



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 20 January 2021 at 2.00pm.**

Robert Weaver
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 meeting of Council held on **18 November 2020**.

4. **Announcements from the Chair, Leader or 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 Tony Berry to Councillor Mike Evemy, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance**

'Please could you tell me what the total income expected from parking fees in the year ending April 2021, and the percentage of the total for the year 2019/2020 was paid in cash?'

(b) **Question from Councillor Tony Berry to Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council**

'In September you gave me details of employees of CDC and those working for Publica but dedicated to CDC, thank you for this information.

Following on from this please could you tell me what **new** positions have either been recruited or are planned to be recruited since May 2019 and the total sum of the salaries involved(Totals only to protect confidentiality)?'

(c) **Question from Councillor Julian Beale to Councillor Tony Dale, Cabinet Member for the Economy and Skills**

'What is the progress and the current situation with analysis of Applications and Payments made under the latest Business Grants Discretionary programme?'

(d) **Question from Councillor Stephen Hirst to Councillor Clive Webster, Cabinet Member for the Planning Department, Town and Parish Councils**

'I am receiving an increasing number of complaints regarding the length of time taken to receive answers to queries and other matters directed to the Planning Department and it is obvious that service levels are suffering from a serious reduction in the numbers of staff in this Department. Could you please advise me of the number of vacancies in the Planning Department and when do you expect to be able to recruit sufficient new members of staff to meet a full compliment so that the service levels improve to a satisfactory level?'

(e) **Question from Councillor Gina Blomefield to Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council**

'As a prospective volunteer helper for the COVID vaccine roll out I am aware of the urgency in enabling this to be done as quickly and efficiently as possible. Providing sites with good parking for these inoculations would help speed up the programme. Has the Cotswold District Council offered either or both the Trinity Road office and the Moreton office to the Clinical Commissioning Group for this purpose as they would appear to be ideal?'

Items for Decision

7. **Terms of Reference - Crime and Disorder Committee**
8. **Adoption of Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct, Appointment and Remuneration of Independent Persons**
9. **Appointment of Interim Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer**

Other Matters

10. **Notice of Motions - In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the following Motion has been received:-**

(a) Motion 6 of 2020/21 - re Flytipping

Proposed by Councillor Tony Berry, Seconded by Councillor Julia Judd.

'The new mapping system introduced to identify instances of fly-tipping is highly successful and much appreciated. On checking recently that various events had been reported I was dismayed to see that there were 6 current instances in my Ward and so I spoke with ERS about what we might do to reduce this amount, particularly in those spots which regularly received unwanted deposits. To my amazement I was told we don't have any cameras which we can put in these locations to catch/deter those dumping their (or someone else's) rubbish.

Catching and finding these people that desecrate our countryside must be the best deterrent and usually gains good publicity. Although considerable efforts are being made to try to do so, catching people in the act must surely be an option our officers have to help them.

From some research I discovered that motion activated cameras of good quality can be purchased for under £500. Whilst these might not be the right sort of camera, we can surely find out from Councils which are best suited and have good success rates. Even if they cost £1,000 each, it must be a worthwhile investment.

Equally there must be other 'good practices' in the industry that we could investigate (e.g. paying for skips in strategic locations).

We would therefore recommend to this Council that it puts aside up to £50,000 to:

- 1) Investigate the purchase and use of cameras to support the efforts to catch and fine fly-tippers.
- 2) Investigate other possible activities that would help reduce or remove this scourge from our district, and report back to this Council if further funds are required.'

11. **Next meeting - Wednesday 24 February 2021, 6.00pm**

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