



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET **AGENDA**

Thursday 21st April 2016, 4.00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Trinity Road, Cirencester

NOTES

(i) Questions Arising on the Agenda

If any Member has any questions regarding either (a) an update/progress report on a specific item contained in the Minutes of the previous Meeting or (b) a report contained within the Agenda, he/she is requested to give advance notice of such question to the Director/Officer originating the report or to an Officer of the Democratic Services Section so that a full response can be made available either prior to, or at, the Meeting. If no such advance notification is given, a full response to any question cannot be guaranteed at the Meeting.

With specific regard to the Minutes of previous Meetings, Members' attention is drawn to Council Procedure Rule 17.1 which provides that, once the Minutes have been signed, Members may ask questions to ascertain what progress has been made on a particular matter referred to in the Minutes, but may not make any other statement or generate discussion on the Minutes.

(ii) Mobile Phones/Pagers

All mobile phones/pagers should be **SWITCHED OFF OR SET TO SILENT MODE BEFORE** the start of the Meeting.

(iii) Recording of Proceedings

The public proceedings of Council, Cabinet and Committee Meetings may 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 before the start of the Meeting.

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Recording/filming should only be of Members and Council Officers, and not any members of the public (unless they are formally addressing the Meeting or unless specific permission has been given by those individuals).

For further information, please read the Notices displayed inside and outside the Meeting venue and/or speak with the Committee Administrator.

(iv) Committee Administrator

If any Member has any general questions about the Meeting or the associated agenda papers, or is unable to attend, he/she is asked to contact Derek Chiplin on 01285 623000 who will be the Committee Administrator responsible for the Meeting.

Distribution:

All Members of the Cabinet
(Councillors Sue Coakley, C Hancock, Mrs. SL Jepson, NJW Parsons and Lynden Stowe)

All other Councillors for information



Nigel Adams
Head of Democratic Services

13th April 2016

CABINET : 21ST APRIL 2016

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- (1) **Apologies**
- (2) **Declarations of Interest**
 - (1) To receive any declarations of interest from Members under:-
 - (i) the Code of Conduct for Members; and/or
 - (ii) Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (any Councillor who has Council Tax payments remaining unpaid for at least two months must declare an interest and not participate in any matter affecting the level of Council Tax or arrangements for administering the Council Tax).
 - (2) To receive any declarations of interest from Officers under the Code of Conduct for Officers.
- (3) **Minutes** - To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 18th February 2016 (attached).
- (4) **Public Questions** - Council Procedure Rule 10 - Not more than fifteen minutes allowed for written questions to be put by Local Government electors within the Cotswold District on any matter in relation to which the Council has any power or duties or which affects the district, and which falls within the Terms of Reference of the Cabinet.

The following question has been submitted:-

- (1) **From Dr D James of Cirencester to Councillor Nick Parsons, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning**

'With reference to the proposed application to build 2350 houses on the Chesterton Site in Cirencester -

In CDC's Evidence document 'Sustainability Appraisal of the Cotswold District Local Plan', Appendix I Points of the Compass Analysis on page 17 states: "Approximately 40% of the (Chesterton) area is covered by land classified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land" which equates to 48 hectares of "best and most versatile agricultural land". This is supported by evidence from yields and the range of crops provided by tenant farmers past and present. In this case, how is it sustainable to allow this Greenfield site to be lost to housing development, particularly when there is widespread government recognition that UK food policy is currently inadequate to meet the needs of a burgeoning UK population?"

Note:

The above question was submitted by the time by which a response is guaranteed to be provided to the questioner at least 24 hours before the Cabinet Meeting (by virtue of the Council's Procedure Rules). As such, a written response will be provided to all Members of the Cabinet either in advance of, or at, the Cabinet Meeting.

- (5) **Member Questions** - Council Procedure Rule 11 - Not more than fifteen minutes allowed for written questions to be put by Members on any matter in relation to which the Council has any power or duties or which affects the district, and which falls within the Terms of Reference of the Cabinet.

The following question has been submitted:-

- (1) From Councillors AW Berry and Mark Harris to Councillor Nick Parsons, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning

'There is considerable interest and enthusiasm being shown about a proposal to run a hybrid electric/diesel light-railway between Cirencester and Kemble by re-opening the old railway line.

The track would start on the edge of the proposed Chesterton development, with a car park under the electricity pylons (space which could be used for little else) and the possibility of a regular bus circuit to and from the town centre. (A possible 'park and ride' operation?)

This proposal is being driven by Warwick University (with other universities) who want a track to test their new driver-less hybrid light-railway train. It is expected that they would agree to conduct an initial survey by students which, if successful, would need to be supported by a follow-on specialist survey.

The project is not without its potential problems, mainly the lack of a bridge over the A429 just outside Kemble; however, we would appreciate Cabinet giving a response to the following:-

- Do you like the concept?
- Would you be prepared to support it:-
 - as a project?
 - by making available funds for the professional survey?
- The survey and all other things being positive, would you support the raising of funds for the project, including financial assistance, possibly from the new strategic infrastructure fund?

Further information is available at: <http://cirenttrain.org.uk>

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- (6) **Leader's Announcements** (if any)

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- (12) Schedule of Decisions Taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members

To note the decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or individual Cabinet Members since the last Meeting of the Cabinet - Schedule attached (Page 97).

- (13) Issue(s) Arising From Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit (if any)
- (14) Other Business - Such other business that, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent.

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