



## COUNCIL

**MEETING** : Thursday, 26th September 2019

**PRESENT** : Cllrs. Organ (Mayor), Finnegan (Sheriff & Deputy Mayor), James, Watkins, Cook, Gravells, Morgan, H. Norman, Stephens, Hilton, Tracey, Lugg, Hanman, Lewis, Wilson, Bhaimia, Haigh, D. Brown, Dee, Taylor, Field, Hansdot, Toleman, Pullen, Hampson, Brazil, J. Brown, Coole, Derbyshire, Hyman, Melvin, Ryall, Walford and Bowkett

### **Others in Attendance**

Managing Director  
Corporate Director  
Corporate Director  
Solicitor, One Legal  
Head of Place  
Accountancy Manager  
Policy and Governance Manager  
Democratic and Electoral Services Team Leader  
Planning Team Leader  
Democratic and Electoral Services Officer

**APOLOGIES** : Cllrs. Williams, Patel, D. Norman and Brooker

### **23. MINUTES**

23.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### **24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

24.1 Councillor Melvin declared an interest in agenda item 14 by virtue of her being a Director of Gloucestershire Airport Limited.

### **25. CALL OVER**

25.1 The Mayor invited Members to indicate whether they wished to reserve agenda items 9, 10 and 14 for discussions. Members indicate that they wished to reserve all three items for discussion.

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

- 26.1 A Gloucester resident asked Councillor James, Leader of the Council, since when had it been homeless policy that housing officers assess the mental health and vulnerability of an individual and whether this was considered good practice.
- 26.2 Councillor Watkins, Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods, stated that under homeless legislation, officers were obliged to give due regard to a person's vulnerability when they present as homeless. She further stated that officers do not undertake mental health assessments but seek to understand an individual's needs.
- 26.3 A Gloucester resident thanked school climate strikers for bringing the issue of climate change to the forefront of the public's mind. He asked should not all efforts be attempted to work together in avert climate disaster.
- 26.4 Councillor Cook, Cabinet Member for Environment, encouraged everyone to mitigate their impact on the environment. He stressed that the City Council would co-operate with other Councils, including Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council as it was an issue that could not be tackled alone. He added that individuals needed to take account of what impact they have on the climate and how they could reduce their carbon footprint.
- 26.5 A Gloucester resident stated that he was pleased that the Council had declared that there was a Climate Emergency. He asked all Councillors to make individual public pledges on how they would contribute to combatting climate change.
- 26.6 Councillor Cook encouraged all Members to play their own part to mitigate the effects of climate change and that it was up to individuals to decide what they could do themselves. Councillor Cook advised that he had had solar panels for a number of years and had increased his use of public transport.
- 26.7 A Gloucester resident, asked if the Council would take further action to tackle motor vehicle idling.
- 26.8 Councillor Cook replied that more vehicles had an automatic engine switch off mode. He expressed doubt as to whether it was a City Council issue, as Gloucestershire County Council oversaw Highways. He encouraged everybody to turn off their engine at traffic lights.
- 26.9 A Gloucester resident asked how many people are on the Council's waiting list for housing and how many of this number were homeless.
- 26.10 Councillor Watkins stated that the figures were available in the agenda. As at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, there were 5238 applicants on the housing register and 86 households to whom a homelessness duty was owed.

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- 26.11 A Gloucester resident noted that the Council had purchased 48 units for use as temporary accommodation from the YMCA. He asked the council what the legal framework for this purchase was.
- 26.12 Councillor Watkins stated that she was pleased 48 units had been acquired and advised that there was no tender and one was not required. She further advised that the acquisition was a matter of public record as a Cabinet decision and that the housing providers were under regulatory supervision.
- 26.13 A Gloucester resident asked whether, since the introduction of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), crime had fallen, how many fines had been issued and how many appeals had been successful.
- 26.14 Councillor Watkins stated that the PSPO had been in force for almost one year and that the most significant measure had been the introduction of an alcohol-free zone. She advised that no fines had been imposed and that the enforcement phase would commence shortly. Councillor Cook advised that 3GS was engaged for enforcing measures to combat environment crime. He further advised that staff were not incentivized to issue Fixed Penalty Notices. Councillor Cook stated that whilst there was an avenue for appeal, some offences did not give rise to a right of appeal. He also advised that five Fixed Penalty Notices had been withdrawn on appeal.

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

- 27.1 There were no petitions or deputations.

