



**COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday 26th February 2019, 10.00 a.m.

Council Chamber, Trinity Road, Cirencester

NOTES

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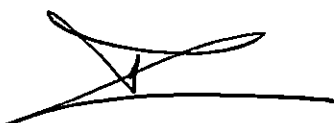
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(iv) Committee Administrator

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

18th February 2019

COUNCIL : 26TH FEBRUARY 2019

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 Meeting of the Council held on 11th December 2018 (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 P Moylan of Cirencester to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'In 2017, Park Community Group organised a panel debate about the local plan. This was an open meeting and was attended by hundreds of local people. CDC were represented on the panel by Christine Gore, Strategic Director. Everyone agreed that the debate was helpful and worthwhile.

With the local elections coming up in May, we would like to suggest that the council, specifically the Leader and selected prospective candidates including the opposition, take part in something similar, thereby encouraging public engagement and demonstrating a laudable democratic intent. Would the council please undertake to discuss this with Park Community Group?'

(2) From Mr P Moylan of Cirencester to Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing Services and Cirencester Car Parking Project

'The original deadline for the Chesterton S106 agreements was 10th July 2018. The council has granted several extensions to this deadline; and it is now eight months' late. The public have not been informed and have been kept in the dark about this delay. Can the council tell us what aspects are

causing this protracted delay? In answering, can the council let us know the situation regarding the Health Centre negotiations?'

(3) From Ms M Cobbett of Cirencester to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'CDC's Corporate Strategy Document 2016-19 states that Cotswold District Council wants to be recognised as the most efficient Council in the country.

Its Priorities are to:

- Provide high quality services at the lowest possible cost to Council Taxpayers;
- Protect and enhance the local environment whilst supporting economic growth;
- Champion issues which are important to local people.

That third Priority includes the following statement:

'We aim to improve people's quality of life by finding ways of maintaining and supporting the infrastructure, services and facilities that communities need.'

I support these priorities and as is appropriate to ensure they are met, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee established indicators to measure the council's performance.

These are laudable and CDC has shown great success in meeting their targets.

I would ask the Council members though whether it is not important to monitor the Council's performance against their stated aim, to improve people's quality of life, using indicators set by an outside independent statutory body.

The Government's Social Mobility Commission is one such body. As I am sure members are aware in the State of the Nation Report 2017 Cotswold was ranked 322 out of 324 local authorities in terms of youth 19-25 year olds social mobility. Essentially, this report is saying if you are born in poverty in the Cotswolds, you as a young person are likely to stay there.

We as residents, and you as our elected representatives, cannot let this situation continue. This Commission's report for this year is about to be released and when it is, will the Council commit to reviewing our performance again, develop strategies to support our young people and set indicators to monitor progress?'

(4) From Ms C Bloomer of Cirencester to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'At this Council meeting last year the then Leader told me that "the Council would continue to work with town councils, Gloucestershire County Council and all other interested bodies to explore opportunities for the provision and/or improvement of bus services.'

What work has this Council done to improve bus services over the last year?'

(5) From Mr G Selwyn of Cirencester to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'There are local elections this May. What steps are the Council taking to encourage full-time employed people to consider standing at these elections?'

Does the Council recognise that this meeting, and all other meetings of this Council, are scheduled during the working day? Many excellent potential Councillors need to work full time, and would be unable to consider standing.

Has the Council considered changing the times of meetings to enable working people to play a role in helping their communities?'

(6) From Ms L Spivey of Preston to Councillor Stephen Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

'I have been hearing a lot about local crime in the villages near me - Ampney Crucis, Poulton, Down Ampney - and would like to know what Cotswold District Council are doing to help the Police in tackling rural crime in the Cotswolds?'

(7) From Mrs N Ind of Tetbury to Councillor Stephen Hirst, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

'How are Cotswold District Council going to assist communities in providing Day Centre facilities for the elderly, to help combat loneliness?'

Is there any support available towards counselling/mentoring for our young people within the District, to improve their mental health?'

(8) From Mr C Webster of Moreton-in-Marsh to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'ANPR cameras reduce dangerous speeding through towns and villages, as has been proven in Rodborough and Whiteshill (Stroud District). Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council is currently considering funding for up to two cameras, while Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council will be installing a unit soon.

However, while Gloucestershire Constabulary is overwhelmingly supportive of ANPR cameras, it offers no funding for the £9k capital cost and £1k/year operating cost. Gloucestershire Highways offers 50% match-funding for the capital cost only. This could still make the system unaffordable for smaller parishes that nonetheless suffer excessive and hazardous speeding. For example, 24 speeders were caught in Bourton-on-the-Hill last month according to the latest Police figures, with speeds of up to 48mph in a 30mph zone.

Would Cotswold District Council therefore consider full or partial funding for ANPR cameras in smaller parishes, with the aim of not only making village through-roads safer, but placing ANPR cameras in locations of strategic value?'

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 RW Dutton to Councillor Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Environment**

'The ambitious flood relief scheme for Moreton has now been successfully completed. This was a major achievement, not completed without difficulty, and I take this opportunity on behalf of the residents of Moreton to thank you and all those who brought the Scheme to fruition. It is now anticipated that the Scheme will make a significant contribution to avoiding a repeat of the disastrous flooding that occurred in the town in 2007. It is of course recognised that it will be important to monitor and maintain the Scheme, which is quite extensive in scale. Many residents in Moreton much appreciate what has been achieved.

Will the Cabinet Member now please summarise the total cost of the Scheme and indicate how this cost has been borne. I understand some final payments may still be under discussion but, for the purposes of your answer, please make a round sum allowance for these within your response.'

