



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

AGENDA

Thursday 27th February 2014, 10.00 a.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

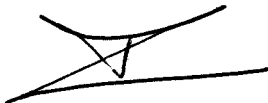
No one shall bring into any Meeting, any camera or other apparatus capable of making a photographic or other pictorial record for subsequent use, or any ray or transmitting apparatus, recording machine or other apparatus capable of recording speech for subsequent use, or any typewriter, laptop or similar device, or any active mobile phone, or any other such apparatus, unless prior notification has been given to the Head of Democratic Services.

(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 Nigel Adams on 01285 623202 who will be the Committee Administrator responsible for the Meeting.

Distribution:

All Members of the Council



Nigel Adams
Head of Democratic Services

19th February 2014

COUNCIL : 27TH FEBRUARY 2014

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- (1) **Apologies**
- (2) **Declarations of Interest**
 - (a) 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).
 - (b) 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 Council held on 17th December 2013 (attached).
- (4) **Announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Head of Paid Service**

Under this item, the Chairman will receive a painting to be presented on behalf of the late Les Garner, a former Custodian employed by the Council.

Members of Mr. Garner's family will be in attendance.
- (5) **Public Questions**

Council Procedure Rule 10 - Not more than fifteen minutes allowed for written questions to be put by members of the public on any matter in relation to which the Council has any power or duties or which affects the District.
- (6) **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.

The following questions have been submitted:-

 - (1) **From Councillor Lee Searles to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council**

'You will no doubt recall that I proposed a motion last October calling for parishes in the Cotswolds villages that wanted some small scale developments if they wanted them to be able to take them as part of the evolving Local Plan. You and your Cabinet unanimously rejected this idea. Are you still of the same view?'

- (2) From Councillor DJ Nash to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'Some parishes around the Cotswolds are actively seeking small scale housing developments to encourage local people to stay near their friends and families. I see this as a positive way of helping the district's shortfall in housing. A number of Conservative Councillors have now expressed the same view and are asking why your Council is not being flexible over this. What is your view?'

- (3) From Councillor PR Hodgkinson to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'Following the latest actuarial 3 year review of Gloucestershire's Local Government Pension Fund which took place on 31 March 2013, can you please confirm the deficit figure for the Cotswold District Council element (as £ and as a % of assets)?'

- (4) From Councillor GM Selwyn to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'I have asked on a number of previous occasions when the recording of all meetings of this Council will be open to recording by any member of the public. The Government published guidelines last summer requiring local councils to allow recordings of meetings in the interests of transparency. Gloucestershire County Council has changed its constitution to reflect what is required. Why is this Council not adhering to what is required and when will it change its constitution?'

- (5) From Councillor Ms JM Layton to Councillor David Fowles, Cabinet Member for Environment

'Could Councillor Fowles elucidate on what short and long term actions CDC, GCC, the Environment Agency and Thames Water have agreed on in order to prevent further winters of fluvial and sewage flooding in the District? I also ask if there has been any consideration as to the value of working with other Councils and agencies to try and manage the movement of water through the Cotswolds?'

- (6) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor BD Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Customer Services

'It's great to see work being undertaken on the Forum car park to try and improve the service for users. Disabled parking spaces are in short supply in Cirencester. How have CDC consulted with local disability groups to make sure disabled drivers aren't put at a disadvantage in Cotswold car parks?'

- (7) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor BD Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Customer Services

'My constituents in Park and Watermoor Wards have formed a group trying to improve on-street parking in their areas. How are CDC, through the Cirencester Parking Partnership, helping to resolve the problem of on-street parking in the town?'

- (8) From Councillor Mrs JL Hincks to Councillor BD Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Customer Services

'Why was a turnstile installed at the Leisure Centre in Cirencester and at no other venue after the transfer to SLM? Can Cllr. Gibbs state what impact there has been since SLM took over responsibility of the Leisure Centre on the businesses currently under lease to CDC at the venue?'

Note:

The above questions were submitted by the time by responses are guaranteed to be provided to the questioner at least 24 hours before the Council Meeting (by virtue of the Council's Procedure Rules). As such, written responses will be provided to all Members either in advance of, or at, the Council Meeting.

- (7) Petitions (if any)

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- (17) **Other Issues/Reports Arising from the Cabinet (if any)**
- (18) **Other Issues/Reports Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit (if any)**
- (19) **Notice of Motions**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the following Motion has been received:-

Motion 1/2014

Proposed by Councillor PR Hodgkinson, seconded by Councillor Mrs JL Hincks:

'This Council notes with alarm the failure by the South West Ambulance Service to hit its response time targets in the Cotswolds by large margins (the worst performance in Gloucestershire). It calls on the service to urgently hit its targets, thereby giving Cotswolds residents the service they deserve.'

Note:

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, any Motion that is duly proposed and seconded shall automatically stand referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee for consideration, unless the Chairman of the Council considers it convenient and conducive to the despatch of business for the Motion to be dealt with at the Meeting. Members will be advised of the views of the Chairman on this aspect as soon as possible.

- (20) **Sealing of Documents**

To resolve:

"that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all contracts, conveyances and any other documents necessary for carrying into effect all resolutions passed by the Council."

Note:

The Register of Sealing will be available at the Meeting for Members' inspection.

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