**28. ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 MINUTES)**

The Mayor

- 28.1 The Mayor congratulated and welcomed two new Members who had been elected at the Barnwood and Podsmead by-elections on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- 28.2 The Mayor thanked those who had attended the recent Classic and Retro festival whether in an organisational or performance capacity as well as those who had attended to enjoy the day.

The Leader of the Council

- 28.3 Councillor James informed Members that the Council had successfully applied for High Street Heritage Action Zone funding for Westgate Street. He advised that the funding would become available in April 2020 for a four-year period and would be used for property grants, improving the public realm and works to the former Fleece Hotel site. He thanked officers and partners who contributed to the bid.

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- 28.4 Councillor James brought to Members' attention the fact that Dowdeswell Estates planned to work with the Council to redevelop the Fleece site. He stated that there was still a great deal to do and that he anticipated an ongoing involvement by the City Council in the development of this site. Councillor James thanked officers and Councillor Melvin in driving the project forward.
- 28.5 Councillor James announced that Gloucester City Football Club's bid to the Football Stadium Improvement Fund had been accepted. On behalf of the Council and in accordance with a motion agreed by Council some months ago, Councillor James had provided a letter of support for their application.
- 28.6 Councillor James informed Members that a number of offers for the warehouses which were formerly the Council's offices had been received. The bids would be assessed by officers and a report brought to Cabinet in November.
- 28.7 Councillor James announced that the Council had signed to the TUC's Dying to Work Charter which supports employees with a terminal illness.

Members of the Cabinet

- 28.8 Councillor Watkins, Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods, announced that Gloucester City Council had been selected as one of twenty Councils by NESTA to join their 'upstream collaborative'. She also informed Members that Gloucestershire Pride had given the Council an award to thank and acknowledge work on equalities. Councillor Watkins thanked Councillor Gravells and the Corporate Director (Partnerships) for collecting the award on behalf of the Council and for all the equality working group's efforts.
- 28.9 Councillor Norman, Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, advised Members that the IT team was ready to commence the roll out of laptops. She further advised that she would be happy to receive any queries from Members.
- 28.10 Councillor Morgan, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure informed Members that the Paul Hamlyn Foundation had recently awarded £250k to the Culture Trust to support the partnership with the Roundhouse Exchange which was in addition to the £200k received in 2017. Councillor Morgan also brought to Members' attention two exhibitions at Gloucester Museum: Migration Masterworks from the Ben Uri collection from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the Magical World of William Simmonds – puppets and paintings also from other local artists from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- 28.11 Councillor Gravells, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy announced that he had asked Officers to engage ward members for the area within which development was proposed prior to any decision being taken on new and yet to be finalised s106 agreements. Where there was

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disagreement between the recommendations of the Officers and the ward members, the Planning Committee would have the final say and that this would be effective immediately. He further announced that similar arrangements were being considered for the allocation of CIL funding and would be the subject of future consideration by the cross party Planning Policy Members Working Group.

Chairs of Committees

28.12 Councillor Coole, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee informed Members that, as the Committee had a full agenda on 28<sup>th</sup> October, a special meeting had been convened to consider the Supplementary Planning Documents for the Regeneration of Matson and Podsmead. The meeting would take place at 6.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**29. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

29.1 Councillor Hilton asked Councillor James why he had stood down as Chair of Marketing Gloucester.

Councillor James stated that he felt it was necessary due to a potential conflict of interest, with his role as Conservative Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

Councillor Hilton questioned whether an increased deficit in 2017 that had increased in 2018 was the reason that he stepped down from his role as Chair of Marketing Gloucester.

Councillor James advised that there had been a reduction in funding given to Marketing Gloucester, leading to an increased deficit. He stated that holding the position of Chair meant he could not participate in debates.

29.2 Councillor Stephens asked Councillor Cook why a written response to why waste disposed from Gloucester was found in Valencia had not been provided.

Councillor Cook responded that a written response form had been provided and stated that all waste disposal was handled by a UK based broker and he could not be accountable for their actions.

Councillor Stephens asked whether it was appropriate that waste from Gloucester was being sent to Valencia

Councillor Cook responded that he could not control the actions of companies outside the Council. Councillor Cook stated that all the waste in Gloucester is taken by off takers inside the United Kingdom

29.3 Councillor Hilton asked Councillor James if he agreed that Councillor Melvin should withdraw recent remarks made on social media and proffer a public apology.

