



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Friday, 22 October 2021

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CABINET

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester on **Monday, 1 November 2021 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet
(Councillors Rachel Coxcoon, Tony Dale, Andrew Doherty, Mike Evemy, Jenny Forde, Joe Harris, Juliet Layton and Lisa Spivey)

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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** (Pages 5 - 8)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 October 2021.
4. **Chair's Announcements (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 issues under the Committee's remit.
6. **Member Questions**
To deal with written questions by Members, relating to issues under the Committee's remit, with the maximum length of oral supplementary questions at Committee being no longer than one minute. Responses to any supplementary questions will be dealt with in writing if they cannot be dealt with at the meeting.
7. **Consideration of Notice of Motion 6/2020/21 Flytipping** (Pages 9 - 16)
Purpose
For Cabinet to consider the Notice of Motion submitted to Council in January 2021 in respect of surveillance of flytipping sites.

Recommendation
It is recommended that Cabinet do not support the provision of overt or covert CCTV to support flytipping prosecutions but continue with the present approach to investigating flytipping.
8. **Freedom of Information Act Requests** (Pages 17 - 22)
Purpose
A report to update members on the Council's compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and to set out proposals for the future management of requests for information.

Recommendations
It is recommended that Cabinet:
 - a) Notes the report;
 - b) Supports the publication of quarterly statistics on the Council's website as set out in paragraph 4.1 of this report;
 - c) Requests that the Business Manager for Corporate Responsibility undertakes further research into the options available for publishing all Freedom of Information requests on the Council's website and reports back to Cabinet in

January 2022; and

- d) Whilst the options for recommendation c) are being considered, supports the creation of a frequently asked Freedom of Information requests webpage as set out in paragraph 4.3 of this report.

9. **HomeseekerPlus Policy Update** (Pages 23 - 144)

Purpose

To update Members on the legislative changes needed to ensure that the Homeseeker Plus Policy meets the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Allocation of Accommodation standards and reflects the outcome of the stakeholder consultation.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- a) Approves the Policy for adoption
- b) Give approval for the HomeseekerPlus Management Board to:
 - Confirm the date for adoption once all partners have approval through their individual authorities governance structure (likely to be early 2022)
 - Professionally format the Policy prior to publication

10. **Cotswold District Council Community Housing Fund (CHF)** (Pages 145 - 152)

Purpose

To update Cabinet on the role of Community-Led Housing Enabler and seek Cabinet approval for proposals for the allocation of the CHF small grants fund.

Recommendation

That the Council agree to authorise the determination of allocations from the Council's CHF small grants fund to an Allocations Panel, to consist of the Group Manager for Commissioning, the Strategic Housing Manager, the Community-led Housing Enabler/Housing Enabling Officer, and the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness.

11. **Community Funding for the 2022 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** (Pages 153 - 158)

Purpose

To consider the Motion "Community Funding for the 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations" put to Council on 22 September 2021.

Recommendation

That Cabinet agrees that it is appropriate to signpost community groups to either their local Town or Parish Council for small value contributions to the 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations or to Crowdfund Cotswold for larger projects that require a financial contribution in excess of £500.

12. **Issue(s) Arising From Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit**

At this point of the meeting, members of the public will be asked to leave before Cabinet formally considers agenda item 13. The item is classed as exempt under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. **Property Works - Cirencester** (Pages 159 - 166)

Purpose

To request approval to fund Landlord roof works at a property in Cirencester

Recommendations

That Cabinet approves:

- a) option 3 for roof works at the property;
- b) funding for the roof works to be funded from the ring fenced lease income received from the tenants;
- c) a contingency sum to be included in the capital budget funded from the ring fenced lease income received from the tenants;
- d) that delegated authority is given to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Finance to approve expenditure against the contingency sum if required; and
- e) delegated authority is given to the Deputy Chief Executive to update the Capital Programme, Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy.

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