kubaszczyk	(Con)	(Vice Chair)	
Cllr. Evans	(Con)		
Cllr. Hilton	(Lib)		
Cllr. Hudson	(Con)		
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)		
Cllr. Williams	(Con)		
Cllr. Wilson	(Lib)		

Ad Hoc Committees

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE			
Membership (5)	Con (3)	Lib Dem (1)	Lab (1)
Cllr. Cook	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Norman	(Con)	(Vice Chair)	
Cllr. S. Chambers	(Con)		
Cllr. Hilton	(Lib)		
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)		

NB. Membership to include Group Leaders, or their appointed nominees

APPEALS COMMITTEE			
Membership (5)	Con (3)	Lib Dem (1)	Lab (1)
Cllr. Cook	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Norman	(Con)	(Vice Chair)	
Cllr. S. Chambers	(Con)		
Cllr. Hilton	(Lib)		
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)		

NB. Membership to include Group Leaders, or their appointed nominees

SAINTBRIDGE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE				
Membership (6)	Con (2)	Lib Dem (1)	Lab (1)	Ind (2)
Cllr. A. Chambers	(Ind)			
Cllr. Lewis	(Con)			
Cllr. O'Donnell	(Ind)			
Cllr. Padilla	(Con)			
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)			
Cllr. Radley	(Lib)			

NB. Comprised of:

- i. The three City Councillors representing the Matson, Robinswood and White City Ward
- ii. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for communities
- iii. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for recreation
- iv. One appointee from each of the other constituted political groups on the Council not represented in (i-iii) above

NB. The Chair of the Management Committee shall be elected annually by the Management Committee.

Joint Committees, Consultative Forums, Working Groups NOT subject to political proportionality

CITY CENTRE COMMISSION			
Membership (3 Cllrs)	Con (1)	Lib Dem (1)	Lab (1)
Cllr. Cook	(Con)		
Cllr. Hilton	(Lib)		
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)		

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL			
Membership (1 Cllr)	Con (1)	Lib Dem (0)	Lab (0)
Cllr. Finnegan	(Con)	plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 Councillor from each of the other 5 Districts in Gloucestershire ▪ 4 Councillors from Gloucestershire County Council 2 independent members 	
Substitute			
Cllr. Hudson	(Con)		

SAFER GLOUCESTER PARTNERSHIP			
Membership (1 Cllr)	Con (1)	Lib Dem (0)	Lab (0)
Cllr. Padilla	(Con)	plus one representative from each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gloucestershire County Council ▪ Gloucestershire Constabulary ▪ Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust ▪ Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service ▪ Gloucestershire Police Authority Gloucestershire Probation Trust 	

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH JOINT COMMITTEE – MEETS IN DAYTIME			
Membership (1 Cllr)	Con (1)	Lib Dem (0)	Lab (0)
Cllr. Cook	(Con)	plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 Councillor from each of the other 5 Districts in Gloucestershire ▪ 1 Councillor from Gloucestershire County Council Chair and 1 other board member of GFirst Local Economic Partnership 	

NB. To be the Leader of the Council or other appointed Executive Member

GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE – MEETS IN DAYTIME (Co- Opted and non- voting)			
Membership (2 Cllrs)	Con (1)	Lib Dem (1)	Lab (0)
Cllr. Cook	(Con)	plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 Councillors each from Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Forest of Dean District Council, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Stroud District Council 	
Cllr. Bowkett	(Lib)		

NB. One Member must be a Member of the Executive

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT SHAREHOLDER FORUM – MEETS IN DAYTIME			
Membership (1 Cllr)	Con (1)	Lib Dem (0)	Lab (0)
Cllr. Cook	(Con)	plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 Officers from Gloucester City Council 1 Councillor and 3 Officers from Cheltenham Borough Council 	

NB. To be the Leader of the Council or other appointed Executive Member

ONE LEGAL JOINT LIAISON & MONITORING GROUP – MEETS IN DAYTIME			
Membership (2 Cllrs)	Con (1)	Lib Dem (1)	Lab (0)
Cllr. S. Chambers	(Con)	plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 Members from Cheltenham Borough Council ▪ 2 Members from Tewkesbury Borough Council ▪ 2 Members from Stroud District Council ▪ 1 Officer from Gloucester City Council ▪ 1 Officer from Cheltenham Borough Council ▪ 1 Officer from Tewkesbury Borough Council ▪ 1 Officer from Stroud District Council 	
Cllr. Wilson	(Lib)		

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP			
Membership (min. 3)	Con (min. 1)	Lib Dem (min. 1)	Lab (min. 1)
Cllr. Norman	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Chambers-Dubus	(Lab)		
Cllr. Hyman	(Lib)		

NB. Comprised of any number of Members, subject to there being one from each political Group.

PLANNING POLICY MEMBER WORKING GROUP			
Membership (9)	Con (5)	Lib Dem (3)	Lab (1)
Cllr S. Chambers	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Chambers-Dubus	(Lab)		
Cllr. Dee	(Con)		
Cllr. Campbell	(Con)		
Cllr. Hilton	(Lib)		
Cllr. Morgan	(Con)		
Cllr. Sawyer	(Lib)		
Cllr. Taylor	(Con)		
Cllr. Wilson	(Lib)		

NB. To be Chaired by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy or their appointed substitute as required. To include a Council representative on the Joint Core Strategy Members Steering Group or equivalent.