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Councillor James stated that everyone had a responsibility to choose their words with care and be moderate with their language.

Councillor Hilton noted that incorrect information in relation to the amount of his allowance as both a County and City Councillor had been put on social media and asked that such remarks be withdrawn.

Councillor James advised that Members' allowance were in the public domain and available to be examined.

- 29.4 Councillor Stephens asked Councillor Cook for action to tackle illegal parking that had made refuse collection more difficult and if there had been any discussions with Amey about it.

Councillor Cook advised that officers were in continual contact with Amey but that as it was in relation to resident parking, it could be taken up with the County Council.

Councillor Stephens suggested that Amey's drivers could carry notes or stickers to inform drivers that their parking was detrimental to refuse collection. He asked if Amey could collect the details of vehicles and report them to the relevant authorities.

Councillor Cook agreed about the possibility of informing drivers about their parking and stated that officers would reinforce this with Amey.

- 29.5 Councillor Field asked Councillor Morgan if an update on the Blackbridge Track could be provided.

Councillor Morgan advised that he had met with those undertaking the project and that he would provide a written response to Councillor Field.

- 29.6 Councillor Haigh asked Councillor Gravells what work was the Council doing to make sure that landlords understand the issues Universal Credit claimants could have in paying rent given there would be 53 weeks in 2019 (rather than the typical 52 weeks.)

Councillor Gravells responded that he would speak to the relevant officers and provide a written response.

- 29.7 Councillor Coole asked Councillor Norman if an update on available space for advice centres could be provided.

Councillor Norman advised that there had been discussions with Green Square and they would use DWP premises in the future. The Citizen's Advice Bureau had declined because, as a voluntary organisation, they could not commit to all the available time. Councillor Norman also advised that the possibility of removing one 'pod' in the Gateway reception would be considered to create further space for the provision of advice.

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Councillor Coole also asked if the Money Advice Service could have some space. Councillor Norman advised that this could be considered and would provide a written response.

- 29.8 Councillor Pullen noted that the Labour Group had proposed a budget amendment which would establish a Neighbourhood Environment Fund. Councillor Cook had agreed that this could be examined and Councillor Pullen asked would could be done in this respect.

Councillor Cook stated that he had discussed this with officers and that ABCD principles of volunteering and community engagement would be engaged.

Councillor Pullen stated that such areas were community assets and that officers had good ideas. He asked if there was other funding that could be used. Councillor Cook stated that it would be worth reviewing this before the next budget.

- 29.9 Councillor Hansdot asked Councillor Watkins if it was right that some people had to wait a significant number of weeks for debt advice from the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Councillor Watkins stated that she was not aware of specific cases and that several organisations offer debt advice. Councillor Watkins encouraged Councillor Hansdot to provide her with further details.

- 29.10 Councillor Hampson asked if it would be possible to organise a special Council meeting specifically on the environment and climate change.

Councillor James advised that the Council had undertaken to produce an action plan which would have a wide remit.

- 29.11 Councillor Hyman asked why constant loud noise is not considered to be classed as 'statutory nuisance'

Councillor Cook agreed that dust and loud noise was a health risk. He advised that MPs and other Councils are involved in the issue and that he would respond to Hyman in due course.

- 29.12 Councillor Bowkett noted that there were many missed garden waste collections. He asked Councillor Cook why they got missed and what could be done about it.

Councillor Cook stated that he was aware of increasing complaints and that a report would be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He also advised that there would be proposals to increase the fleet of vehicles.

Councillor Bowkett asked if the proposed measure would include food waste and bin collections.

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Councillor Cook advised that if there were other missed waste collections, they were to be reported to the Council to identify the issues.

- 29.13 Councillor Wilson asked Councillor James if any officers had been approached to be seconded to Operation Yellowhammer – the Government’s preparations in the event of leaving the European Union without a withdrawal agreement.

Councillor James advised that no one had been approached.

- 29.14 Councillor D. Brown asked Councillor Watkins why just one Conservative Member had attended the recent Equalities Member Development Group session and if it would be rescheduled.

Councillor Watkins stated that Members had attended previous sessions.

**30. CITY PLAN**

- 30.1 Councillor Gravells introduced the City Plan and thanked the Planning Team for all their work in putting the plan together. He also praised the work of the Planning Policy Working Group as well as Councillor Coole and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Gravells stated that it had been a good use of the scrutiny process.

