



Wednesday, 5 July 2023

**TO EACH MEMBER OF GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** of the **CITY OF GLOUCESTER** to be held at the Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP on **Thursday, 13th July 2023** at **6.45 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES (Pages 11 - 18)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 May 2023.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive from Members, declarations of the existence of any disclosable pecuniary, or non-pecuniary, interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. Please see Agenda Notes.

4. **CALL OVER**

(a) Call over (items 9-14) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for discussion.

(b) To approve the recommendations of those reports which have not been reserved for discussion.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)**

The opportunity is given to members of the public to put questions to Cabinet Members or Committee Chairs, provided that questions do not contravene the provisions set out Council Procedure Rule 10(2).

To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to [democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk) by 12 noon on Friday 7 July 2023 or telephone 01452 396203 for support.

**6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)**

A period not exceeding three minutes is allowed for the presentation of a petition or deputation provided that no such petition or deputation is in relation to:

- Matters relating to individual Council Officers, or
- Matters relating to current or pending legal proceedings

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive announcements from:

- a) The Mayor
- b) Leader of the Council
- c) Members of the Cabinet
- d) Chairs of Committees
- e) Head of Paid Service

**8. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

- a) Leader and Cabinet Members' Question Time (45 minutes)

Any member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or any Cabinet Member any question upon:

- Any matter relating to the Council's administration
- Any matter relating to any report of the Cabinet appearing on the Council's summons
- A matter coming within their portfolio of responsibilities

- b) Questions to Chairs of Meetings (15 Minutes)

Questions and responses will be published at least 24 hours before the meeting. Supplementary questions will be put and answered during the meeting, subject to the relevant time limit.

## **ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL**

9. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND TIMETABLE FOR CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTER AND TEWKESBURY STRATEGIC AND LOCAL PLAN (Pages 19 - 28)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy seeking adoption of the Gloucester City Council Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2023-2026, which outlines the timetable for preparing statutory development plan documents in the city.

10. **CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES (Pages 29 - 74)**

To consider the report of the Head of Paid Service concerning various proposed changes to the Council's Constitution.

11. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-23 (Pages 75 - 98)**

To consider the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee setting out the work and achievements of the Committee during 2022-23.

12. **APPOINTMENTS**

Council is asked to note that Councillor Hyman has replaced Councillor Trimnell on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

13. **DESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (S151 OFFICER) (Pages 99 - 102)**

To consider the report of the Head of Paid Service seeking the designation of a S151 Officer, in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

14. **URGENT DECISION REPORTED TO COUNCIL**

In accordance with Part 4 of the Constitution, Council is asked to note the urgent decision of the Managing Director to purchase Microsoft Licensing for all on premise servers, M365 applications, and security products. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's agreement was obtained to waive the call in period and the decision record has been circulated and can be viewed on the Council's website.

## **MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

### **15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FIELD**

“This council

Acknowledges the climate emergency our planet is experiencing

Recognises that loss of insects and pollinators will be disastrous for ecosystems

Believes that planters in built up areas can benefit pollinators, enhance neighbourhoods and be a boon for residents’ mental health.

Council therefore resolves to:

Identify locations for planters in Gloucester City

Work with partners, local businesses, and residents' groups, to pay for and maintain them once installed

Continue to identify and maintain wildflower sites

Speak to the county council and Stagecoach about installing ‘Bee Stops’ at some bus stops in the city

Encourage other ideas to support pollinator planting.”

#### **2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON**

“This council notes that on the 8th of June 2023 the government withdrew its Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill from the parliamentary process.

This council notes that the Conservative Party’s 2019 manifesto set out a series of commitments on animal welfare policy.

The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill aimed to address a number of these commitments in a single legislative step.

Amongst the pledges in the manifesto the Conservative government stated that:

- We will crack down on the illegal smuggling of dogs and puppies.
- We will end excessively long journeys for slaughter and fattening.
- We will ban keeping primates as pets.

This council records its regret that the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill has been withdrawn.

Council agrees to write a letter to the Secretary of State Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and the two MPs representing the city of

Gloucester to express regret that the government has abandoned its manifesto pledge by withdrawing The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill."

### **3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR O'DONNELL**

"We note that safety around schools are getting ridiculous with drivers not caring where they park is increasing, often on blind bends, there has also been a child from a local high school knocked off his bike on Cotswold Road, because of the parked cars blocking view. We have cars speeding down roads near schools showing no care about people even children crossing the road. Therefore, I would like to motion that schools and community centres to be given the authority to issue fines themselves, and the money put back into said community - the problem is it requires a change in the law, which neither City nor County Council has the power to actually make happen.