CLIMATE CHANGE MEMBER WORKING GROUP			
Membership (9)	Con (5)	Lib Dem (3)	Lab (1)
Cllr. Cook	(Con)	(Chair)	
Cllr. Bowkett	(Lib)		
Cllr. D. Brown	(Lib)		
Cllr. A. Chambers*	(Ind)		
Cllr. Conder	(Lib)		
Cllr. Evans	(Con)		
Cllr. Morgan	(Con)		
Cllr. Pullen	(Lab)		
Cllr. Taylor	(Con)		

NB. To be Chaired by the Cabinet Member for Environment or their appointed substitute as required.

*The Conservative Group has offered one of their allocated seats to an Independent Councillor.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, COMMUNITY BODIES AND FORA, ETC. FOR 2023-24 CONFIRMED AT ANNUAL COUNCIL ON 22 MAY 2023

	Organisation	Representatives 2022/23	Representatives 2023/24	Term of Office	Meeting frequency
1.	Aspire Sports and Cultural Trust	1. Cllr. Castle 2. Cllr. Toleman	1. Cllr. Castle 2. Cllr. Toleman	1 year	Quarterly
2.	Citizens' Advice Bureau	1. Cllr. Ackroyd 2. Cllr. Radley	1. Cllr. Ackroyd 2. Cllr. Radley	1 year	Bi-monthly, evenings AGM lunchtime in June
3.	Gloucester Docks Estate Company Ltd	1. Cllr. Cook	1. Cllr. Cook	1 year	Quarterly
4.	Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association	1. Cllr. Lewis	1. Cllr. Lewis	1 year renewed each December	Quarterly
5.	Gloucester Charities Trust	1. Dr J Lugg 2. Cllr. Melvin/Cllr. Campbell 3. Cllr. Tracey 4. Mr S Ayland 5. Mr M White 6. Cllr. Conder 7. Mr T Haines	1. Dr J Lugg 2. Cllr. Campbell 3. Cllr. Tracey 4. Mr S Ayland 5. Mr M White 6. Cllr. Conder 7. Mr T Haines	May 2026 May 2026 May 2024 May 2024 May 2024 May 2025 May 2025 (4 years)	Monthly, daytime
6.	Gloucester City Homes Board (3 year period)	1. Vacant 2. Mr D. Johnson	1. Cllr. Hyman 2. Mr D. Johnson	May 2026 Dec 2023 (3 years)	Monthly, Weds
7.	Gloucester Culture Board	Cllr. Lewis	1. Cllr. Lewis	The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure or their appointed nominee	
8.	Gloucester Historic Buildings Limited	1. Cllr. D. Brown 2. Cllr. Dee 3. Cllr. Toleman	1. Cllr. D. Brown 2. Cllr. Dee 3. Cllr. Toleman	1 year	Bi-monthly

9.	Gloucester Law Centre Management Committee	1. Cllr. S.Chambers 2. Cllr. Pullen	1. Cllr. S.Chambers 2. Cllr. Pullen	1 year	Monthly
10.	Gloucester Relief in Sickness Fund	1. Cllr. Bhaimia	1. Cllr. Bhaimia	4 years	Monthly usually second Monday of month
11.	Gloucester United Schools Charity	1. Cllr. Brooker	1. Cllr. Brooker	1 year	4 times a year
12.	Gloucestershire Airport Ltd - 1 Director	1. Cllr. Melvin	1. Ms D. Melvin	May 2025 (3 years)	Monthly
13.	Gloucestershire Airport Consultative Committee	1. Cllr. Bowkett	1. Cllr. Bowkett	Ongoing	Quarterly
14.	Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr. Patel Substitute Cllr. Wilson	1. Cllr. Patel Substitute Cllr. Wilson	Ongoing	Bi-monthly
15.	Gloucestershire Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr. Finnegan Substitute Cllr. Pullen	2. Cllr. Finnegan Substitute Cllr. Pullen	1 year	Bi-monthly
16.	Llanthony Secunda Priory Trust	1. Cllr. Tracey	1. Cllr. Tracey	1 year	Bi-monthly
17.	Local Government Association General Assembly	1. Cllr. Cook	1. Cllr. Cook	The Leader of the Council or their appointed nominee	Annually
18.	Lower Severn Drainage Board	1. Cllr. Toleman	1. Cllr. Toleman	1 year	Quarterly plus ad-hoc

19.	South West Councils	1. Cllr. Cook	1. Cllr. Cook	The Leader of the Council or their appointed nominee	3 per year plus AGM
20.	South West Provincial Council	1. Cllr. Cook	1. Cllr. Cook	The Leader of the Council or their appointed nominee	Twice a year
21.	St Ann Society of Gloucester	1. Cllr. Tracey	1. Cllr. Tracey	1 year	Not known

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