- 30.2 Councillor Gravells also stated that the plan worked well alongside the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and that it was a complete set of documents to clearly explain the Council’s aims to developers as well as residents. He highlighted that there would be a minimum of 25% of homes on new developments which would be classed as affordable and that this was greater than the 20% recommended in the JCS.

- 30.3 Councillor James also thanked the Planning Team as well as Councillor Gravells and the Mayor for his work during his time as the relevant Cabinet Member. He noted that the last time such a local plan was adopted was in 1983. Councillor James also highlighted suicide prevention measures which were included in the plan and building design.

- 30.4 Councillor Hilton also conveyed his thanks to the Planning Team and the Managing Director for his suggestion to form the Planning Policy Working Group. He added that the process had been very productive and thanked the Mayor for his chairing of the Group.

- 30.5 Councillor Stephens stated that the question was now how the plan was to be implemented. He commented that he was grateful for the role played by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that all their recommendations were adopted.

- 30.6 Councillor Stephens praised:

The fact that a commitment to combat climate change was incorporated;



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Changing places and toilets being included;

The inclusion of 25% of affordable housing in the plan and hoped it would be more; and

The fact that electrical infrastructure and charging points were part of the plan.

- 30.7 Councillor Haigh stated that perhaps s. 106 monies could be allocated to the White City Community Facility and that she hoped it would be moved forward for the community to realise its ambitions.
- 30.8 Councillor Melvin commented that she was pleased that there would be no building on flood plains and was particularly pleased with the 972 new unites included in the plan.
- 30.9 Councillor Coole thanked the Planning Team and Councillor Gravells for suggesting the plan was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 30.10 Councillor Taylor also praised the Council's planners and stated that he looked forward to considering new planning applications under the plan.
- 30.11 **RESOLVED THAT : -**

Council (1) Approve the Pre-Submission Gloucester City Plan for Publication under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as the version of the Gloucester City Plan proposed to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination, and

(2) Delegate authority to the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy, to make minor amendments to the PreSubmission Gloucester City Plan in relation to any grammatical and factual errors in advance of Publication.

**31. POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES - REVIEW**

- 31.1 Council considered the Political Balance on Committees Review. Councillor James stated that, following the results of the by-elections in Barnwood and Podsmead Wards, it was necessary maintain proportionality across Committees. He further stated that this could always be revisited.
- 31.2 Councillor Hilton commented that it was appropriate to amend the Constitution to provide clarity. He announced that:

Councillor Hyman would sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Planning Committee and would not longer sit on the Licensing and Enforcement Committee;

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Councillor Field would sit on the Licensing and Enforcement Committee and the General Purposes Committee; and,

Councillor Bowkett would sit on the Audit and Governance Committee.

31.3 Councillor Haigh shared her view that this delegation should not set a precedent and that it was appropriate that Council sets the size of Committees.

31.4 Councillor James announced that Councillor Tracey would sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

31.5 **RESOLVED:-**

- (1) To increase the size of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (from 15 to 17 members), the Audit and Governance Committee (from 7 to 9 members) and the General Purposes Committee (from 7 to 9 members) with immediate effect;
- (2) To receive appointments from each political group represented on the Council to fill the new or vacant seats and reflect the changes on committees;
- (3) To authorise the Head of Paid Service, after consultation with the Monitoring Officer, to amend the Constitution to remove specific references to committee sizes from the Constitution.

**32. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notice of Motion from Councillor Hilton

32.1 Councillor Hilton proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded the following motion:

“This council notes that planning permission was granted on the 2nd of May 2019 for the construction of a revised football stadium at Meadow Park (19/0008/FUL).

This council notes that the directors of Gloucester City Association Football Club have applied for funding to the Football Stadium Improvement Fund, to help towards the cost of stadium’s construction.

This council agrees to continue to give its active support to Gloucester City Association Football Club in its return to Meadow Park.”

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

32.3 **RESOLVED:**

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Notice of Motion from Councillor Field

32.4 Councillor Field proposed and Councillor Hyman seconded the following motion:

"This council can and must do more to tell the story of Gloucester."

