



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday 21st February 2017, 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).

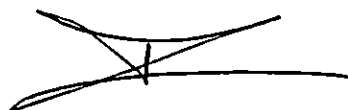
For further information, please read the Notices displayed inside and outside the Meeting venue and/or speak with the Committee Administrator.

(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

13th February 2017

COUNCIL : 21ST FEBRUARY 2017

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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 Meeting of the Council held on 13th December 2016 (copy attached);

(ii) the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 13th December 2016 (copy 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 question has been submitted:-

(1) **From Mr M Pratley of Cirencester to Councillor NJW Parsons, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning**

The CDC press release on 20th December 2016 stated that the Bathurst Chesterton Outline Planning Application will be determined by the full council rather than the Planning Committee. It stated:

This approach reflects the significance of the application, not only to Cirencester but to the District as a whole, given that the application site is the only strategic development site proposed as part of the emerging Local Plan. By confirming the approach now, it will hopefully provide clarity and certainty to all of those involved with, and affected by, the proposals - not least, the people of Cirencester.

This application is indeed significant. The Cotswold District has never had such an extraordinary application as this. Its significance reaches far beyond that of any other planning application. This one is about changing the whole nature of this small-to-medium sized historic market town. Most people believe that it will harm this town forever.

You state that the application will be determined by the full council. Does this mean that every councillor, including those representing Chesterton and Four Acres wards, will be allowed to vote?’

Note:

The above question was submitted by the time by which a response is 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.

(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 Jenny Hincks to Councillor Chris Hancock, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships

‘Please could the cabinet member give an update on the administration’s plans for the Old Station building in Cirencester?’

(2) From Councillor Tatyana Cheung to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

‘Please could the Leader give an update as to progress with respect to my motion at the September Council meeting regarding the Spine Road through the Cotswold Water Park?’

(3) From Councillor Juliet Layton to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

‘The Cotswold Water Park is one of the jewels in the Cotswolds’ crown. It is understood that the Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWPT) is in considerable financial difficulty and is now only carrying out very basic environmental tasks.

On the CWPT website it states:

*We **fundraise**... for a wide range of projects including: more and better public paths, improved parking facilities, the creation of nature reserves and campaigns to protect endangered species like the Water Vole, Otter, Bats and Black Poplar.*

*We **manage**...hundreds of acres of land, from Neigh Bridge Country Park near Somerford Keynes to Riverside Park in Lechlade for the benefit of local people, visitors and wildlife.*

*We **promote**...better understanding through our schools education programme and exciting public events, such as our sell out fossil hunts, talks, walks and workshops.*

*We **work**...to help people understand why the Cotswold Water Park is so unique - we all want to ensure it's used and cared for in ways which will maintain it for future generations.*

When a representative of the CWPT spoke to our Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it was clear that fundraising wasn't proactive, that the trust plans on disposing a number of sites, that promotion of the area was basic and that many of the sites that the CWPT are responsible for are falling into a state of disrepair.

We all want to see the Water Park succeed especially since the scandal in recent years. What can Cotswold District Council do to support the Trust in better meeting these aims?'

(4) From Councillor Ray Brassington to Councillor Sue Jepson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities

'The Council is due to rule on the Bathurst Development Ltd planning application for 2350 homes at Chesterton. I am aware that ward members cannot vote on planning applications in their own ward.

Given that this application is the largest ever submitted to CDC in its history, the major impact that it will have on the town and that the full Council will determine it, I strongly believe that this ruling should be suspended for this application.

Will the Cabinet support me on this matter?'

(5) From Councillor Patrick Coleman to Councillor Nick Parsons, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning

'In view of the Council's experience when our 5 year housing supply was below target, does the deputy leader agree that the supply figure should be calculated and published quarterly?'

(6) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Nick Parsons, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning

'This year sees the sixth anniversary of when the District's local plan was supposed to be in place.

Will the Deputy Leader apologise to the people of the Cotswolds for the area's Local Plan being more than half a decade late under his watch?'

(7) From Councillor Patrick Coleman to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'At the budget meeting two years ago, the forecast for total capital receipts for the end of 2018/19 was £5.328 million. The corresponding figure for the same date is now £10.565 million. What does the Leader see as the priorities for the use of these funds?'

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

'I'd like to welcome the news that the planning application for 2350 homes on the edge of by Bathurst Development Ltd is going to be decided by full Council. When it comes to the vote on the Bathurst application for 2350 homes on the edge of Cirencester, will the Leader, like me, be instructing his fellow Conservative Councillors to declare their interests and refrain from voting where there is an appearance of conflict of interest?'

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(7) Petitions (if any)

Items for Decision

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Other Matters

- (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:-

(i) **Motion 1/2017 re New Funding Formula for Schools**

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

'Council notes that some schools across the Cotswolds are set to lose out on thousands of pounds under a new funding formula being consulted upon by the Conservative government.

Council further notes that the Conservative Party manifesto in 2015 stated that it would protect schools funding.

Council recognises that some schools will receive more money as a result of the new formula but is concerned that many across the Cotswolds will end up significantly worse off.

Council instructs the Leader of Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education outlining this Council's concern about the proposals and requests that the government re-design their funding formula ensuring that no school loses out.'

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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