



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday 27th September 2016, 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

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(iii) Recording of Proceedings

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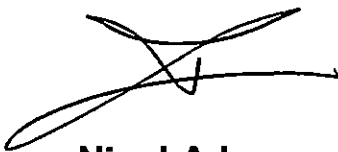
For further information, please read the Notices displayed inside and outside the Meeting venue and/or speak with the Committee Administrator.

(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

19th September 2016

COUNCIL : 27TH SEPTEMBER 2016

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 following:-

(i) Ordinary Meeting held on 17th May 2016;

(ii) Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2016;

(copies 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.

(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 NP Robbins to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council**

'The flood of refugees from the Syrian Civil War and African emergencies continues apace. Thus far a single Syrian family has been accommodated locally. Lack of suitable accommodation is given as the reason why this trickle has dried up. Would it not be sensible to review the narrow-minded policy which prevents private landlords and private home-owners from housing these desperately unfortunate people and incidentally speeding up their integration into their new society?'

- (2) From Councillor NP Robbins to Councillor Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Environment

'This Council aspires to be the most efficient in the country. What impression must the general public get when they realise that in each of the quarterly performance reports for the last 12 months, EVS2 (NI 191), they have been promised improvements in the bank recycling network in order to cut down residual household waste (as promised in the administration's manifesto for last May) and yet nothing has happened?'

- (3) From Councillor Jenny Forde to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'It is widely acknowledged that the mobile phone coverage in many parts of the Cotswolds is poor or non-existent. It is also recognised that good coverage can help avoid isolation, improve personal security and is good for the local economy. It was along these lines that the GCC were asked to investigate how mobile phone companies can provide better coverage in Gloucestershire, particularly in rural areas such as the Cotswolds.

At the most recent Gloucestershire Economic Growth Committee meeting, the question was asked about what assistance local councils might provide to mobile phone operators in progressing their work, it was suggested more support from local planning authorities might assist promote the importance and value of delivering digital connectivity to local communities and in creating great recognition of the need to make significant improvements in this area.

What commitments will this Council make in this area so it might demonstrate a more proactive approach to improving mobile phone signals across the Cotswolds?'

- (4) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'How much money did the Council spend exploring options for a Unitary Council with West Oxfordshire otherwise known as 'COXIT'?

- (5) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'The Brewery Court area of Cirencester has become an eyesore and CDC own a large part of the site.

What are CDC doing to improve the appearance of this area?'

- (6) From Councillor AR Brassington to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'The 3 Local Authorities involved in the 20:20 partnership, Forest of Dean, West Oxfordshire and ourselves, now have a combined workforce in the area of Public Protection. This has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the number of employees, both professionally qualified and support staff.

On top of this, numerous staff who were successful in getting a new position in the department have chosen to leave. Shortly there will be just one full time Environmental Health Officer and two part-time ones. In order to enable the Council to undertake its statutory duties, consultants, on higher pay, have been engaged. How many are currently contracted across the three authorities to work in public protection and for how many months?

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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Other Matters

(13) **Glitnir Update/Closure Statement**

The Council's investment in the former Icelandic Bank, Glitnir has been repatriated.

The Council has received the total of its original capital sum of £2m, together with interest in an approximate sum of £176,000, which will equate to a 'windfall' gain for the Council in a sum of £120,000 in the 2016/17 financial year.

(14) **Issues/Reports Arising from the Cabinet (if any)**

(15) **Issues/Reports Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit (if any)**

(16) **Notice of Motions**

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

(i) Motion 1/2016 re Hate Crime

Proposed by Councillor Jenny Forde, seconded by Councillor NP Robbins:

'This Council is concerned by the reported rise in hate crime across the country following the EU Referendum.

The Council therefore re-affirms its commitment to an inclusive, tolerant and diverse county. We welcome the many contributions made to our vibrant multicultural and multiracial community by people regardless of their background. We will continue to work to tackle hate crime and discrimination in all its forms.

This Council also calls on the Government to guarantee to all EU nationals living in Gloucestershire that they have the right to remain in the UK indefinitely regardless of the outcome of the EU referendum and any subsequent Brexit negotiations.'

(ii) Motion 2/2016 re Cirencester Hospital

Proposed by Councillor JA Harris, seconded by Councillor NP Robbins:

'Council notes Gloucestershire Care Services (GCS) recent decision to close Cirencester Hospital's overnight minor injuries unit.

Council further notes the strong strength of public feeling against the decision including 2500 signatures on a petition opposing the move.

Council calls on Gloucestershire Care Services to reverse their decision and work to retain the overnight service.

Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write the Chief Executive of GCS outlining the Council's position.'

(iii) Motion 3/2016 re Spine Raod

Proposed by Councillor T Cheung, seconded by Councillor Juliet Layton:

'Council notes the poor state of the Spine Road (B4696) that runs through the Cotswold Water Park.

Council is concerned that overgrown weeds, dirt and detritus on the carriageway and the high speed limit let the Water Park down. Council resolves to set up a task group to work with local parish councils, Gloucestershire & Wiltshire Highways departments and the Cotswold Water Park Trust to identify what the issues are and report back to Council with recommendations about how the appearance and safety of the road can be improved.

Council further supports a speed limit cut along the length of the Spine Road to 40mph and requests that the Chief Executive writes to Gloucestershire Highways outlining this Council's position.'

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.

(17) **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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