



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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CABINET

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held at CDC Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 IPX on **Monday, 9 January 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

(Councillors Joe Harris, Mike Evemy, Rachel Coxcoon, Tony Dale, Andrew Doherty, Jenny Forde, 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 - 10)**
To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 5th December 2022.
4. **Chair's Announcements**
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 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. **Exceptional Hardship Policy (Pages 11 - 22)**
Purpose
To consider and approve the implementation of an Exceptional Hardship Policy to ensure additional financial assistance is available to help with Council Tax payments to those residents who are in severe financial hardship

Recommendations
That the Cabinet resolves to:
 - a) Approve the implementation of the Exceptional Hardship from 1 April 2023
 - b) Note the additional revenue approved by Gloucestershire County Council in support of this Policy; and,
 - c) Give delegation to the Group Manager for Resident Services to approve all payments made under the Exceptional Hardship Policy
8. **Lease of land at Station Road, Kemble (Pages 23 - 28)**
Purpose
Having considered the options for provision of social rented or affordable homes on this site, the substantial subsidy that would be needed to deliver these homes and the ecological constraints, it has been concluded housing development is not viable. The future use has been reviewed in the context of the Cost of Living Crisis and a particular need for more allotments in the District.

Based on these factors, the report seeks support to enter into a lease with a Community Group, for the use of the land at Station Road, Kemble, as allotments and community gardens. With the land allocated in the adopted Local Plan for new homes to be

deallocated to secure the continued and long term use as allotments and community gardens.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to

- (a) agree to enter into a lease arrangement on mutually agreeable terms for land at Station Road, Kemble for use as allotments and community gardens.
- (b) note that the terms of the lease will be agreed in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive and S.151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance.
- (c) agree to instruct the Forward Planning Manager to deallocate the residential site allocation K_2A Land at Station Road, contained within the adopted Cotswold District Local Plan (2011 to 2031), via the Local Plan Partial Update programme of work.

9. **Budget Consultation Feedback (Pages 29 - 84)**

Purpose

This report provides feedback to Cabinet from the recent consultation on the Administration's budget proposals.

Recommendation

That Cabinet considers the feedback from the consultation.

10. **Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members (Pages 85 - 86)**

11. **Issue(s) Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit**

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