



**COTSWOLD**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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## **COUNCIL**

You are summoned to attend a special meeting of the Full Council to be held remotely via Cisco Webex on **Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 2.00pm.**

*Christine Gore*

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Interim Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Council

Due to the current social distancing requirements and guidance relating to Coronavirus Regulations 2020 – Part 3 – Modification of meetings and public access requirements this meeting will be conducted remotely using Cisco Webex.

Members of the public will be able to follow the proceedings through a broadcast on <https://www.facebook.com/CotswoldDC/> (You do not need a Facebook account for this).

**Recording of Proceedings** - The law allows the public proceedings of Council, Cabinet, and Committee Meetings to be recorded, which includes filming as well as audio-recording. Photography is also permitted.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Committee Administrator know prior to the date of the meeting.

# AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.
3. **Minutes**  
To confirm the minutes of the meetings of Council held on **23 September and 21 October 2020**.
4. **Announcements from the Chair, Leader or Interim Chief Executive (if any)**
5. **Public Questions**  
To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions from each member of the public should be no longer than two minutes each and relate to issues under the Council's or Committee's remit. Any member of the public wishing to ask a public question is requested to contact Democratic Services by no later than 5.00pm the working day before the Meeting.
6. **Member Questions**  
The following questions have been submitted:-
  - (a) **Question from Councillor Nikki Ind to Councillor Mike Every, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance**  
  
'Whilst I appreciate the benefits of technology and the cost savings related to cashless parking, following resident's concerns raised with me, could you please confirm that from next April there will be no way for elderly residents or those without an up to date mobile phone or credit/debit card to pay for car parking in the Cotswolds? How does this allow the District Council to ensure all services remain inclusive?'
  - (b) **Question from Nikki Ind to Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council**  
  
'With the ongoing COVID situation, would the Cabinet consider a publicity campaign regarding Postal Votes, as it looks likely that next year's elections will take place and many of our residents may prefer to change to this option?'
  - (c) **Question from Councillor Tony Berry to Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council**  
  
'Last month you gave me details of CDC employees and those working for Publica but dedicated to CDC. Please could you now tell me what the total increase in the CDC Payroll has been since May 2019 including all new hirings and advertised vacancies?'
  - (d) **Question from Councillor Tony Berry to Councillor Rachel Coxcoon, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning**

1. In July 3<sup>rd</sup>2019 Council unanimously approved the idea of investigating the benefit of putting solar panels on our Trinity Road premises
2. When questioned in July 15<sup>th</sup>2020 you reported that a review had taken place in April which showed that:
  - a) This would make a 10% reduction in our carbon footprint on the property.
  - b) The investment would pay for itself in 10 years (a 10% return)
3. That a review was being undertaken on the use of the property and all 'options' were being considered.

Are we ever going to see this happen?

(e) **Question from Councillor Gina Blomefield to Councillor Rachel Coxcoon, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning**

'You recently ran a Climate Change Forum for Parish and Town Councillors, please could you tell me how many people attended this and how many Councils were represented?'

(f) **Question from Councillor Stephen Hirst to Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council**

'Prior to the Lib-Dem assumption of control of the administration at CDC, the previous administration operated with a number of major management posts as shared posts with other adjoining District Councils normally West Oxfordshire District Council or the Forest of Dean District Council. These shared posts proved to be very cost efficient and operationally effective, contributing to major savings in the running of the respective councils. Could the Leader please explain the reasoning behind this cost-effective method of controlling costs being replaced by single individual responsibilities and the added costs of running the Council in this manner.'

(g) **Question from Councillor Stephen Hirst to Councillor Tony Dale, Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills**

'Busy Town Centres are vital to both the economy of our District and the profitability of our many traders.

To support local businesses and traders what measures are being planned to support Cotswold Businesses in the run up to Christmas?'

(h) **Question from Councillor Richard Morgan to Councillor Tony Dale, Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills**

'What impact will the second lockdown have on your economic forecast and return on investment forecasts and calculations with relation to your commercialisation strategy?'

(i) **Question from Councillor Patrick Coleman to Councillor Mike Evemy, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance**

'Could the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance please advise the Council of:

- a) the numbers of stays in this Council's car parks so far in the current financial year 2020/21;
- b) the revenue received from them so far in the said financial year;
- c) the impact of the price rise implemented on 1 September 2020.'

(j) **Question from Councillor Andrew Maclean to Councillor Clive Webster, Cabinet Member for the Planning Department, Town and Parish Councils**

'The section 106 agreement for the main Upper Rissington development states in Part 4:

*The Owner agrees:*

*1. To provide a minimum of 1500 (one thousand five hundred) square metres of floorspace to shell and core for Employment Uses prior to the Occupation of the 300th Residential Units.*

The only employment space provided to date are two converted RAF buildings which have a combined floorspace of less than 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Why were the developers not held to this agreement and what steps can and will the council now take to ensure the full quota of employment space is provided before the developer leaves the site?'

#### **Items for Decision**

7. **Review of Cotswold District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy**
8. **Planning Protocol and Scheme of Delegation**
9. **Schedule of Meetings 2021/22 and Meeting Arrangements**
10. **Acceptance of Delegated Powers - The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020**

#### **Other Matters**

11. **Notice of Motions**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the following Motions have been received:-

**(a) Motion 4 of 2020/21 - Business premises**

Proposed by Councillor Tony Berry, Seconded by Councillor Gina Blomefield.

'Council is recommended:

that any property being advertised to let for more than 8 people through Air B&B or other such letting agencies be required to apply for a change of use from domestic to business purposes.'

**(b) Motion 5 of 2020/21 - re Car Parks**

Proposed by Councillor Tony Berry, Seconded by Councillor Stephen Hirst.

'Council is recommended:

that the changes to the way we pay for parking in all CDC Car Parks (due in March 2021) are altered to maintain the options of paying by cash or 'Swipe Card' whilst offering the benefit of 'an app' to those that can use it.'

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