



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday 13th May 2014, 10.00am

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

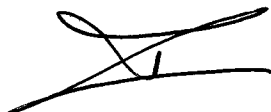
No one shall bring into any Meeting, any camera or other apparatus capable of making a photographic or other pictorial record for subsequent use, or any ray or transmitting apparatus, recording machine or other apparatus capable of recording speech for subsequent use, or any typewriter, laptop or similar 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

2nd May 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 27th February 2014 (attached).
- (4) **Announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Head of Paid Service**
- (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.

The following questions have been submitted:-

(1) From Dr. C Watson of Colesbourne to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

1. Is there a regular programme of roadside litter clearance commissioned by Cotswold District Council, and if so, with what frequency; and how much Council expenditure was devoted to roadside litter clearance during the last financial year 2013-14?
2. What is the Council policy about the provision and emptying of litter bins at bus-stops and lay-bys (as my observation of the A435 would suggest that this is at best haphazard); and which roads does the Council regard as its responsibility to maintain free of litter (I understand that dual carriageways are the responsibility of the Highways Agency)?

(2) From Ms J Forde of Bagendon to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'Why is it that our schools have to fund separate collections for their waste when other lorries drive past the schools doors during their domestic rounds? These collections cost our schools thousands of pounds in lost frontline education funding. As Governor of North Cerney Primary School, I, alongside with my fellow Governors and the school's management team, work

extremely hard to ensure our children receive the best possible educational experience. And with the Government stating it wants funding intended for education to reach frontline teaching, surely we could achieve some efficiencies in this matter?

Will you please look into what can be done to help more of our money go towards our children's education and not 'in the bin'?

Note:

The above questions were submitted by the time by which responses are guaranteed to be provided to the questioners 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.

(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 PR Hodgkinson to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council**

'In July 2011 this Council voted by 41 to 2 votes to move to one member wards across the whole district as part of a cut in councillor numbers. You proposed a motion calling for all wards to have one member and voted for this proposal.

Why have you ignored the Council's decision by recommending a two-member ward for Chipping Campden as part of the Conservative group's proposal to the Boundary Commission?'

(2) **From Councillor PR Hodgkinson to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council**

'At the last Council meeting you stated that 'Cirencester needs to get its confidence back'. Given that a third of Cotswolds residents live, work and shop in the town, what justification can you make for this statement?'

(3) **From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor BD Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Customer Services**

'Can you please tell me the total income received from car parking charges and the total spent on car parking related services and costs in each financial year from 2003 to the present day?'

(4) **From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor NJW Parsons, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning**

'Cllr Parsons, many residents in Cirencester have said to me that they have heard nothing from Cotswold District Council about the plans for over 2000 homes on the land south of Chesterton. What is the Council

doing to raise awareness and engage with local residents about this issue?’

- (5) From Councillor GM Selwyn to Councillor BD Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Customer Services

‘In the car parks in Cirencester which are free on Sundays, the pay machines will still accept money even if paid in error. How much money, for each car park, is paid into these machines unnecessarily on a Sunday?’

- (6) From Councillor PR Hodgkinson to Councillor BD Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Customer Services

‘The latest visitor numbers for the excellent Corinium Museum show that since it has been run by a private company the number of people visiting it has fallen for 2 successive quarters. What are you doing to reverse this very worrying trend?’

- (7) From Councillor Ms JM Layton to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

‘Since I was elected to this Council 3 years ago a regular gripe amongst residents is how breaches in planning applications are enforced. People see these breaches as wrong and it leaves them and me very frustrated at the lack of willingness to deal robustly with these situations. Does the Leader share their view and what is he going to do to address the real concerns people have?’

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- (7) Petitions (if any)

Item for Decision

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- (8) Constitutional Matters

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Other Matters

- (9) Other Issues/Reports Arising from the Cabinet (if any)

- (10) Issues/Reports Arising from Audit and Scrutiny (if any)

(11) **Notice of Motions**

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

Motion 2/2014

Proposed by Councillor PR Hodgkinson, seconded by Councillor DJ Nash:

'This Council notes the savings which the waste company UBICO will be making over the next 5 years of £5 million.

It therefore commits to ask UBICO to use a very small part of those savings to collect residual and recyclable waste from all Cotswold district primary schools as part of the domestic collections.

This will save those schools an average of £5,000 over 5 years in the waste collection costs they currently have to pay to private rubbish companies - money which can instead go directly to children's education.'

Motion 3/2014

Proposed by Councillor PCB Coleman, seconded by Councillor JA Harris:

'This Council congratulates those responsible for the concept and implementation of the Cirencester March Hare Festival and recognises the boost it has given to the town's vibrant and commercial heart.'

Motion 4/2014

Proposed by Councillor M Wardle, seconded by Councillor SG Hirst:

'This Council notes and welcomes the release of the latest Five Year Housing Supply report which shows that CDC can now demonstrate a five year supply including the 20% buffer required by recent Planning inspectorate decisions.

Council notes that the Five Year Housing Supply report is a material consideration in planning matters.

Council further notes that the decision of the Planning Committee to overturn their original decision relating to the London Road, Fairford application (ref. 13/03793/OUT) at their February 2014 meeting was taken against a background of advice that CDC could not demonstrate a Five Year Housing Supply and in the light of Planning Inspectorate comments thereon.

Council believes it is appropriate for the Planning Committee to reconsider the application prior to formal completion of the S106 agreement and prior to the issue of any decision notice.'

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.

(12) **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.

(13) **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

To consider and, if so agreed, to

RESOLVE that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and Press be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph (3) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the said Act (information relating to financial or business affairs) and that the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned.

Item of Exempt Business for Consideration and Decision

(14) **Property Review - Cirencester**

(Report from the Cabinet - N.B. TO FOLLOW)

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