



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tuesday, 8 February 2022

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COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Full Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester on **Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Council

Recording of Proceedings – The law allows the public proceedings of Council, Cabinet, and Committee Meetings to 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 prior to the date of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.
3. **Minutes 9 - 16**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 January 2022.
4. **Announcements from the Chair, Leader or Chief Executive (if any)**
5. **Public Questions**
To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions from each member of the public should be no longer than two minutes each and relate to issues under the Council's or Committee's remit. Any member of the public wishing to ask a public question is requested to contact Democratic Services by no later than 5.00pm the working day before the meeting.
6. **Member Questions**
The following questions have been submitted:

Question from Councillor Richard Morgan to Councillor Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Development Management and Licensing:

Cllr Layton, I have been contacted by Didmarton Parish Council and several concerned local Didmarton residents regarding a large semi-permanent "Costa Coffee Cup" advertisement situated outside of the BP petrol station on the A433 (just north of Didmarton).

Whilst nobody is objecting to this type of advertising, this specific advert is situated on the edge of the road and restricts the view of oncoming traffic when vehicles are exiting the petrol station (please see the attached photos). A number of residents have asked me if this advertising could be moved back 1 or 2 meters so it is less of a hazard.

The Costa Coffee Cup is a semi-permanent structure. It is movable but it has a solid concrete base. In theory it should be easy to relocate the advertisement to a less dangerous position. Local residents have allegedly spoken to the owner of the petrol station and asked for the advertising to be moved, but no action has been taken.

As a result, Didmarton Parish Council have contacted GCC Highways, but GCC Highways advised that this is a CDC planning issue and should be dealt with by Cotswold District Council. On that basis, could you please clarify the following questions:

I - Is this type of semi-permanent advertising situated outside of petrol stations a CDC planning issue or a GCC Highways issue?

2 - If the answer to question one is that this is a CDC planning issue - does this advertisement have the correct planning permissions in place?

3 - What can CDC do to investigate the claims that this advertisement is a hazard and restricts the view of oncoming traffic when exiting the petrol station.

4 - Can you ensure that CDC will take the appropriate action regarding this hazard.

Question from Councillor Stephen Andrews to Councillor Rachel Coxcoon, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning:

On 12th January 2022 the Government completed its consultation on the phasing out of the installation of fossil fuel heating in homes that are off the gas grid in England. For those homes that are off the gas grid there is no strategic hydrogen option whilst many of those homes are heritage homes that do not lend themselves to the levels of insulation required of low temperature air source heat pumps. Other issues, such as the need for the local electricity distribution networks to be upgraded to accommodate an electricity-based solution may also make an electricity-based solution wholly impactable in the short to medium term.

For the Cotswolds, this was an important consultation given the historic nature of many homes in our District and the difficulty that many of those homeowners have found in finding a practical and economically sensible solution to the problem of moving away from a fossil fuel based domestic heating system.

Given the importance of this issue to this Council and to its residents, has this Council submitted a response to this consultation? If so, what was the major concern that was identified across the areas being consulted on?

Will the Council response to that consultation be made available to all Members and to the public?

Question from Councillor Stephen Hirst to Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council:

As from the 19th January the Government is no longer asking people to work from home. Employees should now talk to their employers to agree arrangements to return to the office.

Can you please confirm that in view of the high demand on a number of our services particularly Planning, all employees are being asked to return to work in the office so that normal service can return to normal working as soon as ever possible.

Question from Councillor Stephen Hirst Question to Councillor Lisa Spivey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness:

In view of the current Energy crisis where maximum personal damage is being suffered by the vulnerable people in our society who will shortly having to pay much higher energy bills than previously, what resources will the Council be employing to ensure that the pain of higher heating costs will be relieved and minimised as soon as ever possible.

Question from Councillor Robin Hughes to Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council:

Could we please be advised of the up to date details of Cirencester's 'secret car park'.

7. Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2022/23 17 - 178

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the budget for 2022/23.

Recommendation(s)

That Council considers the budget proposals from Cabinet and approves:

- a) the Budget proposals 2022/23,
- b) the Medium Term Financial Strategy,
- c) the Pay Policy Statement,
- d) the Capital Strategy
- e) the Investment Strategy
- f) the Treasury Management Strategy;
- g) the opportunity to issue a £1 million Community Municipal Investment, with approve of the final terms being delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance,
- h) the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23 as detailed at 2.61 to 2.63,
- i) Subject to the Council approval of recommendation (h), Council delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to approve the Local Council Tax Support Scheme annual uprating of allowances and non-dependant deductions in line with national regulations.

8. Council Tax 2022/23 179 - 196

Purpose

To set the Council Tax for 2022/23.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that:

- 1) for the purposes of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 Section 35(2), there are no special expenses for the District Council in 2022/23;
- 2) it be noted that, using her delegated authority, the Deputy Chief Executive calculated the Council Tax Base for 2022/23:
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 42,192.93 [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and

(b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates as in the attached Schedule 1.

3) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £143.93.

4) the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

- (a) £46,754,944 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act, taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils and any additional special expenses.
- (b) £36,821,092 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
- (c) £9,933,852 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £235.44 being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts and Special Expenses);
- (e) £3,861,014 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts and Special Expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act as per the attached Schedule 2.
- (f) £143.93 being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by Item T(2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept or special item relates;
- (g) the amounts shown in Schedule 2 being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area shown in Schedule 2 divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;
- (h) the amounts shown in Schedule 3 being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(f) and 4(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different

valuation bands;

5) it be noted that for the year 2022/23 the Gloucestershire County Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire have issued precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated below:

Valuation Band	Gloucestershire County Council	Police and Crime Commissioner
	£	£
A	967.57	186.72
B	1,128.84	217.84
C	1,290.09	248.96
D	1,451.36	280.08
E	1,773.88	342.32
F	2,096.41	404.56
G	2,418.93	466.80
H	2,902.72	560.16

6) the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in Schedule 4 as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2022/23 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

7) the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2022/23 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

8) the following Council/Public Officers: Deputy Chief Executive, Group Manager – Resident Services, Director of Governance and Development, Legal Executive, Business Manager – Operational Services, Revenues Manager, Revenues Lead and Court Officer be authorised to:

- (a) collect and recover any National Non-Domestic Rates and Council Tax; and
- (b) prosecute or defend on the Council's behalf or to appear on its behalf in proceedings before a magistrate's court in respect of unpaid National Non-Domestic Rates and Council Tax.

9. **Community Governance Review 197 - 212**

Purpose

To approve and adopt the Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review, along with draft proposals.

Recommendation(s)

That Council approve and adopt the Terms of Reference and Draft Proposals for consultation for the Community Governance Review.

10. **Notice of Motions**
No Motions have been submitted for consideration at the meeting.
11. **Next meeting**
16 March 2022 – 2pm

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