Therefore, this Council agrees to write to the relevant Cabinet Member at the County Council asking them to do more to prevent illegal and unsafe parking outside schools and community centre in order to stop a lot of the anti-social drivers."

### **4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR A. CHAMBERS**

"Every elected member and employee of this Gloucester City Council – along with our partner agencies- is a corporate parent to the children in care in our City.

We are all responsible for providing the best possible care, safeguarding and outcomes for the children who are looked after in our City. Whilst obligations mainly fall under the County Council, there are many lifechanging, health and well being changes this city council can do to promote the health and wellbeing of children in care in our city.

Our young people in care or who have left care have the right to expect everything from a corporate parent that would be expected from a responsible and good parent. This includes how families continue their support, care, and ambition for their children after they leave home and gain independence

As an adult how many times in life do you stop and think, "where do I go from there." Imagine what that must like for a young person.

On their own with no one to help or advise. Just think about for it a minute.

I believe we must make important steps to support our cared for and care experienced children better and introduce these 6 key priorities as an EMERGENCY and to work with the County Council to consider enshrining these policies within Gloucester City Council Plan.

1. Make all our care leavers exempt from Council Tax up to the age of 25.
2. Continue Care Leavers Band 1 / Gold priority on our housing register enshrined/ committed in Gloucester City Council processes and procedures to

a minimum of year 2050.

3. Provide specialist support to any Care Leavers facing homelessness without the use of B&B.
4. Guarantee Care Leavers support in producing CVs and provide access to our current available apprenticeships and available jobs in the City Council.
5. Gloucester City Council commit to guaranteed interview for all Care Leavers for apprenticeships within Gloucester City Council.
6. To request all Gloucester City Council partners/sub-contractors and suppliers consider recruiting where possible care leavers into their organisation.

We are determined that every decision made in this City Council and every policy set here considers the impact on young people in care and those who have experienced the care system.

This motion proposes including “young people in care” and “care experienced people” as an additional characteristic in all of our Equality Impact Assessments. This will give them a formal recognition and make sure that all decisions that are made and policies that are set consider their specific needs and the impact on them.

This will have a real tangible impact on people who have experienced care. We want to make it easier for young people to gain employment at the Council and to develop into senior roles – with guaranteed interview schemes, mentoring and support and reasonable adjustments made to support employees with care experience.

We also want to see our procurement and commissioning of our services to consider the impact on young people with care experience, in the same way as other protected and additional characteristics are and make extra effort to ensure that they can access all of our services.

We have a commitment to our young people. To ease them into independence. To allow them to build a prosperous, healthy, and happy future.

These proposals will ensure our young people have the tools to do just that.

This Council therefore request that One Legal (who provide legal services to the Council) provide advice on the inclusion of “young people in care” / “care experienced people” as an additional characteristic in the Council's Equality Impact Assessments as well as introducing and implementing the 6 key priorities.”

## 5. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR O'DONNELL

“City Council Residents & City council councillors have noted an increase in cost of living poverty mainly in the deprived areas of Gloucester City.

Food bank usage has risen, requests for vouchers for food and electric help has risen as well as shop lifting and petty theft crime.

Daily reports from residents on health and well-being concerns are on the increase and I receive regular messages and phone calls from local residents struggling with daily life due to poverty.

Many of the councillors sat here may have never experienced this type of poverty and the effects on the health and well-being of the parents as well as that of their children.

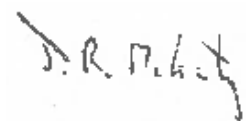
I ask that our Council pass a motion declaring a Poverty Emergency, and look into the feasibility of setting up a Poverty Truth Committee that works closely with other local councils and the partners we work with. But not forgetting working with and hearing from the residents in the community that need this support. As sadly these are often the forgotten few who are not heard and not listened to.

As well as bringing on a suicide help group to the Poverty Truth committee in order to understand and engage with those who may be at risk of hurting themselves or members of their family due to the pressures of poverty.

This will help ‘our aim of tackling the root causes of poverty and inequalities in our community’, as well as improving the health and well-being of residents and looking to help reduce the number of people who sadly take their lives from feeling that there is no help available.

This poverty truth committee will help make valuable changes and new policies which will save lives and is critical to the success of our city and Council.”

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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