



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL **AGENDA**

Tuesday 23rd September 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

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.

Recording/filming should not be disruptive or distracting to the good order and conduct of the meeting. To assist with this, an area of the meeting venue will be designated from which proceedings can be recorded/filmed, and 'roaming' around the venue while recording is not permitted. The Chairman will exclude anyone whose behaviour is disruptive.

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 of 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 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

15th September 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:-

(i) the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2014 (attached);

(ii) the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2014 (attached).

(4) **Announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Head of Paid Service**

(5) **Long Service Awards**

The Chairman of the Council will present long service awards to Wendy Nicholls (Print Services) and Michaela Salter (Land Charges).

Such awards are made to staff who have achieved twenty-five years' service in local government, of which at least ten have been with this Council

(6) **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 by Mr. AR Brassington of Cirencester to Councillor Nick Parsons, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning:-

'Why has it been decided that there should be one massive residential development in the Chesterton area of Cirencester when it would be better to distribute the housing evenly across the Cotswolds towns and villages? And what improved infrastructure does CDC propose for Cirencester if this development goes ahead?'

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.

(7) **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

'What is your view on the proposed large development at Chesterton which is part of your emerging Local Plan? Do you support it?'

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

'Do you agree that local authorities who fail to get Local Plans in place in a timely fashion fail to provide their communities with valuable clarity as to what development is appropriate and where?'

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

'Many complaints have been made to me from residents about the fact that they don't know enough about the on-going Local Plan process and aren't well enough informed about the consultation process. Does the Deputy Leader agree that making sure the public are continually involved in constructing the new local plan is essential to its eventual success? What is the budget to advertise the consultation process?'

- (4) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Chris Hancock, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships

'Will Councillor Hancock accept that Cotswold District Council's parking policy is hated by residents and businesses across the Cotswolds?'

- (5) From Councillor Mrs. JL Hincks to Councillor Chris Hancock, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships

'I have visited several towns within the Cotswold area and note that in places the lack of disabled parking spaces is very apparent. For instance, Stow-on-the-Wold has disabled parking outside the central area of the town whereas normal parking is in a central position. Could the Cabinet Member please advise me what each town/village allocation of disabled parking spaces is and its position in relation to the centre?'

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(8) **Petitions**

(i) **Petition relating to the Proposed Strategic Development Site at Chesterton, Cirencester**

A petition will be presented relating to the Proposed Strategic Development Site at Chesterton, Cirencester.

The petition wording is as follows:-

We, the undersigned, believe that the Cotswold District Council plan for an extra 3,360 (39.2%) new homes in Cirencester will significantly damage our town, and will not be a proper solution to the need for more housing in the Cotswolds. We are dismayed at the dismissive response to more than 2,000 objections, including those of the Town Council, and demand that far more of the housing be allocated across the 450 square miles of the District, including brownfield sites rather than productive farmland.

And the supporting rationale is as follows:-

Why is this important?

As part of the CDC's allocation of an extra 3,360 new homes in Cirencester their intention is to build an estate of 2,500 houses on the fields to the south west of Cirencester.

We believe Cirencester's residents have not been made fully aware of CDC's plans, which would fundamentally change the character of our market town.

Cirencester's population of 19,000 would be increased by nearly 40%

In contrast, other Cotswold towns will be proportionately much less developed, and most villages, despite their needs, will only have minimal, or no, new housing.

Focusing development on Cirencester, and specifically on one large site, risks dwarfing the existing historic town, and diminishing its distinctive character.

The distance from the planned estate to the town centre is too great to walk. Many will opt for the car, thereby exacerbating the existing traffic congestion and parking problems in the town

Sustainable housing development should be distributed throughout the whole Cotswold region, and not disproportionately concentrated on one site in Cirencester.

In accordance with the Council's approved Local Petitions Scheme, the issue will be the subject of a Council debate, as the petition contains more than the threshold number of signatories (850).

In accordance with the Council's approved local petitions scheme, the petition organiser, or a representative, will be given a period of up to five minutes to present the petition. The Cabinet Member will then be given an opportunity to respond, again for a period not exceeding five minutes.

The petition will then be discussed by the Council for a period of up to fifteen minutes.

The Council will then decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. The Council may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by the Cabinet or relevant Committee. Where the issue is one on which the Council is not required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

Note:

The Chairman has the discretion to extend the time limits for speeches/debate. In addition, although the Local Petitions Scheme does not include a formal provision to allow summing up by the petition organiser or the Cabinet Member, the Chairman may allow this to happen, immediately before a vote is taken.

- (ii) Other Petitions (if any)

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Other Matters

- (11) **Issues/Reports Arising from the Cabinet** (if any)
- (12) **Issues/Reports Arising from Audit and Scrutiny** (if any)
- (13) **Notice of Motions**

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

Motion 5/2014

Proposed by Councillor PR Hodgkinson, seconded by Councillor Ms JM Layton:

"This Council notes the recent missed targets for recycling. At present, tetra packs can't be recycled on the kerbside. As a way of boosting recycling rates across the district and to help the environment, it calls for tetra packs to be recycled on the kerbside as soon as possible.'

Motion 6/2014

Proposed by Councillor JA Harris, seconded by Councillor DJ Nash:

'This Council notes the high number of traffic accidents, sadly some of them fatal, that have occurred on the dual carriageway A419/A429 ring road around Cirencester.

This Council notes the potential for a very significant housing development on land South West of Cirencester and is mindful of the considerable increase in traffic this will cause if approved.

This Council also notes that an application for a considerable office development on the St James Place site is currently being considered and that the developers involved have expressed an interest in creating a new entrance on the A429 in order to ease congestion upon entrance into Cirencester. The 70mph speed limit means this is proving difficult.

This Council therefore resolves to bring pressure upon Gloucestershire County Council as highway authority to initiate action to reduce the speed limit on these two roads to 40 mph.'

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.

(14) **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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