32.5 Councillor Morgan proposed and Councillor James seconded the following amendment:

~~"This council can and must do more to tell the story of Gloucester:~~

Believes the city's rich history and diversity are amongst its greatest assets;

Recognises the great work done by a wide range of partners to tell the City's story and in particular: -

1. The Gloucester History Festival – a signature event in the City which includes Gloucester Day, one of the biggest Heritage Open Day weekends in the UK, the Blackfriars Talks which bring international authors, academics and experts to Gloucester and City Voices which tell the stories of Gloucester's residents and communities.
2. The Heritage Forum which brings together organisations across the City that have or are delivering over £10m in National Lottery investment to support key heritage sites including Project Pilgrim at Gloucester Cathedral, St Mary de Crypt, Llanthony Priory, Gloucester Southgate Street's Townscape Heritage Initiative.
3. The £1.49m awarded to the City for its Great Place Programme to further improve our cultural offer, destination management through online and digital signposting and interpretation, investment in festivals and events, the development of a City Heritage Strategy and support for heritage-based volunteering.
4. Marketing Gloucester's championing of the Mayflower 400 Project bringing US tourists to Gloucester as part of the 2020 celebrations of the Mayflower sailings.
5. The development of the Gloucestershire Archives Heritage Hub as a base for state-of-the-art Family and Local History research and learning.
6. The transfer of the former Gloucester Life Museum buildings in Westgate Street to the Gloucester Historic Buildings Trust and their use by the Gloucester Civic Trust as a centre for heritage volunteering, a base for city

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7. The City's vibrant festivals and events programme particularly those that tell the story of Gloucester's heritage; Gloucester Tall Ships and Adventure, Gloucester Goes Retro, Gloucester History Festival, Civil War re-enactments and events such as the celebration of the anniversaries of Aethelflaed and Henry III.
8. The Museum of Gloucester which has seen a 300% increase in attendances this year following the reintroduction of free admission.
9. The project to restore and revitalise the Olympus Theatre in Barton Street.

Acknowledges that more can be and is being done and welcomes:

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2. The marketing of the Herbert, Phillipotts and Kimberley Warehouses for re-use which will add to the variety of uses at Gloucester's Historic Docks.
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4. Plans for a Phase II for Project Pilgrim at Gloucester Cathedral.

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Asks officers to bring a report to Cabinet to set out proposals for refurbishment of the Museum of Gloucester to meet the Council's objectives and to build on the last major works in 2011;

Identifies the potential that a bid for UK City of Culture 2025 has to focus on all that the city is doing and to put a local, national and international spotlight on Gloucester and deserves serious consideration."

32.6 Councillor Field did not accept the amendment.

32.7 The amendment was put to the vote and was carried and therefore became the substantive motion.

32.8 The motion, as amended, was put to the vote and was carried.

32.9 **RESOLVED:-**

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Notice of Motion from Councillor Stephens

- 32.12 Councillor Stephens proposed and Councillor Pullen proposed the following motion:

"Council has declared a climate emergency and agreed to take action to make its carbon footprint neutral by 2030. It has further agreed that the whole of Gloucester should be carbon neutral by 2050.

Council recognises that a key part of achieving this will be to create a sustainable and environmentally friendly public transport system that precludes the use of petrol/ diesel propelled vehicles. Council further notes that this is in line with national government policy.

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Council therefore endorses that we should move to all buses operating in the City being electric and that the City's hackney carriage and private hire fleets should be net carbon neutral, with a target date of implementation of no later than 2026.

Council resolves:

1. To request the Cabinet Member for the Environment to pursue urgent discussions with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change at the County Council to negotiate with the bus operators with a view to developing a timetable and action plan to convert the relevant fleets to use all electric vehicles as soon as possible, but no later than 2026.
2. To prepare a detailed report on the above to the Cabinet within 6 months of the approval of this notice of motion.
3. To prepare a report to the Licensing Committee in respect of the licensing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles with a view to making both these fleets carbon neutral by 2026.
4. That proposals to establish a network of charging points including within the development of Kings Quarter be developed as part of the above process.
5. That the Council's 2020/ 2021 capital & revenue budgets are drafted to contain provision for any costs that the Council will need to bear in relation to the above.
6. That we lobby the government and the City MP to increase funding to local authorities to develop the charging infrastructure needed to maintain an all-electric vehicle transport system."

32.13 Councillor Cook proposed and Councillor James seconded the following amendment:

"Council has declared a climate emergency and agreed to take action to make its carbon footprint neutral by 2030. It has further agreed that the whole of Gloucester should be carbon neutral by 2050.

