



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday 29th September 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

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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 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

21st September 2015

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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 following:-

(i) Ordinary Meeting held on 24th February 2015;

(ii) Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2015;

(iii) Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 18th August 2015;

(copies attached).

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

(5) **Long Service Award**

The Chairman of the Council will present a long service award to Roz Brazier (Environmental Health).

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.

(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 Ms JM Layton to Councillor Sue Jepson, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing

'Smaller housing associations often support rural areas by building high quality affordable homes. Can the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing tell me what sort of support CDC gives to these associations in the Cotswolds, such as Cirencester Housing Association, our local provider?'

- (2) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Sue Jepson, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing

'The Government's decision to cut council and housing association rents by 1% means that smaller providers of social housing will lose thousands of pounds worth of income. This in turn means that future schemes, like the excellent Arlington Fields development in Bibury that the planning committee recently visited, might not happen. Does the cabinet member agree that we should support smaller housing providers and that smaller developments across the District will play a big part in addressing the housing crisis across the Cotswolds?'

- (3) From Councillor Mrs. JL Hincks to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'What is the Council doing to prevent residents being taken to court due to defaulting on council tax as a result of the spare room subsidy (bedroom tax)?'

- (4) From Councillor Roly Hughes to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'Could the Cabinet member please reveal how much Council tax this authority has written off since 2011/12?'

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

'Will the Deputy Leader please publish the latest timetable for the emerging local plan?'

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

'Would the Deputy Leader please let me know which wards in Cotswold District have had, or are likely to have, developments as a result of lost appeals since 2013?'

- (7) From Councillor Ms JM Layton to Councillor Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Health, Environment and Communities

'With the recent granting of a CLEUD for Packer's Lease vehicle depot in South Cerney it is very probable that the vehicle movements are likely to be three times the amount of the depot under SITA management. With safety in mind and a sense of community

neighbourliness, will CDC undertake to ensure the provision of a cycle/footpath along the full length of Broadway Lane, South Cerney?’

- (8) From Councillor M Harris to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

‘Some 5 years’ ago the Cirencester branch of SCOPE contributed £500 to the leisure centre to help disabled people get in and out of the swimming pool. They report that this facility has not been deployed and every time they enquire, they are pushed from pillar to post. Would the Leader please tell me when this facility will be installed, or when Scope can retrieve their donation, presumably with interest?’

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.

- (8) Petitions (if any)

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- (15) Issues/Reports Arising from the Cabinet (if any)
- (16) Issues/Reports Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit (if any)

(17) **Notice of Motions**

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

Motion 3/2015

Proposed by Councillor JA Harris, seconded by Councillor Jenny Forde:

'Council notes that, in austere times, there is pressure on all Councils and public authorities to deliver effective, efficient and quality services and that, where possible, authorities should work together to achieve these aims.

Council notes the current pressure on Gloucestershire Highways to maintain the road network across the County and the Cotswolds.

Council further notes that, due to efficiency measures imposed on Gloucestershire Highways, more minor responsibilities such as cleaning road signs, dealing with overgrown vegetation, cutting verges, removing weeds from the kerb channel and removing old infrastructure are often neglected and that this lets our beautiful area down.

Council therefore resolves to set up a working group to review how Cotswold District Council and its partners can assist Gloucestershire Highways in delivering a quality service in the area, particularly in respect to more minor issues concerning civic pride.'

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.

(18) **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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