



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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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, 4 April 2022 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 - 12)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2022.
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 remit of the Cabinet.
6. **Member Questions**
To deal with written questions by Members, relating to issues under the Cabinet's remit, with the maximum length of oral supplementary questions at Cabinet 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. **Publica Business Plan 2022-2024 (Pages 13 - 32)**
Purpose
To consider the Publica Business Plan 2022-25 and any comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the draft Business Plan and to recommend that the Leader (as Shareholder Representative) approves the plan, subject to any comments the Cabinet wishes to make and those made by other Shareholder Councils.

Recommendation(s)
That – subject to any comments it makes - the Cabinet recommends the Publica Business Plan 2022-25 be approved by the Leader, as the Council's Shareholder Representative for Publica Group (Support) Ltd and subject to any minor amendments that might arise from the final stages of consultation with the Shareholder Councils and/or general editing.
8. **Recovery Investment Strategy (Pages 33 - 80)**
Purpose
To refresh the Recovery and Investment Strategy framework within which the Council can invest in the infrastructure of the Cotswold District that delivers on the Council priorities.

Recommendation(s)
That Cabinet recommends the strategy to Council for adoption.
9. **First Homes (Pages 81 - 96)**
Purpose

To inform members of a new affordable housing tenure in the form of 'First Homes' and consider a Guidance Note on Interpretation of Policy H2 (Cotswold District Council Local Plan 2011-2031) following the introduction of First Homes.

Recommendation(s)

a) To note the new tenure First Homes that will become part of the standard affordable housing offer on all new build sites; and

b) approve the Guidance Note on Interpretation of Policy H2 (Cotswold District Council Local Plan 2011-2031) following the introduction of First Homes.

10. **Approval for the use of funds from the Capital Programme to invest in the Council's leisure facilities (Pages 97 - 132)**

Purpose

To approve the use of funds in the Capital Programme for the delivery of a Capital Investment project, as detailed in this report and supporting documentation, by SLM Everyone Active (SLM)

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet recommends to Council:

a) That SLM is given approval to complete the Capital Investment project.

b) That SLM's proposed Option (1) as set out in Annex A is approved with the remainder of the Capital budget being retained for investment in Leisure Equipment.

That the authority to approve expenditure of the retained balance of the Capital budget, if Option (1) is supported, is delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure.

11. **£150 Council Tax Rebate and Refugee Hosting Allowance (Pages 133 - 138)**

Purpose

To consider the disregard of the Government's £150 Council Tax Rebate and the monthly allowance for hosting a Ukrainian Refugee within the assessment of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet asks the Chief Executive to take an decision using Urgency Powers to approve: :

a) £150 Council Tax Rebate be fully disregarded from the assessment of Council Tax Support;

b) That the monthly allowance for Hosting Ukrainian Refugees be fully disregarded

c) Any further incentive payments that support the Ukrainian refugee crisis is also fully disregarded; and

d) The 2022/2023 Council Tax Support scheme be amended to reflect these additional disregards

12. **Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members**

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

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