



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wednesday, 28 August 2024

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## **CABINET**

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX on **Thursday, 5 September 2024 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)

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**  
To receive any apologies for absence. The quorum for Cabinet is 3 members.
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 7 - 24)**  
To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet on 25 July 2024.

The exempt minutes at item 16 can be taken as read unless Cabinet wishes to discuss the content (in private session).

4. **Leader's Announcements**  
To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.
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.

An answer 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.

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

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

8. **National Planning Policy Framework Consultation and the implications for Cotswold District (Pages 25 - 30)**

Purpose

To advise Cabinet of the current NPPF consultation and agree proposals for submission of a consultation response on behalf of the Council.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Delegate the submission of the Council response to the Interim Forward Planning Lead in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory Services.

9. **Community Infrastructure Levy and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace Spending 2024 (Pages 31 - 48)**

Purpose

For Cabinet to review officer recommendations on external bids for funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (Cotswold Beechwoods SAC) funds held by the Council.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Agree to fund the following bids:
  - Bid 1 – Kemble to Steadings Greenway (Sustrans)
  - Bid 2 – Cirencester to Kemble Cycle Link (GCC)
  - Bid 3 – Bourton-on-the-Water Interchange Hub (GCC)
  - Bid 4 – Footpath in Moreton-in-Marsh (GCC)
  - Bid 5 – The Forum Interchange Hub (GCC)
  - Bid 7 – Sherborne Big Nature, Better Access (National Trust)
2. Note bid 6 – Moreton-in-Marsh Transport Hub / Interchange and Station Improvement Works (MiM TC/GWR) and encourage resubmission once the issues raised at paragraph 8.3 have been resolved.

10. **Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023/24 (Pages 49 - 80)**

Purpose

To notify Cabinet of the Infrastructure Funding which provides an overview of all Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 monies collected, held and spent. As well as setting out the Council's recovery policy in regards to unpaid CIL debts.

### Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Note publication of the Infrastructure Funding Statement
2. Agree to the CIL Recovery Policy.

## 11. **Service Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter One** (Pages 81 - 154)

### Purpose

To provide an update on progress on the Council's priorities and service performance.

### Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Note overall progress on the Council priorities and service performance for 2024-25 Q1.

## 12. **Financial Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter One** (Pages 155 - 184)

### Purpose

This report sets of the initial budget monitoring position for the 2024/25 financial year.

### Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Review and notes the financial position set out in this report.
2. Agree to the recommendation in paragraph 8.3 that Cabinet continue to review in-year opportunities with Publica and Ubico to mitigate the forecast financial position.

## 13. **Decision taken under Urgency Powers - Productivity Plan** (Pages 185 - 202)

### Purpose

To report to Cabinet on a decision taken by the Chief Executive under urgency powers.

### Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Note the decision taken as set out in Annex A.

## 14. **Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members** (Pages 203 - 204)

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

## 15. **Matters exempt from publication**

If Cabinet wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for Cabinet to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cabinet may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

16. Exempt minutes from the meeting of Cabinet on 25 July 2024 (Pages 205 - 206)

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