



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday 20th February 2018, 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).

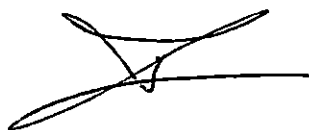
For further information, please read the Notices displayed inside and outside the Meeting venue and/or speak with the Committee Administrator.

(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 Ben Amor on 01285 623236 who will be the Committee Administrator responsible for the Meeting.

Distribution:

All Members of the Council



Nigel Adams

Head of Democratic Services

12th February 2018

COUNCIL : 20TH FEBRUARY 2018

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:
 - (i) the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20th December 2017 (copy attached);
 - (ii) the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 20th December 2017 (copy attached);
 - (iii) the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 16th January 2018 (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 questions have been submitted:-

 - (1) **From Mr. M Pratley of Cirencester**

'Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown has stated that the BDL contribution of £500,000 for car parking in the town that CDC has negotiated "will be nowhere near adequate". What does the council plan to do about this?'
 - (2) **From Mr. M Pratley of Cirencester**

'The new primary school will not be built on the development until quite a high trigger point of 500 dwellings is reached. Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown suggested it should be set at quite a low level, maybe 200-300 houses. Are CDC going to review this?'

(3) From Save Our Cirencester

'In view of the experience at Victory Fields, which is an indictment of CDC's failure to exercise control over developers, are CDC going to act on Sir Geoffrey's suggestion of requiring BDL to put up a substantial insurance bond? This would be taken out at the start of development and only redeemable when parts or the whole of it is developed out satisfactorily. BDL has NO experience in building houses, and it is likely that all or parts of the development are sold on to house builders. For such a huge and complex project it would make sense to protect the town in this way. Will the council act on our MP's suggestion? If the council are not going to pursue this, what are the reasons for not doing so?'

(4) From Save Our Cirencester

'Will the section 106 agreements be negotiated separately? Furthermore, given the impact that this development will have on the town, will the people of Cirencester be able to have their say on them?'

(5) From Ms C Bloomer of Cirencester to Councillor Mark F Annett, Leader of the Council

'Many people in Cirencester are concerned about on-going reductions to bus services in our area. The emerging local plan talks up the importance of public transport, particularly bus services. What therefore are Cotswold District Council doing to realise the aspirations in the local plan with respect to public transport? It is clear that it they can't be achieved under current arrangements from the County Council.'

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.

(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 Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Environment

'What plans have the administration got to better inform District residents about what can and cannot be recycled efficiently within the current recycling offer that CDC provides?'

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

'Could the Cabinet Member please indicate when the recycling opportunity for tetrapaks will be extended and improved?'

(3) From Councillor Jenny Hincks to Councillor Mark F Annett, Leader of the Council

'Please can the Cabinet Member give an update as to the future of Cirencester's Old Train Station building?'

(4) From Councillor Juliet Layton to Councillor SG Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

'What are the figures of people denied homeless accommodation?'

(5) From Councillor Juliet Layton to Councillor SG Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

'How much is the discretionary housing fund? Is it increasing or having larger demands on it?'

(6) From Councillor Jenny Forde to Councillor SG Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

'How much has been spent each year on emergency accommodation by Cotswold District Council since 2010?'

(7) From Councillor Jenny Forde to Councillor SG Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

'On average how long are people staying in emergency accommodation that Cotswold District Council are funding?'

(8) From Councillor Dilys Neill to Councillor Mark F Annett, Leader of the Council

'The people of Stow are not happy about an apparent lack of support which they have received over the areas that CDC can influence in Stow. Having spoken to members and officers alike there appears to be a consensus that some of this is down to the fact that CDC are so late in implementing a local plan.'

'Why has it taken the Conservative administration so long to produce the emerging local plan?'

(9) From Councillor Dilys Neill to Councillor Mark F Annett, Leader of the Council

'Who decides on the content of the section 106 agreements and why are Town and Parish Councils often not consulted? What review is undertaken of the section 106 after the development has taken place and why is no provision made to obtain further contributions from developers who make much larger profits than was originally anticipated?'

(10) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Mark F Annett, Leader of the Council

'Please can the Leader supply me with figures for each year since 2010 detailing how much money the government have cut from the revenue support grant to this Council?'

(11) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Mark F Annett, Leader of the Council

'How much have CDC made from Parking Charges in Cirencester since May 2015?'

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(7) Petitions (if any)

Items for Decision

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Other Matters

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

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

(i) Motion 1/2018 re: Plastics

Proposed by Councillor AR Brassington, Seconded by Councillor NP Robbins:-

'This Council notes with concern:-

- That 300 million tons of new plastic is made each year, half of which is for single use plastic such as packaging and convenience foods. In many cases, such as plastic straws, takeaway food containers and coffee cups, there are practical alternatives available that are either reusable or sustainable.

- That in 2016, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation estimated that by weight, there could be more plastic in our oceans than fish, as soon as 2050. As plastics are durable and strong they will stay in our environment for up to an estimated 600 years. (Columbia University)
- That marine plastic leads to coastal / offshore dead zones, entanglement, death through ingestion, toxic transfer and, once degraded into micro plastics, contamination of the food chain - including our own. We are quite literally eating the plastic that has ended up in our seas.

The Council welcomes:-

- The significant increase in recycling achieved in the District in the last decade, through improvements to doorstep recycling.
- The success of the 'Plastic Bag Levy', put forward by the Liberal Democrats during the Coalition Government, which has led to an 85% reduction in disposable plastic bag usage.

This Council therefore commits that Cotswold District Council will play its full role in helping to reduce plastic waste, specifically:

- That the Council will undertake an audit, within existing resources, of single use plastics used by the Authority seek to replace with sustainable or reusable alternatives where practicable.
- That the Council will play its role in helping to educate members of the public about plastic waste, specifically by including information for members on the public of reducing plastic waste in both online and written materials.
- That the Council will use its membership of the Gloucestershire Waste Authority to work towards increasing the amount of plastic product that can be recycled through doorstep and other recycling.
- To write our Member of Parliament and Members of the European Parliament, and to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, urging them to consider legislation and regulations which will reduce the amount of single use plastic used by society.
- To use the links we have with businesses in the Cotswolds to encourage them to reduce the amount of plastic waste produced and specifically to write to each of our major supermarkets asking them to consider introducing a 'plastic free aisle' in their Cotswold store(s) on a trial basis.'

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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