



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday 15th May 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).

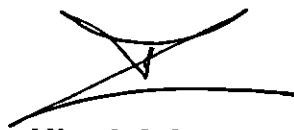
For further information, please read the Notices displayed inside and outside the Meeting venue and/or speak with the Committee Administrator.

(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

4th May 2018

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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 Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20th February 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.
- (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 Forde to Councillor SG Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure**

'We are very pleased in North Cerney to be welcoming the development of 12 new (truly) affordable homes. There have been no objections to this development as the many benefits to the rural community are fully recognised.

However, there is now a delay as Tenders were higher than expected and Cirencester Housing are currently negotiating with the lowest. Initial conclusions suggest that the higher tenders are a result of changes requested by our Planning Department during the planning process. The original design was significantly changed which has increased the amount of groundworks, retaining walls, road design, landscaping and materials.

My contact at Cirencester Housing acknowledges that the individuals involved have been very professional in each of their disciplines. However, overall, there is no sense of a co-ordinated service as each area has its own targets and desired outcomes that, in this instance, were often at conflict and ultimately drove up the scale and cost of the development.

What is the Planning department doing practically as a service to ensure that we have the appropriate resident in-house Housing Association expertise to support, guide and enable these much needed homes to be built?’

(2) From Councillor Dilys Neill to Councillor SG Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

‘In the report to the Cabinet Meeting of 19th January 2017, in relation to the item ‘Community-Led Housing Fund’, it states “Performance management follow up: implement Cabinet decisions”. Nearly half of the budget was allocated to administration: project management, training, small grants, start up fund and £150,000 for delivery support.

What does delivery support involve and how far has this and the other Cabinet decisions been implemented including spending on bricks and mortar?’

(3) From Councillor Dilys Neill to Councillor SG Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

‘The Gloucestershire 2050 forum has identified the exodus of young people and the ingress of retired people, some of whom need care, as one of the major problems facing the county. Lack of affordable housing for people both for rent and to buy was given as an important reason, possibly the only problem which CDC has the power to address.

How much priority does CDC give to the provision of affordable housing and, given the paltry sum allocated by central government, has CDC given thought as to how it might provide more substantial funds to support community led housing schemes?’

(4) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Environment

‘Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how much the street cleaning budget for this financial year is, and how much the budgets were each financial year since 2011?’

(5) From Councillor AR Brassington to Councillor Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Environment

‘Given the concerns about plastic pollution at the moment, could the Cabinet Member inform me where all recycled plastics collected by this Council ends up?’

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

‘Please can you give an update as to whether or not the Cotswolds currently has the capacity to support more than five refugee families?’

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

'Does the Leader think it would be prudent to re-interview Councillors, as was done in advance of the Chesterton planning application, about potential conflict of interests in advance of voting on the final Local Plan expected this summer?'

(8) From Councillor PCV Coleman to Councillor NJW Parsons, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning

'In 2013, the Cabinet decided to seek Judicial Review of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government's decision to allow planning applications at Highfields Farm and Berrells Road, Tetbury (with an officially-estimated chance of success of between 40% and 50%), and also appealed against the Secretary of State's award of costs against the Council for the original appeal.

As Members are aware, the Council lost all the challenges.

Subsequent questions at Council as to the total of all the costs involved were answered by yourself in terms of "it is too soon to say", and that when a final figure is known it will be copied to all Members.

Will you now supply the detailed breakdown of all the costs incurred by the Council?'

(9) From Councillor PCB Coleman to Councillor Mark F Annett, Leader of the Council

'A figure of £500,000 has been published as the amount deemed appropriate for the Section 106 agreement to obtain from the Chesterton Development to meet the additional car parking demand which will be generated in the centre of Cirencester by the construction of up to 2,350 dwellings.

For some time now, the rough price guide for the cost of decked parking has been £10,000 per space (and usually more).

Does the Leader accept that the Section 106 contribution is therefore unlikely to fund more than about 50 car parking spaces in Cirencester Town Centre, and does he believe that this is enough to mitigate the effect of the Chesterton development on car parking demand in the centre of Cirencester?'

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

'New Brewery Arts (NBA) in my ward has seen its funding cut by both the Arts Council and Cotswold District Council. NBA receives 80% charitable rate relief and recently applied for discretionary rate relief on the remaining 20% of its business rates.

Does the Cabinet Member recognise the important work that New Brewery Arts does across the Cotswolds to encourage people from all backgrounds to engage in the arts, and acknowledge the tight budget they work on? Why has his administration decided only to grant NBA 90% rate relief and not the full 100%?'

- (11) From Councillor Roly Hughes to Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington, Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing Services and Cirencester Car Parking Project

'Cirencester prides itself on being the capital of the Cotswolds but, unfortunately, some buildings across Cirencester lie in a terrible state of disrepair and look unsightly, seriously undermining this title.

What pro-active steps are this administration taking to bring empty and derelict buildings back into use?'

- (12) From Councillor Ray Brassington to Councillor Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Environment

'Is it acceptable that it takes CDC over 3 months to clear a small amount of roadside litter?'

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)

Items for Decision

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Other Matters

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

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

Motion 2/2018 re: Possible National Park Status for the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Proposed by Councillor JA Harris, Seconded by Councillor Andrew Doherty:-

'This Council is aware of the current debate surrounding the potential designation of the Cotswolds AONB as a National Park.

Such a designation is likely to have wide-ranging implications, not least on many democratically-elected and accountable bodies, and a potential for a dramatic increase in house prices.

Accordingly, officers be requested, in liaison with their counterparts from other affected authorities as necessary, to undertake an evaluation of the potential benefits and disbenefits of National Park designation, so that the Council is best placed to respond, with evidence, to any subsequent formal consultation process.'

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.

(13) **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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