(2) **From Councillor Jenny Hincks to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader please tell me why CDC had not been liaising with GCC Highways about the resurfacing of Ashcroft Road until 4th February? I, as a town councillor, knew some time before that, and had been in communication with Highways, including the lead engineer, with concerns from residents and local businesses about the road being closed for nearly a week.'

(3) **From Councillor Jenny Hincks to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council**

'Can the Cabinet Member please tell me why a person with disabilities cannot access public toilets in the Cotswold area with their RADAR key?'

(4) **From Councillor Mark Harris to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council**

'A resident has approached me concerned about charges for building control services at this Council.

He was quoted £1,198 for a pre application meeting, a plan check, consultation with the fire service and issue of completion certificate.

His agent thought this was excessive and sought an alternative quote from another local source and was quoted £450.

Can the Leader explain why Publica is charging nearly three times as much as another local firm for an identical service?

On the face of it, it appears that local taxpayers are being ripped off by Publica. How can we ensure that CDC isn't being treated in the same way?'

(5) From Councillor Andrew Doherty to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'The Cotswolds was recently ranked joint last (out of the authorities in the area) in a BBC Newsbeat study of "How good is your place for young people?".

What steps will the council be taking to improve that performance and address the issues that particularly affect the under 25s in our community?'

(6) From Councillor Ray Brassington to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'When the 'provisional' planning permission for Chesterton Farm was granted by Council in January 2018 the S106 arrangements were to be completed by 12th July 2018.

As planning officers have granted FOUR extensions to the developer on this deadline - without any reference to full Council - will those permissions be lapsing on 28th February 2019?'

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

'In September I asked about street signs in the District and you said "I am happy to look at the cost of having the frames painted for all new signs that are installed. If this results in any significant budgetary impacts, a report will be brought back to Members for decision.

What is the latest on this?'

(8) From Councillor Jenny Forde to Sue Coakley, Cabinet Member for Environment

'Please can you tell me how many instances of fly tipping there have been in my ward since the last Council meeting in December?'

(9) From Councillor Jenny Forde to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'You might be aware that I've started a campaign with County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson to secure a safer crossing over the A435 at North Cerney.

In order to access North Cerney Church for their morning worship, pupils at the village primary school have to cross the busy road using a police escort to hold the traffic. This isn't a good use of police resources and is dangerous.

Does the Leader support my campaign and what can Cotswold District Council do to help make it a reality?'

(10) From Councillor Joe Harris to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'What plans do the Conservative administration have to help tackle social mobility in the Cotswolds?'

(11) From Councillor Joe Harris to Councillor Tony Berry, Leader of the Council

'Will the Leader condemn the behaviour of Aura Care Ltd in their contravention of planning conditions, in particular marketing Stratton Care Village widely on hotel websites?'

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(7) Petitions (if any)

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- (16) Issues/Reports Arising from the Cabinet (if any)
- (17) Issues/Reports Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit (if any)
- (18) Notice of Motion

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

Motion 1/2019 re Garden Waste Collections

Submitted by Councillors Julian Beale, SG Hirst, NJW Parsons, C Hancock, RA Morgan, David Fowles, SI Andrews, LR Wilkins and RW Dutton:

'In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1, we propose that the decisions of the Council taken at its meeting on 11th December 2018 in respect of the Future Waste Service Review (Minute CL.38 refers) be rescinded insofar as they relate to (i) the annual three-month suspension of the garden waste service during the winter months (within resolution (b)); and (ii) the intended reduction in the garden waste licence fee (resolution (g)).

We further propose that, instead:

(a) there be no suspension of the garden waste service during the winter months;

(b) the fortnightly collection of garden waste be reviewed before the end of the 2019/20 annual licence period;

(c) in light of the above, the garden waste licence fee remains at £30 for 2019/20.'

Note:

Given the subject matter of the Motion, and its link to agenda item (11), the Chairman has agreed that this Motion shall be considered and debated as part of the consideration of the agenda item.

(19) Decisions Taken by the Head of Paid Service

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 38, and following relevant consultation, the Head of Paid Service has taken the following decisions:-

- (i) To issue a letter of support in connection with a grant application by Stratton Association partnered with Friends of Baunton Lane Playing Field for funding of up to £25,000 from the Pocket Parks Plus programme established by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

The monies would be used to refurbish and expand the facilities at the Baunton Lane Playing Field, addressing the specific local needs identified through consultation with the local community.

The District Council will act as the accountable body for any approved funding. Cirencester Town Council is also supportive of the proposal.

- (ii) To secure the rescheduling of resurfacing works at Ashcroft Road, Cirencester in order to minimise the impact on traders in the town and visitors, as well as reducing the potential traffic chaos arising from the displacement of around 1,000 cars each day into the surrounding areas of Cirencester (given that Ashcroft Road is the only route to and from the well-used Brewery Car Park and several business premises).

The resurfacing works will now take place on three consecutive Sundays (3rd/10th/17th March), and will not therefore impact on normal week-day traffic flows. The District Council will bear the additional costs of Sunday working and contractor standing charges (if any). Efforts will also be made to help those with resident parking permits, and attendees at the local churches in the vicinity, during the course of the works.

(20) **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.

(21) **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

RESOLVE that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and Press be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph (3) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the said Act (Information relating to financial or business affairs) and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned.

Item of Exempt Business for Consideration and Decision

(22) **Property Matter - Cirencester**

Notes:

- (i) Report to follow.
- (ii) As this item has budgetary implications, it is likely that this matter will be considered earlier in the Meeting, in advance of the consideration and decision on agenda item (12).

(END)