Council recognises that a key part of achieving this will be to create a sustainable and environmentally friendly public transport system that precludes the use of petrol/ diesel propelled vehicles. Council further notes that this is in line with national government policy.

Council therefore endorses that we should **commence the** move to all buses operating in the City ~~being electric~~ **using alternative fuels by 2025**, and that the City's hackney carriage and private hire fleets should be net carbon neutral, with a target date of implementation of no later than 2026 **2030**.

Council resolves:



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1.To request the Cabinet Member for the Environment to pursue urgent discussions with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change at the County Council to negotiate with the bus operators with a view to developing a timetable and action plan to convert the relevant fleets to use all electric **alternative fuel** vehicles ~~as soon as possible, but no later than 2026~~ **commencing by 2025.**

2.To prepare a detailed report on the above to the Cabinet within 6 months of the approval of this notice of motion.

3.To prepare a report to the Licensing Committee in respect of the licensing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles with a view to making both these fleets carbon neutral by ~~2026~~ **2030.**

4.That proposals to establish a network of charging points including within the development of Kings Quarter be developed as part of the above process.

5. That the Council's 2020/ 2021 capital & revenue budgets are drafted to contain provision for any costs that the Council will need to bear in relation to the above.

6. That we lobby the government and the City MP to increase funding to local authorities to develop the charging infrastructure needed to maintain an all-electric vehicle transport system.”

32.14 Councillor Stephens accepted the amendment which therefore became the substantive motion. The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

32.15 **RESOLVED that:-**

Council has declared a climate emergency and agreed to take action to make its carbon footprint neutral by 2030. It has further agreed that the whole of Gloucester should be carbon neutral by 2050.

Council recognises that a key part of achieving this will be to create a sustainable and environmentally friendly public transport system that precludes the use of petrol/ diesel propelled vehicles. Council further notes that this is in line with national government policy.

Council therefore endorses that we should commence the move to all buses operating in the City using alternative fuels by 2025, and that the City's hackney carriage and private hire fleets should be net carbon neutral, with a target date of implementation of no later than 2030.

Council resolves:

1. To request the Cabinet Member for the Environment to pursue urgent discussions with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change at the County Council to negotiate with the bus operators with a view to developing a timetable and

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action plan to convert the relevant fleets to use alternative fuel vehicles commencing by 2025.

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6. That we lobby the government and the City MP to increase funding to local authorities to develop the charging infrastructure needed to maintain an all-electric vehicle transport system.

**33. WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS**

- 33.1 In respect of question one, Councillor Coole asked if there would be a Cabinet report for each nomination to the local heritage list as he considered it onerous to do so. Councillor James advised that nominations would likely be grouped and that once this had occurred, he did not anticipate nominations being made regularly.
- 33.2 In respect of question four, Councillor Coole asked if Councillor Norman accepted there could be the potential for confusion among residents as to which 'Gateway' was the Council's reception as there were other organisations in the City with the word 'Gateway' in the title. Councillor Norman advised that she would check with the customer services team that they said 'Gloucester City Council Gateway' when advised residents.
- 33.3 In respect of question five, Councillor Hilton asked what the s 106 monies would be used for in the case of Green Farm. Councillor Norman as the relevant ward Member stated that plans were being drawn up but that, with the current construction of the school, it was necessary to wait as s.106 money must be spent within a particular time frame. Councillor Gravells, as the relevant Cabinet Member, stated that he would write with more details.
- 33.4 In respect of question six, Councillor Stephens stated that the conditions of the footpath around a dementia care home on Stroud Road made it inaccessible for disabled residents. He asked for an assurance that it would be accessible. Councillor Cook advised that he had been assured that work take place in the winter.
- 33.5 In respect of question eleven, Councillor Wilson asked what information would be given to Members to respond to residents with concerns over a no-

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deal Brexit. Councillor James stated that as matters progressed, there was an expectation that Members would receive more enquiries. He stated that Members should be able to give appropriate advice and that Members would be provided with timely updates to enable them to carry out their roles.

**34. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**34.1 RESOLVED:-**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following items of business on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if members of the press and public are present during the consideration of the item there will be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

**35. GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED (GAL)**

35.1 Council considered the report concerning Gloucestershire Airport Limited.

**35.2 RESOLVED:-**

That Council adopt the resolutions as contained in the confidential report.

**Time of commencement: 6.30 pm hours**

**Time of conclusion: 9.50 pm hours**

**Chair**