



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday 24th February 2015, 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).

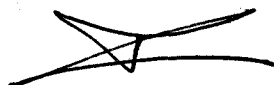
For further information, please read the Notices displayed inside and outside of the meeting venue and/or speak with the Committee Administrator.

(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

16th February 2015

COUNCIL : 24TH FEBRUARY 2015

AGENDA

- (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 16th December 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 Mr. AR Brassington of Cirencester to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council:-**

'Can the Leader tell me -

1. *What the annual budget was for street cleansing, which includes litter collection and removal of fly tipping, for the last 3 financial years and how much of that was actually spent in each year; together with what the budget is for 2015/16?*
2. *Whether he considers this is sufficient to meet one of the Council's top three priorities as stated in its corporate strategy "to maintain and protect our environment as one of the best places to live, work and visit".'*

- (2) **From Mr. M Harris of Cirencester to Councillor Nick Parsons, Deputy Leader of the Council:-**

'In July 2007 you reported to Cabinet that the Corn Hall sale (para 3.2 of the closing report) included Covenants to retain its community use. Community use included under 3.3(ii) "Provision of evening entertainment. This provides fifty-four evenings a year, on Fridays

and Saturdays for music events, local bands, private parties etc., six days/evenings a year for larger/original bands and three evenings a week (every week) for local club use."

Would you please tell me how much community evening entertainment has taken place at the Corn Hall as provided for by 3.3(ii) of your report since August 2007 to the last reporting date?

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 the financial year starting this April, this Council will receive £2.5 million as a 'New Homes Bonus' out of a total of £6.2 million from the Government. How many new homes have been built in the Cotswolds since 2011 which have led to this cash windfall?'

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

'My motion to this Council in December 2014 called for better mobile phone coverage across the Cotswolds and received unanimous support. It called for the Chief Executive to contact mobile phone providers and OFCOM to find out what plans are afoot to improve coverage. What is the latest update on progress with this?'

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

'How much money did the District Council take in parking charges during the free parking trial (Monday's and Tuesdays 1pm until 8am the following day) in January and February this year?'

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(7) **Petitions** (if any)

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Other Matters

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

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

Motion 1/2015

Proposed by Councillor PR Hodgkinson, Seconded by Councillor Joe Harris:

'This Council takes huge pride in the Cotswolds and wants to see it kept clean and tidy. It is saddened by the amount of litter along the verges of our country roads and lanes. It therefore calls for a more proactive approach to litter picking to be taken so that A and B roads in the Cotswolds receive more regular, programmed litter picks than is currently the case so that our area is kept free from unsightly rubbish.'

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.

(15) **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.

(16) **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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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 exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned.

Items of Exempt Business for Consideration and Decision

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(17) **Cirencester Property - Possible Disposal**
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(18) **Property Matter, Cirencester**
N.B. REPORT TO FOLLOW

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