



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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CABINET

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held at Council Chamber - Trinity Road on **Thursday, 2 November 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet
(Councillors Joe Harris, Mike Evemy, Claire Bloomer, Tony Dale, Paul Hodgkinson, Juliet Layton, Mike McKeown 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 previous meeting on 2 October 2023.

4. **Leader'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 one minute each and relate to issues under the Cabinet's remit. At any one meeting no person may submit more than two questions and no more than two such questions may be asked on behalf of one organisation.

The Leader will ask whether any members of the public present at the meeting wish to ask a question and will decide on the order of questioners.

The response may take the form of:

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

6. **Member Questions**

No Member Questions have been submitted prior to the publication of the agenda.

A Member of the Council may ask the Leader or a Cabinet Member a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Cotswold District. A maximum period of fifteen minutes shall be allowed at any such meeting for Member questions.

A Member may only ask a question if:

- a) the question has been delivered in writing or by electronic mail to the Chief Executive no later than 5.00 p.m. on the working day before the day of the meeting; or
- b) the question relates to an urgent matter, they have the consent of the Leader to whom the question is to be put and the content of the question is given to the Chief Executive by 9.30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

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- published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

7. Issues Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit and Governance

To consider any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any matters raised by the Audit and Governance Committee.

8. Parking Strategy (Pages 9 - 52)

Purpose

To consider proposals to undertake a full review of the Council's parking provision to ensure the efficient utilisation of the Council's off-street carparks and support access to the District's Town Centres including the gathering of further data on carpark usage ensure best use of Council assets.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Agree to review and update the Parking strategy to better reflect the changing needs of service users.
2. Agree to undertake a full review to understand the requirements of the Council's future parking provision as detailed in Annex C.
3. Endorse the proposal at paragraph 7.1 to employ the services of a professional customer insight gathering company.

9. Playing Pitch Strategy (Pages 53 - 146)

Purpose

To consider the findings and recommendations proposed by consultants commissioned to develop a Playing Pitch Strategy for the District and to approve the Strategy.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Endorse the findings of the consultants and approve the Playing Pitch Strategy, including the key recommendations and site specific action plan;
2. Authorise officers to work in partnership with other organisations to establish the feasibility and funding sources for the projects identified within the strategy and to prepare business cases, where opportunities arise, and bring them forward for consideration;
3. Note that the resources needed to develop these partnerships and implement the action plan will be met from existing resources by reprioritising existing work.

10. 2024/25 Budget Strategy And Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Update (Pages 147 - 186)

Purpose

This report sets out the Budget Strategy to support the preparation of the 2024/25 revenue and capital budgets and presents an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy forecast.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Approves the 2024/25 Budget Strategy as outlined in Section 4 of the report.
2. Notes the forecast surplus on the General Fund revenue budget in 2024/25 and proposed transfer to the Financial Resilience Reserve.

11. **Publica Review (Pages 187 - 246)**

Purpose

To consider the Human Engine Consultants report and to approve the recommendations therein.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

Recommend to Full Council to:

1. Approve the recommendations set out in the Human Engine report (that the majority of services are returned to the Council as per the detail provided on page 12 of the Human Engine report)
2. That the Chief Executive oversees the creation of a detailed transition plan for subsequent agreement by Cabinet and Council.
3. Endorses the approach to the further due diligence outlined in the financial implications of the report including analysis of the detailed payroll data required, which will be essential to calculate the short and long-term costs associated with the recommendations set out in the Human Engine report.

12. **Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members (Pages 247 - 248)**

To note the decisions taken by the Leader and/or Individual Cabinet Members.

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